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## Section One: Allegiance Of Amirul Momineen (‘a) To Caliphs

### Motive Of This Research

Ali’s Bay’at with Abu Bakr is repeatedly mentioned in various styles and used in different ways to bring out Abu Bakr’s Caliphate from its characteristic feature of usurpation that surrounds it.

So they claim:

“It is said that Ali was tied by a rope round his neck and his house was destroyed. I do not know such an Ali. He was not a man of such an insult. He wisely paid allegiance and remained firm on it indicating his satisfaction.”<sup>[1](#)</sup>

“This proves that Ali did not view their Caliphate illegitimate.”<sup>[2](#)</sup>

“After he (Ali) gave Bay’at. He even mended and dressed the shortcomings in Caliphs’ proceedings. This confirms the legitimacy of Caliphs.”<sup>[3](#)</sup>

“Ali has given Bay’at to both (Abu Bakr and Umar). Of course he has done this prudently.”<sup>[4](#)</sup>

“The behavior and conduct of Ali and his reverend sons towards Caliphs was such that it could be called an approval and pledge of allegiance.”<sup>[5](#)</sup>

Those who make the claims (that Ali gave allegiance to Abu Bakr) have an aim:

A) Ali’s acknowledgment to Abu Bakr serves an umbrella to them, covering illegitimacy of Abu Bakr’s Caliphate. Besides it supports their persistence in their design to prove Ali’s consent and concurrence.

B) To benefit from Ali’s acknowledgment by removing from the public mind suspicion of illegitimacy of

Abu Bakr's Caliphate. Besides, to pose it as a Caliphate having God's pleasure. In other words, to provide a sanctity under shade of Ali's allegiance.

Therefore, we must go through these allegations thoroughly:

In the meantime, we would like to scrutinize these two claims:

- 1) Claims that Ali's Bay'at tantamount to public popularity of Abu Bakr's rule.
- 2) Claims that acceptance of Abu Bakr's rule proves Ali's allegiance to Abu Bakr.

Therefore, in this analysis we shall evaluate the sources claiming that Ali gave allegiance to Abu Bakr. They are as follows:

Source One: Divine legitimacy (Legitimacy granted by God)

Source Two: Public Popularity (Standard of public accord)

Source Three: Existence (A fact/occurrence)

We shall again thoroughly investigate historical documents related to these claims to find the extent of Ali's approval to Abu Bakr's rule.

Because the above subject has taken for granted that Ali in fact gave allegiance to Abu Bakr.

Accordingly we can evaluate Ali's belief in legitimacy and popularity of Abu Bakr's Caliphate and thereby gauge its authenticity in the light of History.

- [1.](#) Mushgan Ilanlow: In his article in Sharq Daily, Issue no. 14, Abaan 1383.
- [2.](#) Mustafa Husayni Tabatabai: Raahi Bi Soo-e-Wahdat-e-Islami (Way to Islamic Unity), Pg. 176.
- [3.](#) Ibid. Footnote on the book Shahira-e-Ittihaad, Pgs. 28-29.
- [4.](#) Mustafa Husayni Tabatabai: Raahi Bi Soo-e-Wahdat-e-Islami (Way to Islamic Unity), Pg. 167.
- [5.](#) Mustafa Husayni Tabatabai: Raahi Bi Soo-e-Wahdat-e-Islami (Way to Islamic Unity), Pg. 163.

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