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Dear colleagues and friends,

This is the 80th issue of the quarterly e-newsletter of the Rhino Resource Center. Edited by Dr Kees Rookmaaker. The RRC has added 312 new references and 187 new images in last quarter.



WE ARE LIVE AGAIN

THE RRC WEBSITE HAS BEEN FULLY RENOVATED
NEW LOOK – BETTER SEARCHES
NEW SOFTWARE – NEW CLARA FEATURE – MANY IMAGES

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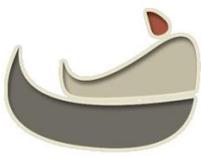
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We released the new look RRC website on 21 February 2026.

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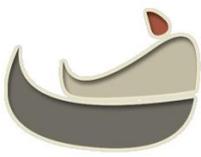
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NEEDED FOR NEW INSIGHTS, NEW DISCOVERIES, BEST PRACTICE.



RRC –COLLECTION: THE HISTORY OF CLARA

Clara was the ‘Dutch Rhinoceros’, born in India on 19 June 1738, brought over to The Netherlands by Douwe Mout van der Meer in 1741. Douwe Mout toured extensively across the European continent until her death on 14 April 1758 in London. The female rhinoceros *Clara* was seen by thousands of visitors at fairs and markets in The Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Czechia, Poland, and the United Kingdom. Her presence completely changed how scientists viewed the species and she was a true ambassador for the rhinoceros.

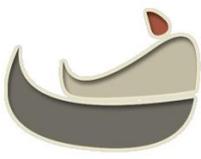
The RRC through the editor Kees Rookmaaker now presents the long list of her legacy in print, in words, in letters, in drawings, paintings, sculptures. The text of each reference is provided in full, often with a translation in English. All art works are displayed and annotated.

The aim is to provide the sources which could be found. Clara has become the most famous rhinoceros in history. The RRC collection presents the contemporary accounts. This is set out as a work in progress, hoping that through our pages further visits and documentation will be discovered.

The Clara Collection now has about 145 pages full of information, pictures, and some explanations.



Sketch of Clara, the Dutch rhinoceros in Augsburg in 1748 by Johann Elias Ridinger (1698-1767). Private collection, Antwerp – reproduced on RRC with kind permission of the owner. More information: [Kruythoof, C. 2025](#). Juffrouw Clara ontmoet Ridinger in Augsburg in 1748: de bewogen reis van een neushoorn door Europa. In: Dumas, C. et al., Lines of friendship: art historical essays commemorating Robert-Jan te Rijdt (1955-2024). Leiden, pp. 256-265.



RHINO FACTS – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The new RRC website has a new feature: Rhino Facts
These are meant to be short exciting facts about any kind of rhinoceros
No references, but the contents must be correct to the latest knowledge.
Facts that draw a wide audience to want to know more about rhinos.

One of the facts is here
<https://rhinoresourcecenter.com/facts/rhinos-have-complex-social-lives/>
and others can be accessed on that page.

Help us:
Write a rhino fact and send it to us.
We can publish this, after editing if needed, with or without your name.

Contact:
Dr Kees Rookmaaker – rhinorrc@gmail.com

<https://rhinoresourcecenter.com/about/how-to-contribute/>

CALL FOR AUTHORS ON THE RHINOCEROS

The RRC hopes to serve all authors who want to include their studies on the rhinoceros in a publication – be it scientific, academic, popular – aimed at experts, managers, field workers, younger students, interested public. It is all valuable and needs to be known and archived.

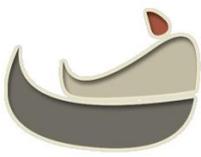
If you read this and you have ever written something about any of the species of rhinoceros – in Africa, in Asia, in zoological gardens – living or fossil rhinos then you can help us. The RRC has a comprehensive listing of over 20,000 authors:
<https://rhinoresourcecenter.com/library/authors/>
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Go to the listing under your name – check if everything you wrote is listed.
The display under authors is in reverse chronological order and should contain all your publications, as first or multiple author.

Any mistakes or queries, let me know.
If anything is missing, the RRC can add this as long as we have seen a copy – in any format. We only include references which we have been able to verify.

