

Political Developments in Natural Syria and the Ottoman Empire Between 1918-1923

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Abstract

The research includes the topic of "political Developments in natural Syria and the Ottoman Empire between 1918 - 1923", a general introduction on the subject of the study, the most important reasons for choosing this topic, along with the most important projections on the situation recently in relation to the Turkish –Syrian political in recent course of events, the study shows the reality of the Ottoman state and the Arab Orient (especially the Levant) before and during World War.

The research works on the study of the overall political developments of the Ottoman Empire after World War I in 1918, and how Mustafa Kemal Atatürk succeed in freeing his country from the ambitions of European powers, (British, French, Russian and other ..), and how he was able to lay political and military foundations of the rules of the independent Turkish state, through the exchange of interests with Britain and France all the way to 1923 when he announced the Independent State of Turkey. Meanwhile the Arabs could not schemers get rid of the salvation of the ambitions and schemers of the West after liberation from Ottoman rule, for soon came the implementation of the Sykes – Picot accord in 1916, which put Iraq, Jordan, Palestine under the British protectorate and guaranteed that Britain accomplish the Balfour Declaration which issued in 1917. Also the accord put Syria and Lebanon under French tutelage, which guaranteed Iskenderun to Turkey.

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Moreover, the research examines the degree of cooperation (where the Arabs got the Turkish military support from Mustafa Kemal Ataturk and his group) between the Arab fighters who resisted the European Occupation since 1918, but Turkish interests converged with the interests of Western Europe, and undermined any cooperation with the Arabs, in a time when Syria has subjected to the French occupation in 1920 after it threw down the first Arab government in contemporary Arab history for the year 1919 to 1920.