CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN ISLAM

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ABSTRACT

Historians revealed that the concept of national citizenship did not take root until the French revolution in 1789. When the prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) founded the city-state of Madinah centuries ago, he created a charter that described the Muslims and non-Muslims residents of the area as being "one nation". It is not an exaggeration to say that Islam as a complete way of life attaches more importance to the rights and responsibilities of every Muslim. In every given society, there will be rulers and subjects, just as the rulers have their rights and responsibilities that are required of them by Islam, the subjects also have their rights and responsibilities as stipulated by Islam. Methodology relied solely on bibliography appraisal of such studies that are related to this study. This paper intends to look into the citizenship, rights, and responsibilities through binoculars of Islamic tenets. In conclusion, if the citizens of an Islamic state refrain from what is prohibited, establish regular prayers, pay taxes, pay zakat and abide by the rules and regulations guiding Islam, therefore it is their right to safeguard their life, rightfully owned wealth and property projection on their honor and integrity and no responsibility should be imposed on them etc.

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