Thank you

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ADDITION TO RHINOS IN CAPTIVITY IN SOUTH ASIA

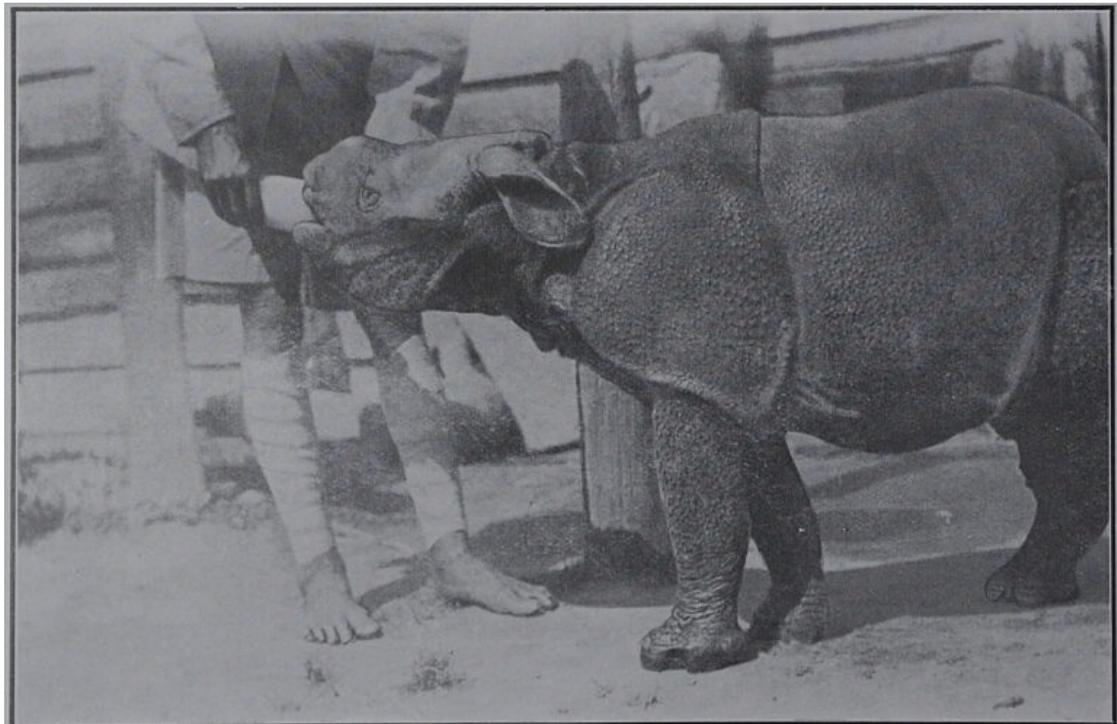
Rookmaaker – in the 2024 comprehensive book *The Rhinoceros of South Asia* – gave fascinating details about previously unrecorded specimens of rhinoceros held in captivity in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and India. This added 76 specimens of *Rhinoceros unicornis*, and 9 specimens of *Rhinoceros sondaicus*. It is to be expected that such listings can never be totally complete.

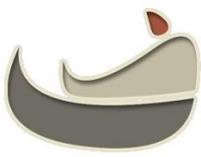
[Rookmaaker, L.C. 2024](#). The Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros unicornis*) in captivity in South Asia (Chapter 5). In: *The rhinoceros of South Asia*. Leiden. pp. 47-82, 39 figs. doi.org/10.1163/9789004691544_006

[Rookmaaker, L.C. 2024](#). Javan rhinoceros (*Rhinoceros sondaicus*) in captivity in South Asia (Chapter 48). In: *The rhinoceros of South Asia*. Leiden. pp. 582-592, 11 figs. doi.org/10.1163/9789004691544_049

In a journal which has become very rare and could recently be accessed, there is a photo of Greater one-horned rhinoceros calf. The small animal was found near Gorumara National Park in West Bengal, probably in 1934. It is not known how long it survived or if it was sent to a zoo (no record in Calcutta Zoo).

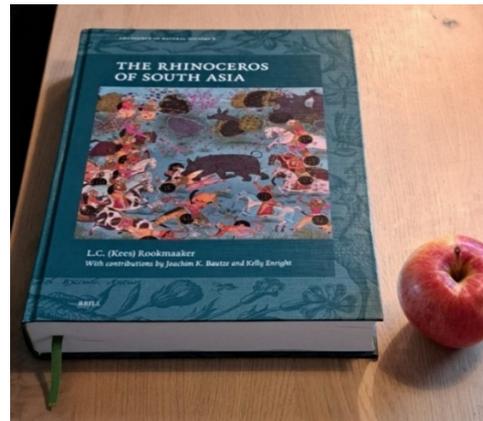
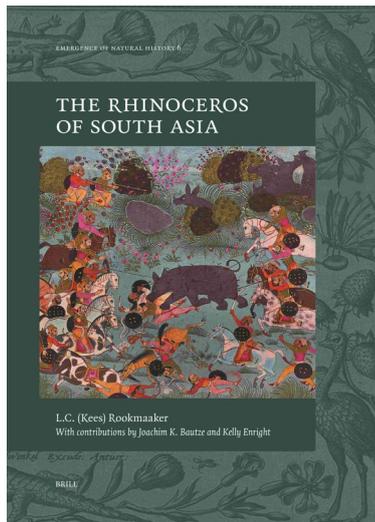
[Hodge, W.E. 1934](#). The rescue of a rhinoceros calf. *Journal of the Darjeeling Natural History Society* 9 (1): 32-33, 2 figures.





