
Chapter-14

Understanding Partition

- Sources - Incidents narrated by people.
 - Partition or holocaust
 - (i) Communal riots
 - (ii) Refugee problem
 - The power of stereotypes - The stereotypes of the extra territorial and Pan Islamic loyalty confused with other objectionable ideas.
 - Why partition took place –
 - (i) Mr Jinnah's two nation Theory
 - (ii) Hindu Muslim conflict
 - (iii) British policy of divide and rule
 - (iv) Communal electorates
 - Post war development - Muslim league emerged as sole representative of Indian Muslims in the provincial elections.
 - Cabinet mission proposal in 1946.
 - Direct action day by Muslim league in 1946
 - Gendering partition - women were raped, abducted and sold. Families were uprooted.
 - Preserving honor - where the men feared that there would be molested by the enemies, they killed their own women.
 - Sources: Oral testimonies - narrations, memories, diaries, family history and hand written accounts.
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