

Mahamoud Nadeem Pasha – The Syrian Ottoman Wali in Yemen His Activities in the Period 1906-1924

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Abstract

This paper is an endeavor to evaluate the activities of Mahmoud Nadeem, the Syrian Pasha who worked as Wali in Yemen in the period 1913-1917. At that time, Yemen was one of the important strategic points during the first World War and, hence, became the scene of intense fighting and conflict of interests.

The paper highlights the role of Pasha Mahmoud Nadeem before the First World War when he was the official representative of the Ottoman Empire in Yemen. Then it presents his Arab-nationalistic role to protect Yemen against the growing colonial interests of Britain after the end of the war. In addition, the paper shows up his contributions in fostering the rule of Imam Yehia Hameed-Adeen and the suppression of the separatist movements which rose against the latter.

The research has come to a set of the following facts:

- 1- The Syrian Pasha Mahmoud Nadeem was extremely influential in the history of the Arab world, yet his role has rarely been mentioned in Arab historical records.

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- 2- British sources do indicate interest in the movements of the Pasha Mahmoud Nadeem because of his Arab-nationalistic tendencies, and of his influenced relational with the Imam Yehia.
- 3- King Faisal ben Sharif Hossain knew the importance of Mahmoud Nadeem' position and he wanted to use Mahmoud Nadeem to convince Imam Yehia of unity with his father Al Sharif Hossain
- 4- Mahmoud Nadeem succeeded brilliantly in keeping Yemen away from falling under British protection taking advantage of the Arab and Islamic tendencies of Imam Yehia in particular and Yemeni in general

This research will provide valuable additional information about Pasha Mahmoud Nadeem and his activities of Arab-nationalists after the First World War and the unification movements in the Arabian Peninsula