



## Waiting for Fatima to become Sophie

The time of waiting in *Al-kāfira* by 'Alī Badr

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Abstract: The analysis here is focused on “waiting” as the time of narration in the novel *Al-kāfira* by 'Alī Badr and as a means of denouncing the misogynist mentality imposed by the *mutašaddidīn musallaḥīn* who control the village where Fāṭīma-Sophie spent her childhood and adolescence. In this climate of political repression and social oppression, the literary representation of waiting becomes a metaphor for an existential condition and an identity that is both individual and collective.

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