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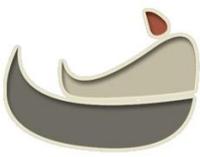
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Rookmaaker, Kees. 2024. *The Rhinoceros of South Asia*. Leiden: Brill (Emergence of Natural History, vol. 6), pp. i-iv, 1-835.

With contributions by Joachim K. Bautze and Kelly Enright.

Total 67 chapters, 889 pages, 707 figures (often in colour), 38 maps, 75 tables, 82 datasets, bibliography with 3081 items, index.

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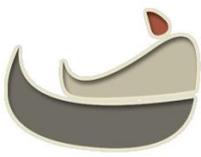
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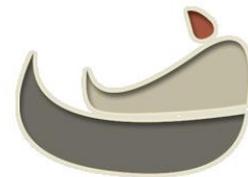
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Images	6,887		7,187	7,420	+ 233

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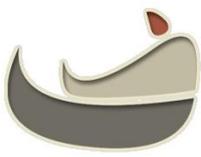


The Rhino Resource Center is an essential tool for

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- 👉 Education in primary, secondary and tertiary levels
- 👉 Conservation of rhinos both *in-situ* and *ex-situ*
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- 👉 Information on all the latest conservation efforts
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YES, YOU CAN HELP:

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- 👉 We are always looking for images of all rhinos in books and in the wild
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NEW LITERATURE (finalized 26 February 2026)

In this past quarter (December 2025 to February 2026), we have added 312 new references, to bring the total number of items in the database to **29,756**.

All the latest additions are now found on the new website

Below I have listed all new entries since 2000 in four categories: General (all species), African rhinos, Asian rhinos and Fossil rhinos.

Most additions are available on the website.

Search for them on the RRC, it's easy.

Always check the [RRC website](#) first, many papers are available there.

NEW GENERAL PUBLICATIONS

[Attenborough, D. 2013](#). Foreword. In: Wyhe, J. van; Rookmaaker, L.C., *Alfred Russel Wallace: Letters from the Malay Archipelago*. Oxford. pp. vii-viii.

