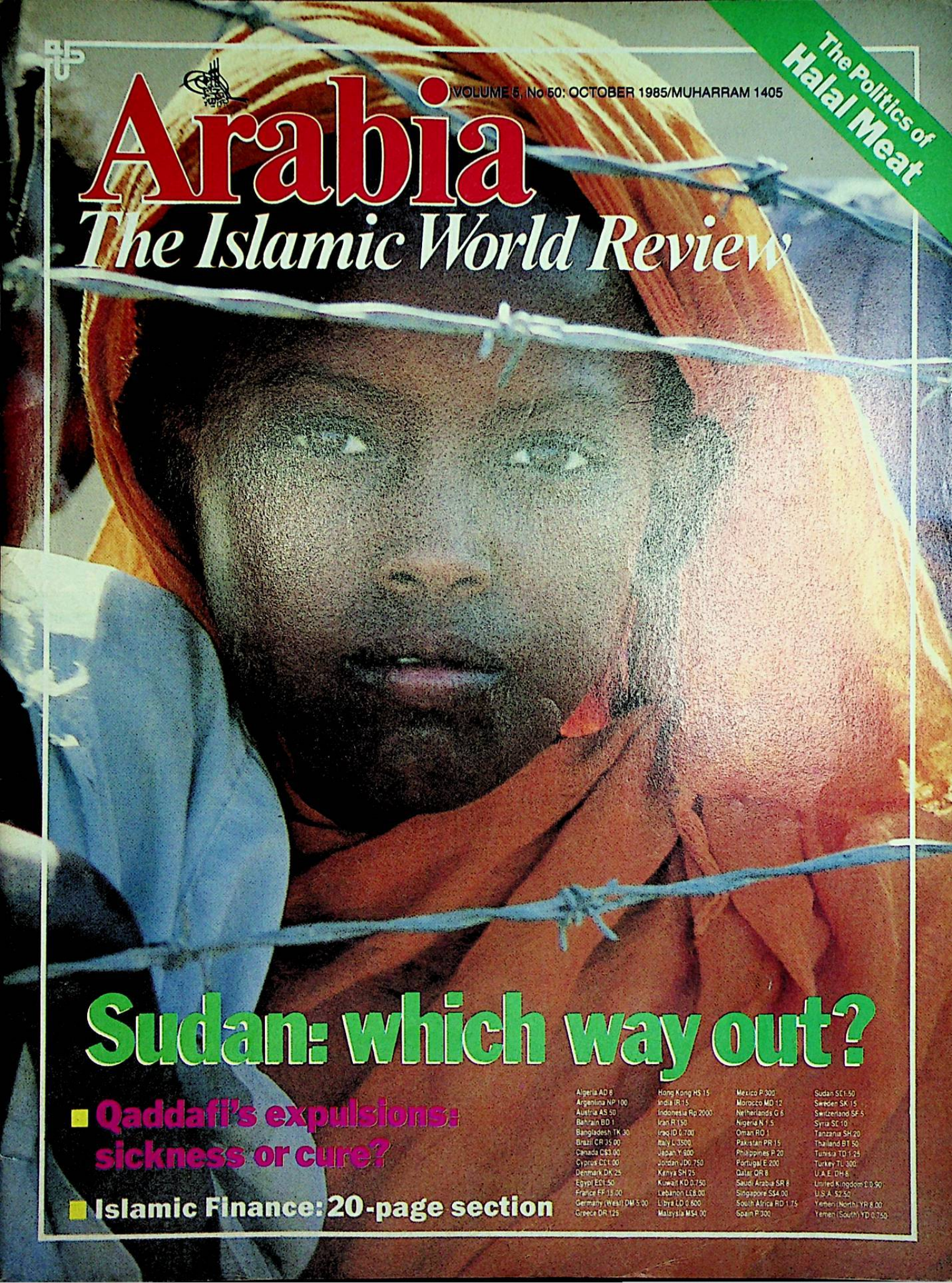




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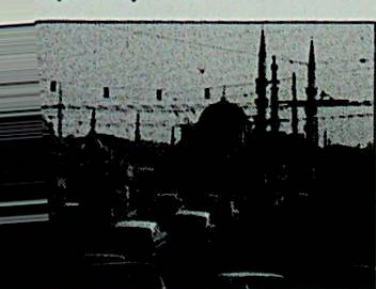
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One of the major themes in Schleifer's comprehensive critique is that *Arabia* reduces the whole life of the Muslims to mere politics. As influential and dominant as it is, politics is but one aspect of the very rich and diverse life of any nation. Muslims have contributed to modern civilisation twice. Once by preserving and enriching the ancient Greek philosophy, and, secondly by their pioneering civilisation from which much of modern technology and science has evolved.

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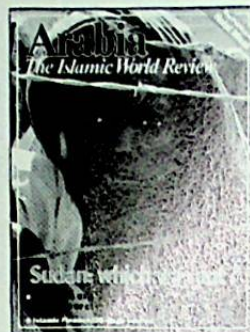
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