

Did You know??

Sayyidinaa Umar bin Khattaab رضي الله عنه attained martyrdom on the first of Muharram 24 A.H

Name: Umar bin Khattaab (Umar the son of Khattaab)

Honourary Title: Farooq

Title: Abu Hafs

Lineage: His lineage meets with Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam at the ninth forefather.

Birth: Thirteen years after the 'Year of the Elephants'.

Acceptance of Islam: In the sixth year of Nabuwwat, at the age of 33 years.

Personal qualities: Fair in complexion of average built.

Relationship to Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam:

- His daughter was married to Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam.
- During his Khilaafat he married Sayyidatina *Ummi Kulthoom* the granddaughter of Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam and the daughter of Hazrat Sayyidina Ali (Radhiallahu Anhu) from whom Zayd bin Umar and Ruqayya bin Umar were born.

HAZRAT UMAR (رضي الله عنه) SERVICE TO ISLAM IN THE ERA OF NABUWWAT

Hazrat Umar (Radhiallahu Anhu) remained in close attendance to Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam at all times for seven years in Makkah Mukarammah and for ten years in Madina Munawwara.

He participated in all of the twenty seven battles with Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam and never missed a single battle.

He was the first person who raised the name of Islam in the Kaabah – The first salaah in Jama'at was read there in safety due to his accepting Islam and safeguarding the Muslims.

VIRTUES AND EXCELLENCES OF HAZRAT SAYYIDINA UMAR (RADHIALLAHU ANHU)

According to Hazrat Shah Waliyullah (Rahimullah Alayh) twenty seven verses of the Qur'aan were revealed in conformity with the opinion of Hazrat Umar (Radhiallahu Anhu)

The prophecies present in the following Aayat: *“That it (Islam) may become dominant over all religions”*, and the opening verses of Surah ar-Room' were fulfilled during the reign of Hazrat Umar Radhiallahu Anhu.

- Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: “Shaytaan flees from the path upon which Umar passes.” [Bukhaari]
- Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: “Allah has made truth flow on the tongue of Umar.” [Baihaqi]
- Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: “Follow Abu Bakr and Umar after me.” [Mishkaat]
- Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: “If there were to be a Nabi after me, it would have been Umar.” [Tirmizi]
- Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: “I have two ministers (advisers) in the heavens – Jibra'eel and Mikha'eel; and two ministers on earth – Abu Bakr and Umar.”
- Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam was once walking with his hands upon Hazrat Abu Bakr and Hazrat Umar's shoulders, then Rasulullah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam said: “We three will rise on the day of Qiyaamat in this way.”

THE KHILAAFAT OF SAYYIDINA Umar al-FAROOQ (RADHIALLAHU ANHU)

The Khilaafat of Hazrat Umar Farooq (Radhiallahu Anhu) lasted for for ten years, six months and ten days after Hazrat Abu Bakr (Radhiallahu Anhu), in which time the Muslim empire extended over 2 200 000 (TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND) square miles.

During his reign 1 036 cities and provinces were brought under Muslim rule and approximately 900 Jamia (Large) Masjids and 4000 smaller Masjids were built.

The two superpowers of that time – the Roman and Persian Empire were defeated in his era.

There was such Justice in his era, and it became so popular that even non-Muslims of other regions applied to become citizens of the Muslim state.

The outstanding accomplishment under his rule was the Conquests of Iraq, Iran, Rome, Turkey and Islam spread in many non-Arab lands.

The efficient manner in which state and government, departments and duties were formulated and systemized are marvelled and admired today too by non-Muslims.

MARTYRDOM (SHAHAADAT)

Whilst he leading the Fajr Salaah in Masjidun Nabawi on the 26th or 27th of Thul-Hijjah a Persian slave called Abu Lulu Fayrooz attacked him and stabbed him six times including a fatal stab beneath his navel. He succumbed to the wounds and attained SHAHAADAT (MATYRDOM) on the 1st Muharram 24 A.H. He was buried in the Rowdha Aqdas (Sacred Chamber where Rasulullah ﷺ is buried).

Before passing away he left this advice:

“Be kind and generous to the Muhajirun and the Ansar. Those out of them who are good, be good to them; those who are not overlook their lapses. Be good to the people of the conquered lands. They are the outer line of our defense; they are the target of the anger and distress of our enemies. They contribute to our revenues. They should be taxed only on their surplus wealth. Be gracious to the Bedouins as they are the backbone of the Arab nation. I instruct you to be good to the Dhimmis for they are your responsibility. Do not tax them beyond their capacity. Ensure that they pay the Jizya without undue inconvenience. Fear God, and in all that you do keep His pleasure in view. In the matter of people fear God, and in the matter of Allah do not be afraid of the people. With regard to the people, I enjoin upon you to administer justice with an even hand. See that all the legitimate requirements of the people are met. Be concerned for their welfare. Ensure the safety of their person and property. See that the frontiers of our domains are not violated. Take strong steps to guard the frontiers. In the matter of administration do not prefer the rich to the poor. Be hard against those who violate the law. Show them no mercy. Do not rest content until you have brought the miscreants to book. Treat all the people as equal. Be a pillar of strength for those who are weak and oppressed. Those who are strong but do wrong, make them pay for their wrong-doings. In the distribution of booty and other matters be above nepotism. Let no consideration of relationship or selfish interest weigh with you. The Satan is at large; it may tempt you. Rise above all temptations and perform your duties in accordance with the injunctions of Islam. Get guidance from the Holy Quran and Sunnah. Freely consult the wise men around you. Apply your own mind in difficult cases, and seek light from God. Be simple in your living and your habits. Let there be no show or ostentation about you. Lead life as a model Muslim. As you are the leader of the Muslims, justify your leadership by being the best among them all. May God bless you.”

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the ability of honouring these great Sahaba of Islam and may he enable us to follow in their pious footsteps. Ameen.