

► **Islamic state: the digital caliphate / Abdel Bari Atwan**

London: Saqi, 2015.
xiii, 256 pages : 20 cm.

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