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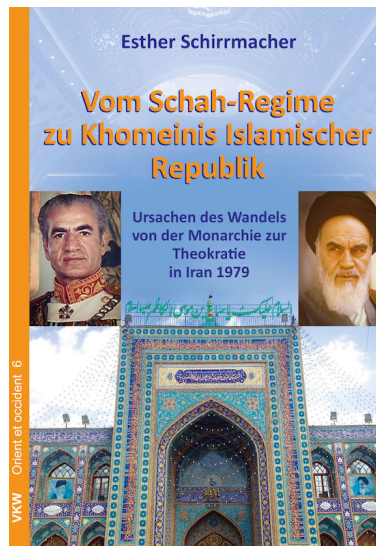
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### VKW publishes Study on History and Practice in the Iranian Theocracy

(Bonn, 03.07.2017) The Bonn Publishing house Verlag für Kultur und Wissenschaft (Culture and Science Publ.) has published a new volume on the background of the theocracy in Iran.

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