

Q: "Khilafat Movement was an emotional Movement." Discuss

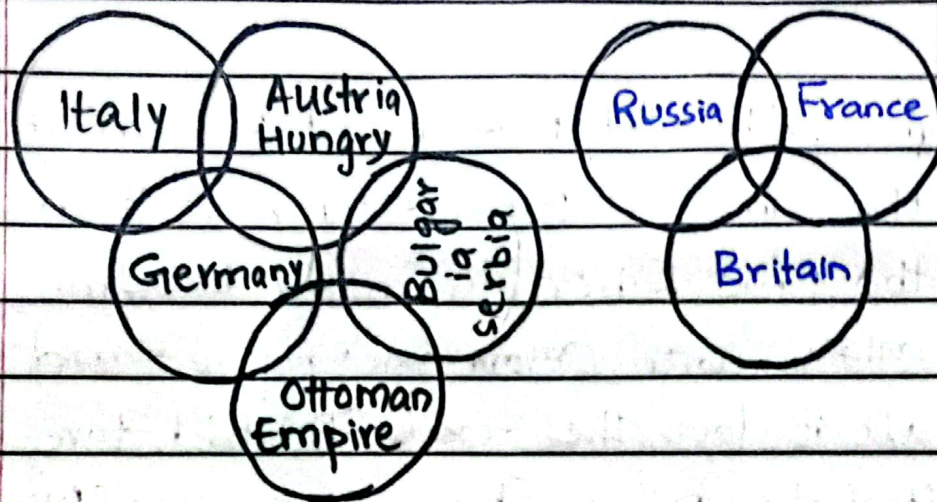
### 1. Introduction:

The Khilafat Movement began at the time of World War I. It was the time when Germany became allied with Ottoman Empire and as it lost the war, the British tore it into pieces. The religious affiliation of Muslims with the Islamic Khilafat history led to Khilafat Movement, which was criticized as being emotional and useless in the long run.

### 2. The Background of the Khilafat Movement:

In the World War I, Ottoman Empire allied with Germany. If Germany loses, Turkey or the Ottomans would also suffer as a result of it. On the other hand, Russia and

Europe were the allies of Christians.  
They were incited ~~to~~ ~~by~~ against Turks  
in the Ottoman Empire.



Under these alliances, the countries  
jumped in the World War I. British  
assured Muslims of Turkish sovereignty.  
Muslims also had ~~the~~ deep-rooted  
devotion with Caliphate; Muslim  
respect for Holy Institutes due to  
Islamic Khilafat history.

The results of World War I proved  
to be disastrous for Muslims, where  
Europe waged a Crusade against  
Turkey to dislodge it from Europe.  
As a result, British tore the empire  
into pieces and a wave of anger  
followed.

## Onset of Khilafat Movement:

As Indian Muslims were in favour of Turkey, they heavily grieved over its loss. Moreover, the British also set their promises ablaze and destroyed the place. Muslims were deeply afflicted with due to the religious ~~and~~ sentiment.

A Khilafat committee formed that was headed by A.K. Fazlul Haq, to seek cooperation from non-Muslims as well.

Massive protests were waged out as Muslims got impuriated against the British, as they started supporting the enemies of Islam.

## Khilafat Movement and the Struggles of Muslims:

British rejected the Muslim concept of Khilafat and the non-cooperation Movement ~~of~~ started by Muslims. ~~Muslims~~ A Hijrat Movement launched, where Muslims have to

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migrate towards Kabul in massive numbers. But after a considerable number of people, Kabul banned the Muslims to enter in Afghanistan. Moreover, Muslims faced imprisonments by British. The ~~Gov~~ government also posed ban on the Khilafat committee. Muslims had to face severe consequences due to this Khilafat Movement.

**The End of Khilafat Movement:**  
Gandhi also discontinued the non-cooperation Movement. In Turkey, the arrival of Kamal Atta Turk proved to be the ~~last~~ end to Khilafat Movement, where he set up democratic government in Turkey.

**The entitlement of 'Emotional' movement to Khilafat Movement:**  
The Khilafat Movement was regarded as a useless movement

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by many Indians. Furthermore, the critics regard it as an 'emotional' move. This is because they are of the opinion that Muslims gained nothing except misery & due to this. Muslims faced British agitation, refusal from Kabul and imprisonments. They ~~had to~~ were fighting for a country and a cause whose fate was unknown to them. In this case, they lost ties with their government and could not do anything when Kamal Atta Turk abolished Khilafat in Turkey.

### The counter-narrative regarding Khilafat struggle:

Muslims, on the other hand, considered Khilafat Movement to be a preamble to Pakistan Movement. This is because they got to understand through this that they ~~would~~ <sup>could</sup> not rely <sup>on</sup> British in any matter. \* Also, the Turks regarded this

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movement and the struggle of Indian Muslims as a path towards national freedom. Ulema considered its supremacy of Islamic law. It aroused political consciousness and gave identity to Muslims, to break the chains of slavery.

### 5. Conclusion:

Khilafat Movement started with the propagation of religious affiliation of Muslims. It was torn apart by the British government at the end of World War I and it enraged Muslims. As a result Muslims had to face different hardships. But the critics view it under the lens of an emotional move, triggered for an unknown cause. The counter argument also makes this movement beneficial in Muslim struggle but it knelt no benefit to Muslims practically.