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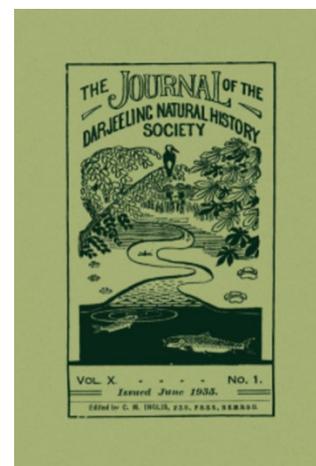
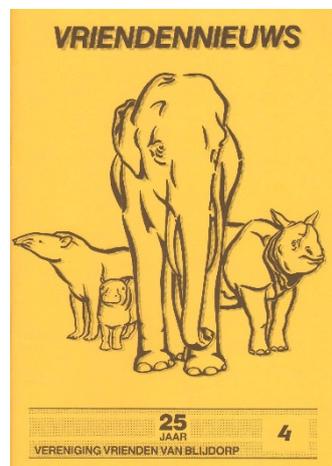
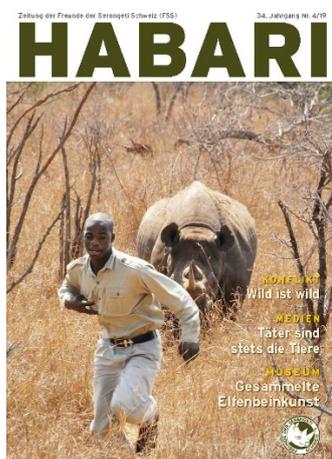
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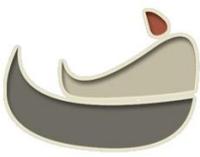
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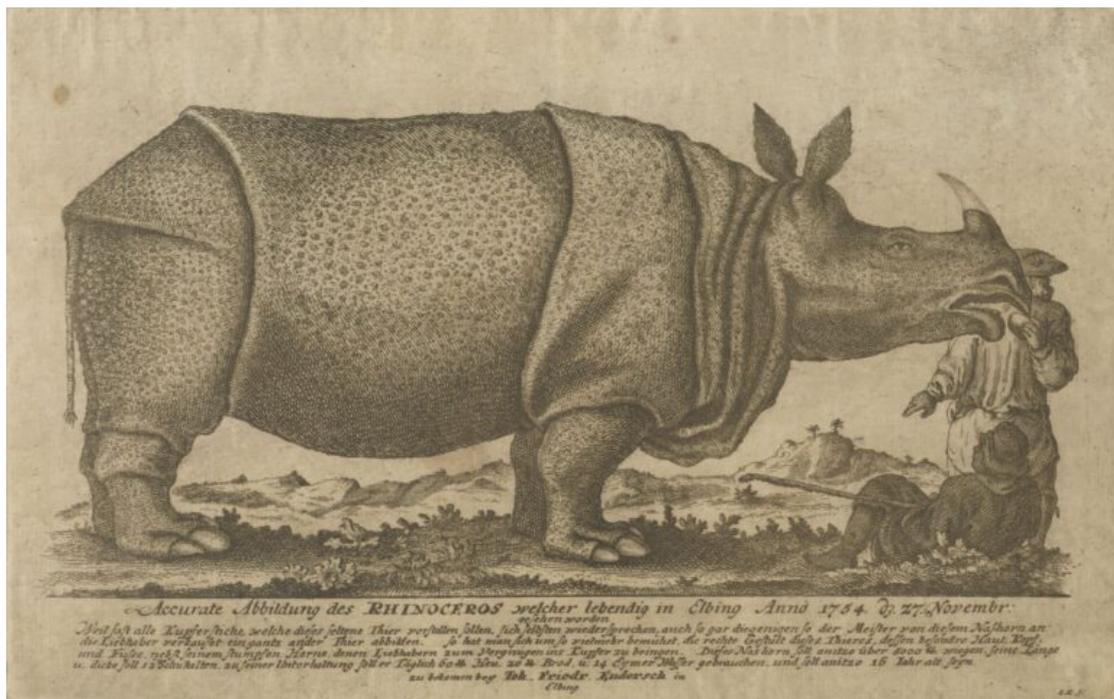


Publications made available online – few examples of many great initiatives



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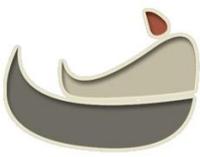


[Accurate depiction](#) of Clara in Elbing on 27 November 1754

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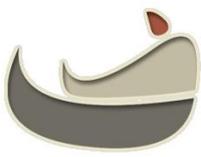
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BABY RHINOCEROS SHOWING FIGHT IN CAMP.

Baby rhinoceros showing fight in camp. [Stanley, H.M. 1890](#). In *darkest Africa*, vol. 2 p. 407.



Southern White Rhino (*Ceratotherium simum*), bull showing comfort behaviour at Thyeni Hide, Hluhluwe Game Reserve, on 1998-01-18. Photo taken by Peter Dollinger, Zoo Office Berne.

THANKS TO PETER DOLLINGER FOR CONTRIBUTING A LARGE SET OF PHOTOGRAPHS, ALL WITH DESCRIPTION, LOCALITY AND DATE. A GREAT ADDITION TO RRC.

