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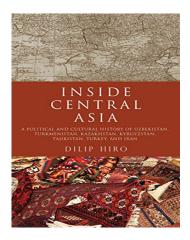
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DILIP HIRO is an author, playwright, and journalist who has written 14 books about the Middle East and contributed to several others.

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Dilip Hiro is the author of more than thirty books, including Blood of the Earth, War Without End, and Between Marx and Mohammad. He contributes regularly to The New York Times, The Guardian, and The Washington Post, andis a commentator for CNN and the BBC.