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For many years, I have been looking for textbooks on the History of Islam for English-speaking students, yet I have found very few. Most did not overcome a common problem: they did not go beyond the era of the Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs, may Allah be pleased with them all.

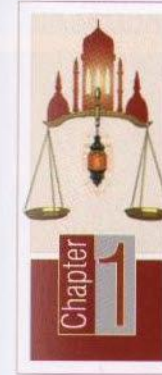
Bearing this in mind, we, at Darussalam, have resolved to present the entire History of Islam to our youth in language that appeals to them, in a simple yet lucid manner. The first four volumes in this series explore Islamic history during the period of the first Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs. Later volumes would be devoted to the History of Islam, down through the ages to modern times, in sha' Allah.

Our past, present, and future are interconnected and interdependent. Therefore, knowing and understanding our history is not optional; it is essential.

This is the second volume from this series, which deals with the life of Umar ibn al-Khattab, the second of the Four Rightly-Guided Caliphs. The evaluation of Umar, may Allah be pleased with him, and his far-sighted policies is captured in a statement attributed to the Prophet, "There were in the nations before you "inspired people", and if there is any one of them in my nation, it is Umar.'

We would like to thank the author Maulvi Abdul Aziz, the editor and the designer Mr. Shahzad Ahmed for their diligent efforts in preparing this volume. We hope this work will inspire our youth to form a personal relationship with Umar ibn al-Khattab and encourage them to commit their lives sincerely to the mission of 'Al-Faruq', that is, discerning truth from falsehood, which he has left behind as our common heritage.

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