



## SOCIAL SECURITY IN ISLAM: AN OVERVIEW

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### ABSTRACT

*The present paper, in its introduction, deals with shedding light on the fact that the holy Qur'ān is the only extant Word of the Lord of the universe. This Book i.e., the holy Qur'ān remained safe from the date of its revelation till today so much so that even an iota has not been changed therein, and that it will remain safe against any corruption till the End of the universe. This Holy Book was revealed to Prophet Muḥammad (S.A.A.<sup>W</sup>.S.), the last of God's messengers.*

*The main theme of this paper is to deal with the explanation of the fact that this revealed Word of the Lord along with the illustrations and precepts of the holy Prophet (S.A.A.<sup>W</sup>.S.), both of which constitute the basic sources of Islamic Law, guarantee the safety of human blood and life.*

*Attempt has been made to provide the relevant Qur'ānic verses (āyāt) with their explanations in the light of the Prophetic traditions (aḥādīth) and in the light of the elaborations made by the commentators (Mufasssīrūn) and jurists (Fuqahā') to bring to light the fact that this Divine Law guarantees the safety of human blood and life.*

*In the conclusion the paper besides summarizing the essential points of the main theme, the discussion is also made on how Islam and its teachings are aimed at encouraging and promoting the means and methods to honor the human life and safeguard it from any bloodshed. It has also been made clear in the conclusion that Islam strongly abhors the ways and means which lead to the violation of rights of all the creatures, in general, and of the human beings in particular. Disgrace and humiliation, of any kind, to the humanity is very far-off matter in the Islamic Scheme.*

**Keywords:** *sharā'a' mā qabl (previous laws), qatl al-nafs bi ghair al-haqq (killing a soul unjustly), al-Janayah al-azimah (major crime), sadd bab al-qatl (closing the gateway of murder).*