

## **An Overview of Political System in the Era of Calipha**

### **Hazrat Umar Farooq (R.A):**

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#### **Abstract:**

*Umar was the second Muslim Calipha, his reign is considered golden age of the Islamic history due to his wise and effective policies. He introduced many effective administrative reforms. This paper overviews the governance under the Caliphate Hazrat Umar Farooq. The study explores the political system in caliphate of Hazrat Umar Farooq. The effectiveness of the Hazrat Umar governance has been highlighted in the study, which is a paragon for the political systems in the world. One of the attributes of good governance is to ensure social justice in the society. The political system of Hazrat Umar is paragon of social justice he introduced many administrative reforms which were very effective. The study highlights the effective governance by Caliphate Hazrat Umar, which got great importance. Hazrat Umar political system was based on Islamic principles of democracy, the paper underscores his political system. The study highlights key attributes of the political system of Hazrat Umar Farooq.*

**Keywords:** Governance, Islam, Caliphate Hazrat Umar Farooq, Khilafat system.

#### **Introduction:**

The political system of Hazrat Umar is exemplary not only in Islamic history but also in modern history of the world. Hazrat Umar introduced an effective political system which was based on Islamic democracy. He was a great democratic leader. During his reign, he ensured social justice and introduced many administration reforms which are exemplary for the modern administration of the world. This paper aims at exploring the political system of Hazrat Umar. The study explores the administration of

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Hazrat Umar. The reign of Hazrat Umar is called Golden age. He was not merely a vanquisher but he is also regarded as exemplary administrator (Husayn, 1958,).

He introduced an effective political system. It was indeed, a political system of Islam, where he implemented the divine law. He introduced several effective polices, which were so effective that became paragon in the Islamic history. Hazrat Umar is the first ruler in world history who introduced social security system. It was his wise revenue policy which had increased the state revenue enormously. This study explores the effective policies of Hazrat Umar in his political system. The governance of Hazrat Umar is attributed by the Muslim Scholars (Al-Bura'ey, 985). In his reign, there was no discrimination between Muslims and non-Muslims of the state. Non-Muslims lived happy life during his rule as there was interference in their religious affairs. Due to effective and wise policies he got prominence in the Islamic history.

**Hazrta Umer: The Pioneer of Islamic Democracy:**

Hazrat Umar is considered the pioneer of Islamic democracy. Political system of Hazrat Umar was based on Islamic democracy. He was a prominent democratic ruler. During the ten years of his reign he had conquered an extended part of the Middle East. The constitution of the state during his era was based entirely on Islamic system of democracy. There was no discrimination between Muslims and non-Muslims during his Khilafat. Jews and Christians were living prosperously and there was no interference in their religious affairs. Safe journey had been ensured for those wanted to migrate and compensation was given for their properties (Mujahid, 2012).

**Islamic Republisc Based on Shura:**

All matters of the state were decided with consultation of Shura. In political system of Hazrat Umar, Shura would have played the role of an advisory council. Shura had three important aspects: firstly, prominent and popular companions, secondly the general advisory council, finally the higher and general advisory council. Shura members could express their opinions freely. Hazrat Umar political system was based on full principles of democracy (Hassan, 1978).

**Islamic Calendar:**

During the Hazrat Umar reign, Islamic calendar was introduced for the first time in the Islamic history. the start of the date was fixed according to the date of Migration of Holy Prophet (PBUH). Therefore the calendar is also called as Hijrah calendar (Mujahid, 2012).

### **Administration of Hazrat Umar:**

The reign of Hazrat Umar is paragon for the political systems of the world. The caliphate Hazrat Umar established a political system which was based on an effective governance system. He rendered many valuable services for the people. He was a prominent administrator and changed the shape of every section of the society due to his effective policies. During the time of his election to the Caliphate, there were many geopolitical challenges.

During the Caliphate of Hazrat Umar, the Islamic jurisprudence and its methodologies were established. He improved the agriculture and an extensive area of land was cultivated. He introduced the system of education. He was an eminent figure in Islamic history. He institutionalizes Islam and determined the way where Muslims would relate to each other and to non-Muslims and would strive to accomplish the mission of Tuheed in the world (Zaman, 1991)

For the welfare of the people and good governance, Caliphate Umar introduced several effective policies. (al-Qudsy, 2011, p. 10)

- He established the institution of hisbah to maintain law and order situation in his jurisdiction.
- Institution of hisbah for the maintenance of law and order. It is headed by an officer known as muhtasib.
- A special office was formed to investigate complains of the people. A trustworthy person would be appointed for this position.
- Bait ul Maal.
- Social, economic and political justice
- A complete system of social security nevertheless of creed and class.
- Access to education, matrimonial aid, old age benefit, shelter and other social services.
- Black marketing, interest, profiteering, and exploitation were strictly proscribed. (Nadvi, 2012)

Revenue of state gets great importance. During the reign of hazrat Umar, the income of treasury department had increased enormously due his effective revenue policies. Caliphate Umar changed the administrative shape effectually. He separated the judicial and executive responsibilities in order to make the management system specialized. Special Judges named Qadhi were appointed to carry out the judicial functions. Separation of power is an effective system to run the affairs more effectively. The separation of power by hazrat Umar was effective, which

would have encouraged both the leaders and the general public. (Ra'ana, 1970)

Moreover, economic system was introduced, which provided the people better welfare. The economic system of Hazrat Umar was an inspirational one, where economic parity was ensured. He had established different types of revenue system.

**Conclusion:**

The findings of the paper reveal that governance during the reign of hazrat Umar Farooq is paragon for the political systems of the world. Political system of Umar was based on Islamic democracy which is exemplary even in the modern history of democracy. The political system of Hazrat Umar was based on social justice, equality, accountability and transparency. Caliphate Umar ensured fundamental rights of the people in his reign. The Islamic concept of good governance stress on the welfare and prosperity of the people. The term Al-siasaah relates to the proper management and arrangement of the administration. Social security of Caliphate was based on moral values. He was vigilant regarding the social security of the people. He was, indeed, the first ruler in the history of the world, who introduced the social security system. Revenue of a state gets great importance. During his reign, Caliphate Umar (R.A) formulated effective revenue policies which had increased the state revenue immensely. Thus, Caliphate hazrat Umar Farooq (R.A) has rendered many valuable survives for humankinds. He will ever be remembered for his generous services in the Islamic history.

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