

Secondary Islamic Schools in Bulgaria



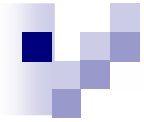
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Brief History of Islamic Religious Education in Bulgaria since 1878

The History of Islamic Religious Education in Bulgaria is divided into three parts:

- Pre – Communist Period (1878 - 1944)
- Communist Period (1944 - 1989)
- Post-Communist Period (1989 – present moment)



Pre – Communist Period (1878 - 1944)



After the Russian – Turkish War:

- Disorganized educational system;
- Demolished educational centers;

Pre – Communist Period (1878 - 1944)



Some years after the Russian-Turkish war:

- Renewed schools buildings;
- New educational facilities;
- Opening of new Muslim religious schools;

As a whole, the pre – communist period of the Bulgarian history was quite favorable for religious education.





Communist Period (1944 - 1989)



- The number of mufti's offices - **reduced**.
- The number of the Muslim priests – **decreased**.
- Muslim women's cover-clothes – **forbidden**.

The imposed restrictions put a new face to the Muslim minorities' life in Bulgaria.



A moment of changing the Arab – Turkish names of Bulgarian Muslims in the 70's.

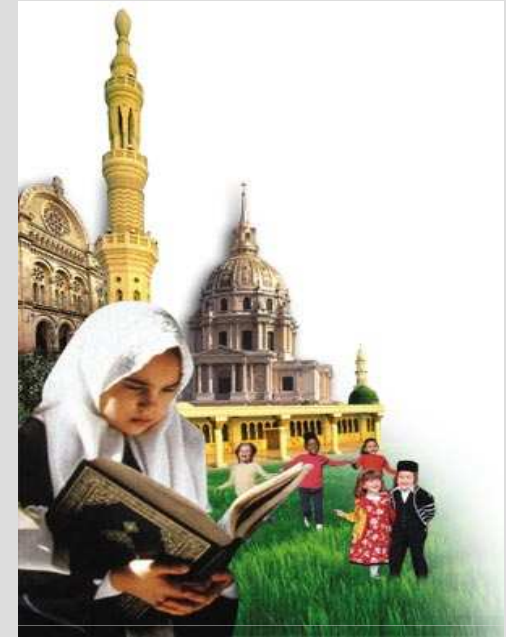
Post - Communist Period (1989 - present moment)



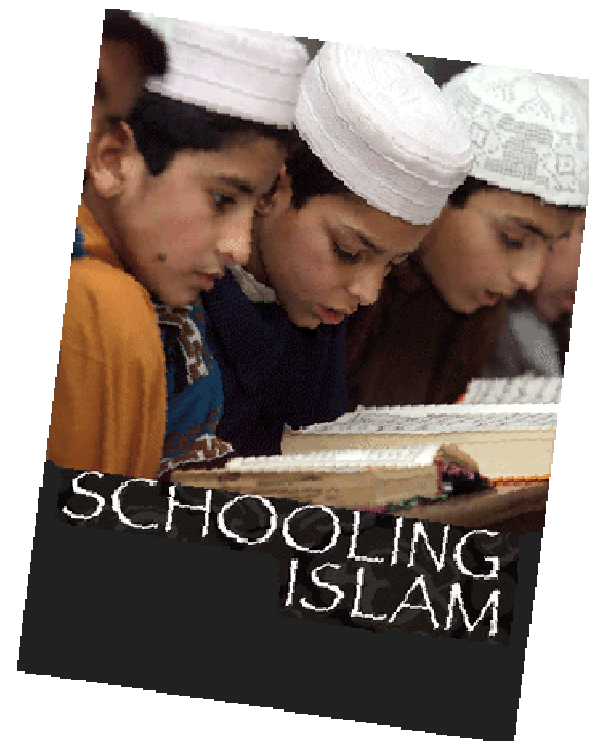
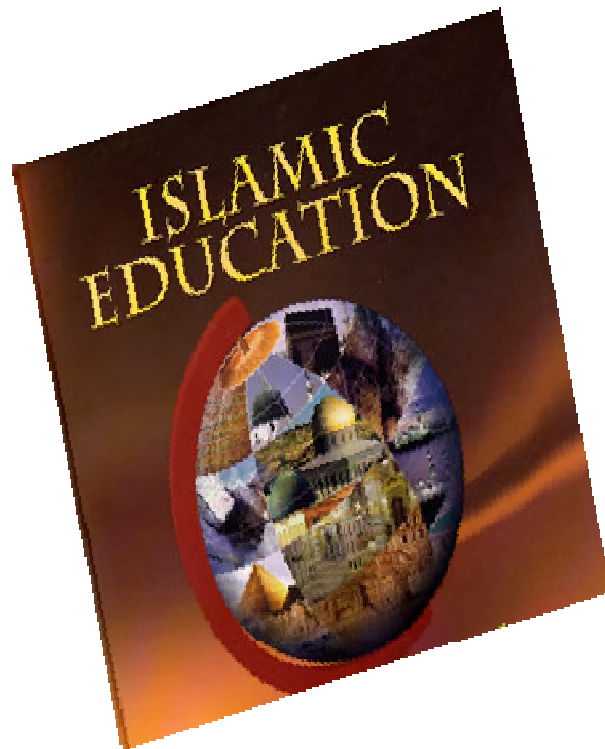
Religion came back to the individual and social life of Bulgarians.

Muslims and Post-Totalitarian policy

- Restoration of Arab-Turkish Muslim names;
- The Islamic education in Bulgaria resumed;



Islamic Education in Bulgaria nowadays





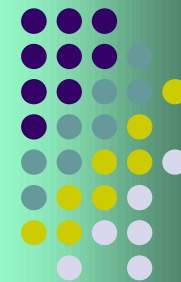
Categories of The Bulgarian Islamic Religious Education



1. Non-formal religious education

2. Formal religious education

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Shoumen Religious High School „Nuvvab“

- Established on 15.08.1990;
- It has been official since 1992/1993 academic year;
- Graduates receive both a secondary diploma and a qualification of imam;

Rousse Religious High School

- **1991** - established as a male high school;
- **1993** – a female school was established as a part of the boys' one;
- **2006/2007** – boys and girls started to study in mixed classes;

Momchilgrad Islamic High School

- Established in 1991 as a male religious high school;
- A female religious high school was established as a part of it in 2000/2001;

Extracurricular Activities of Secondary Islamic Schools' Students



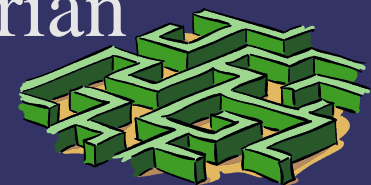
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Funding of Secondary Islamic Religious Education in Bulgaria





Integration of the Graduates of the Bulgarian Secondary Islamic Schools





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