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All praise belongs to the Lord of the Worlds. The Most Beneficent, the most Merciful. Master of the Day of Reckoning. Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we seek help from. Guide us to the straight path; the path of those whom Thou hast blessed, not those with whom Thou art angry, nor those who have strayed.1

O Allah send Thy blessings on Muhammad and the progeny of Muhammad just as Thou have sent Thy blessings on Ibrahim and the progeny of Ibrahim in the worlds, indeed Thou art the Owner of Praise, the Owner of Glory. And bless Muhammad and the progeny of Muhammad just as Thou have blessed Ibrahim and the progeny of Ibrahim in the worlds, indeed Thou art the Owner of Praise, the Owner of Glory.

This research and study under the heading: 'Military Management in the Battles of the Prophet of Allah, Muhammad (S)' was presented as a doctorate thesis in the field of history at the Université Saint–Joseph, Lebanon, and is now before the respected readers. We have tried to spare no effort in this work with the hope that we would be successful in arriving at the truth [about the Prophet (S) as an exemplary military commander].

The present work has been arranged as follows:

**Preface**: Here the genesis of the techniques and strategies of battle in Isl®m and its most salient characteristics have been mentioned.

**Introduction**: I begin by explaining my methodology of choice in this study based on what I have discussed in the different sections and precede this by mentioning the narrators and important figures who have written about the history of the Prophet (S) and those who wrote war chronicles.

**Section One:** In this section, the characteristics of the Arab military before Isl®m have been discussed.

**Section Two:** Here 'military command' and that which pertains to it is, including the qualities of a commander, have been discussed.

**Section Three**: Here the different types of 'army command centers and headquarters' in the Muslim army have been explained.

**Section Four:** In this section the branches of 'security and intelligence' and related issues are mentioned.

**Section Five:** Details about the 'base of operations' along with its arrangement and plans have been outlined.

**Section Six:** Here 'relief support units', 'munitions', 'medical services', 'management of booty' and, in the end, 'role of women' in the Muslim army have been explained.

Conclusion: Finally, the issue of 'growth and development of the Muslim army and the causes and factors that led to their victory in battle' is discussed; after which I have listed the most important sources and references that have been used in this study.

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1. The Glorious Qur'an (Q1:1-7)

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