

Shaikh Abdul Majeed Sindhi: His Life and Career

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Abstract

Epoch making sages and personages appeared on the soil of the sub-continent at the turn of the twentieth century who not only enjoyed great influence on the heart and mind of the people, but also exercised decisive command on the movement and direction of history. The socio-political and reformist leadership of the Muslim community in the pre and post-partition periods took the responsibility to prepare their people for the challenges approaching towards them in the near future. In this regard Shaikh Abdul Majeed Sindhi (1889-1978) was one of those personalities who played a dominant role for the socio-political uplift of the Muslims community. To create socio-political awareness among the Muslims community he utilized the platforms of *Al-Haq* magazine and weekly *Al-Amin* which were published from Sukkar and Hyderabad respectively. He very enthusiastically participated in the Khilafat Movement and addressed public meetings held under the auspices of Khilafat Committee. Like other leaders from the province of Sindh, he was also active in the struggle for the separation of Sindh from the Bombay Presidency. For his anti-government writings and activities he was arrested by the British government time and again. He wrote many books on different aspects of Muslim society and history. Famous among these are i) *Jawarikh-i-Jawahir*, ii) *Musalman Hukmranan*, iii) *Fatha-i-Undlas* and iv) *Umar-bin-Abdul Aziz*. This research endeavour would throw light on the early life, socio-political career, character and personality of Shaikh Abdul Majeed Sindhi who is still alive in the hearts of the people.

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