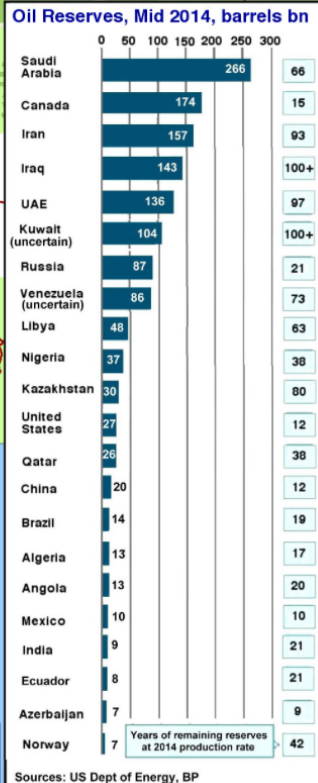
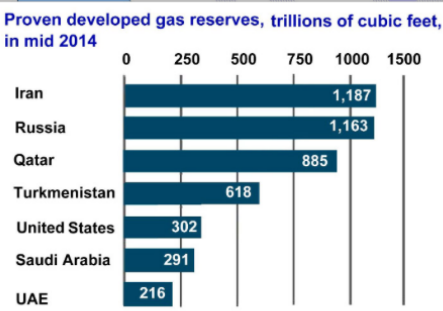
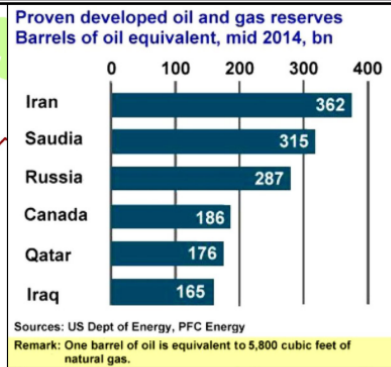
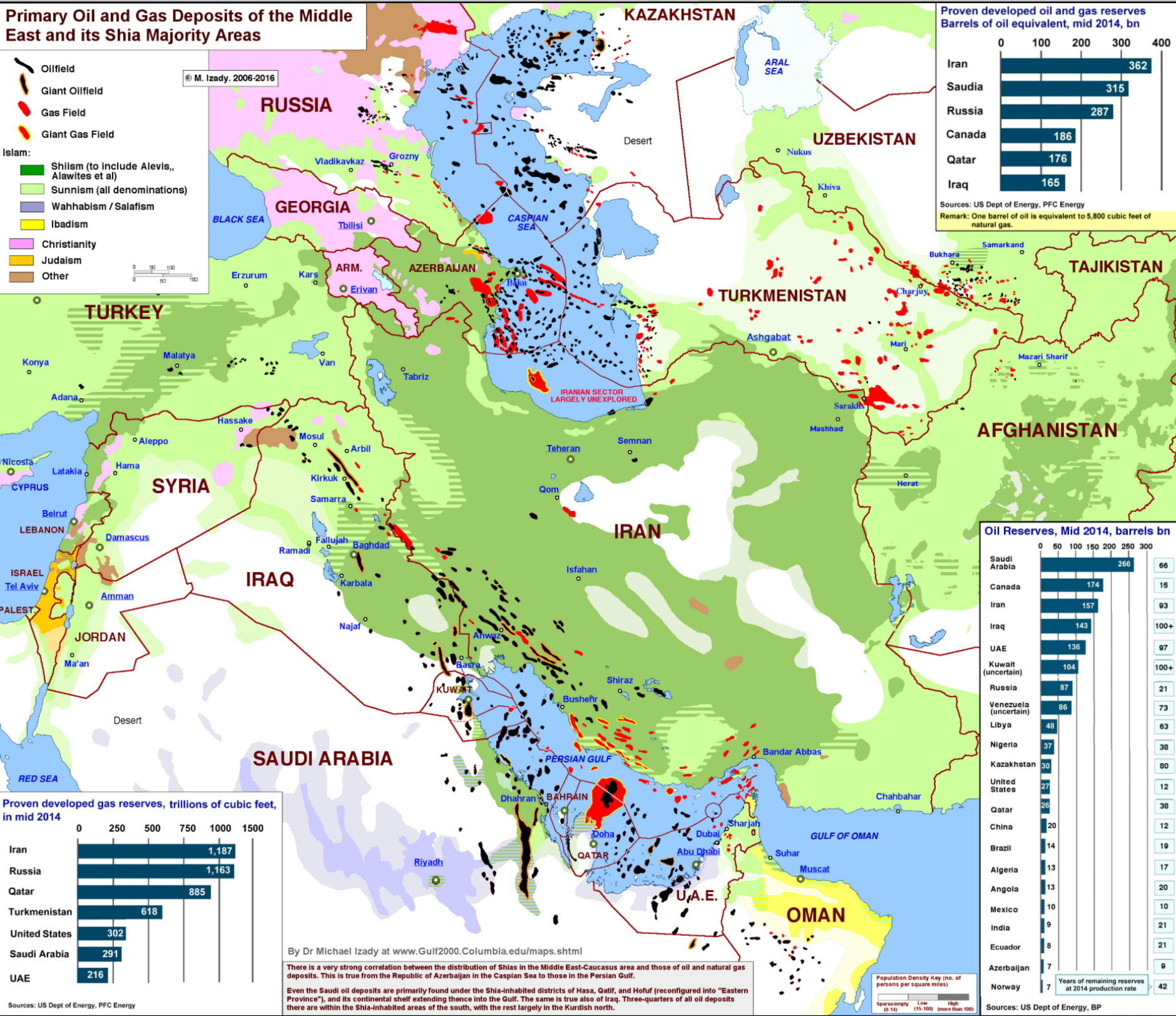


Primary Oil and Gas Deposits of the Middle East and its Shia Majority Areas

- Oilfield
 - Giant Oilfield
 - Gas Field
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- Islam:
- Shiasm (to include Alevis, Alawites et al)
 - Sunnism (all denominations)
 - Wahhabism / Salafism
 - Ibadism
 - Christianity
 - Judaism
 - Other

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There is a very strong correlation between the distribution of Shias in the Middle East-Caucasus area and those of oil and natural gas deposits. This is true from the Republic of Azerbaijan in the Caspian Sea to those in the Persian Gulf.

Even the Saudi oil deposits are primarily found under the Shia-inhabited districts of Hasa, Qatif, and Hofuf (reconfigured into "Eastern Province"), and its continental shelf extending thence into the Gulf. The same is true also of Iraq. Three-quarters of all oil deposits there are within the Shia-inhabited areas of the south, with the rest largely in the Kurdish north.

