



MIGRATION OF THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA AND ITS BACKGROUND – A HISTORICAL VIEW

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Abstract

Syria, one of the Arab Republics in the Middle East is one of the countries that has been affected by the civil war for a long period of time. At this juncture, it is notable that the reawakening of Arab evolved by the people of Syria against the rulers who had been dominating in the Middle East and South African countries for more than thirty years started in Syria too. In this period, there was a revolution against Bashar Al Assad who was in power in Syria. The majority communities were neglected by the minority communities after the political power had gone into the hands of Hafez Al Assad of Bath Socialist Party. The same condition continued even in the tenure of the rule of Bashar Al Assad who came to the power successively. Thereafter, the revolution started by the majority Sunni Sector against the rule of Assad had turned to an armed riot. The intervention of the other countries in the world was one of the main reasons for the continuation of this civil war without end. China and Russia supported Bashar Al Assad who was their business friend. The I.S. Organization which came from Iraq, Kurdish who demanded separate state, the gulf countries headed by Saudi Arabia, America, Russia, China, Iran and some more entered into Syria. The Syrian war which broke out in 2011 reached its peak in 2016. The City of Aleppo became the war front field. The people started migrating as they could not repulse the aerial attacks and Syrian Government forces' attacks. The people of Syria started migrating to Arab countries and European countries by boats. Though there are various reasons for the migration of Syrians, the main objective of this research is to study the political reason which is one of the reasons for their migration. The co objectives of this research are to identify the nature and the consequences of the Syrian war. The data and information for this explanatory research based on historical approach were obtained on the basis of primary and secondary data collection. While interviews were treated as primary data, the books published in relation to this topic, Magazines, research articles, newspapers, and publications in the internet were treated as secondary data for this research.

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