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## TRANSLITERATION TABLE

ا	a	ص	ṣ
ء	>	ض	ḍ
ب	b	ط	ṭ
ت	t	ظ	ẓ
ث	th	ع	‘
ج	j	غ	gh
ح	ḥ	ف	f
خ	kh	ق	q
د	d	ك	k
ذ	dh	ل	l
ر	r	م	m
ز	z	ن	n
س	s	هـ	h
ش	sh	و	w
	ي		y

### short vowels

اَ	a	<b><u>Shaddah</u></b>	
اِ	i	وَّ	uww
اُ	u	يَّ	iyy

### long vowels

آ	ā
أُو	ū
إِي	ī