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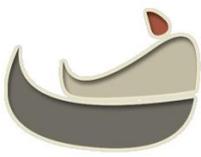
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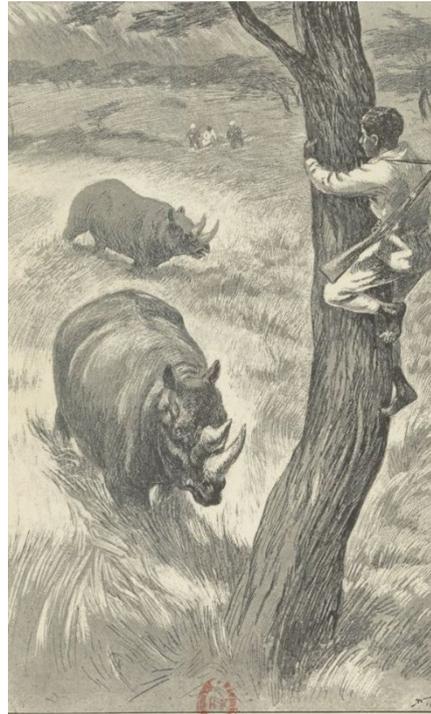
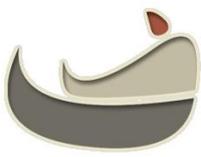
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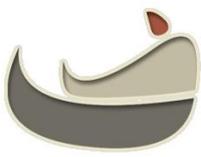
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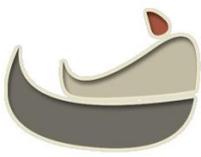
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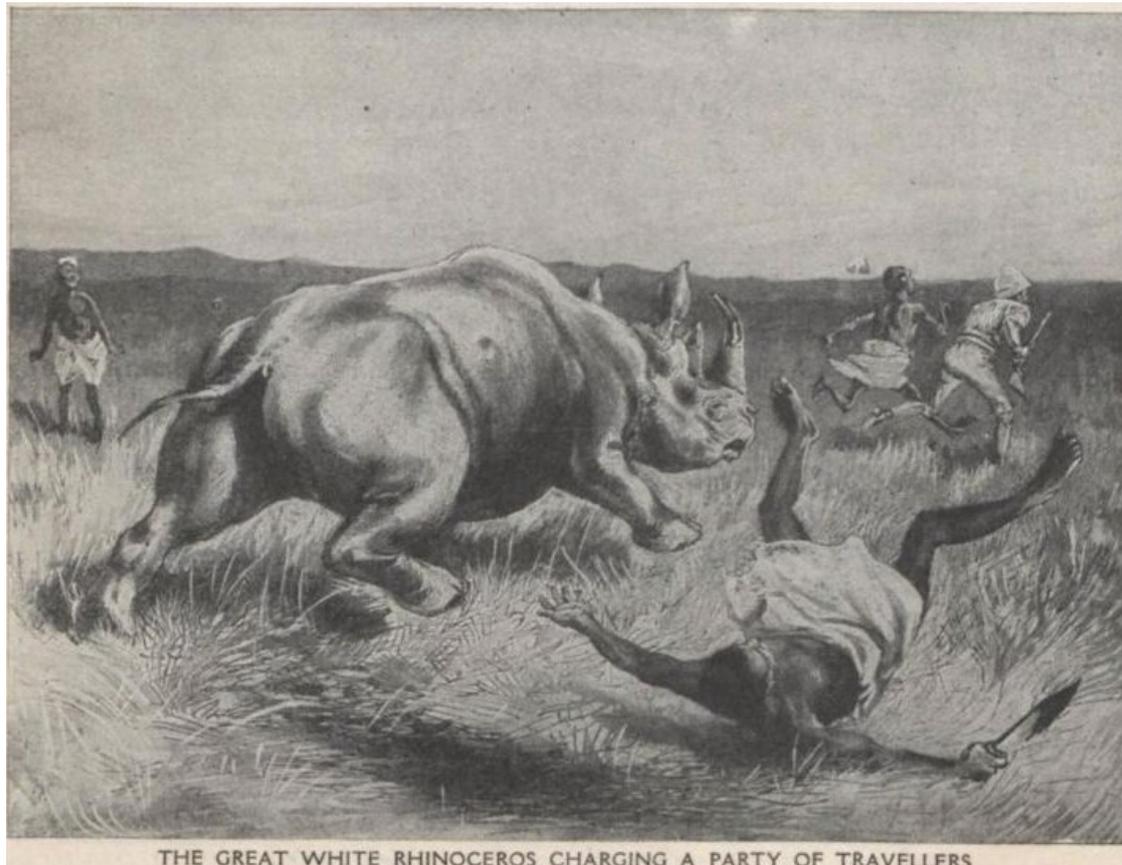
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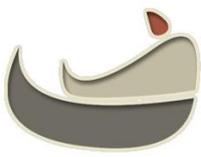
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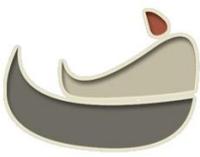


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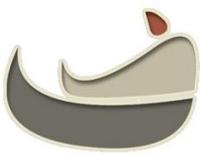


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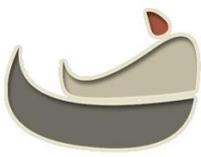
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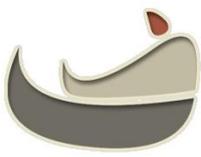


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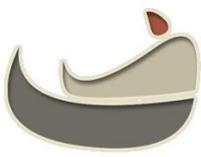
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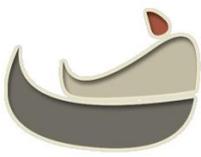
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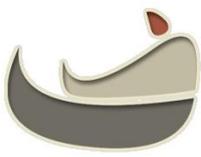
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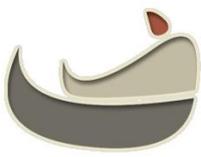
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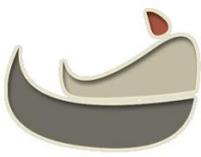
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