

## Al-Farabi Concept of the "Executive".

### Introduction:

Al-Farabi, "People will get happiness only when they have the same goal to achieve". By explaining this Al-Farabi stated that when in a state people have the same goal then that state will be a virtues state.

For a virtues state there must be a virtuous person, virtuous society and a virtuous head of state. Among them the main character is the head of state who should meet the set qualification of a head of state.

### Farabi's Concept of head of state:

Farabi linked the happiness of people by a virtuous state and a virtuous state is linked with a virtuous head of state. As he

Said, If a head of state is just, wise and courageous then he will bring prosperity in the state. If the head of state is an oppressor and lacks the quality of leadership then that state will be imperfect.

Al-Farabi set a set of rules for the qualification of a person to be a head of state where he has written the, Politics, Philosophy and Prophecy.

### Qualification of head of state:

- 1) He must be physically fit. By having healthy and fit limbs which should not be restriction in his movement.
- 2) He should <sup>have the ability to</sup> understand and comprehend the matters well to solve the issue.
- 3) He should have a good memory.

and can remember the important affairs.

4/ He should have a great awareness, and should have the knowledge of what is happening around him.

5/ He should love truth and be a truthful person and should not get pleasure in lie and liars.

6/ He should not get bore by knowledge and wisdom, <sup>learning</sup> and should be ready to learn and to teach. ~~As~~ He stated, "The one who governs the state ~~and~~ in a superior way and the ones who are governed in this way, will enter in **"The pure spirit of realm"** not only in this world but also the hereafter depending upon their knowledge which they have contained will get

the real happiness together.

- 7) He should have a good speaking skill and can make the people understand what he says, and can get his work done.
- 8) He should not surrender himself to eating, drinking and women. He should be free from greediness of these things.
- 9) He should be man of honour and dignity.
- 10) He should not be interested in worldly ~~off~~ materials like precious materials and having luxurious life.
- 11) He should be just ~~and~~ to his people and his priority should be the happiness of his people. He should not be oppressor and should not support oppressors.
- 12) He should not be weak and afraid of what he does. He should be courageous and firm for what

does and should protect his people from internal and external dangers.

### Conclusion:

Al Farabi stated the head of state as a source of happiness for the people of a state and set principles for the qualification of the head of state. If no one can be found with holding all these qualities, so if a person having 5 of these qualities can <sup>be</sup> qualified if two persons or a group of people hold these qualities altogether then they can rule but the superior will be the one having the more qualities. To sum up, the head of state must be capable of the qualities of a leadership.