

Muslims in Seychelles - A Historical Appraisal of their Legacy

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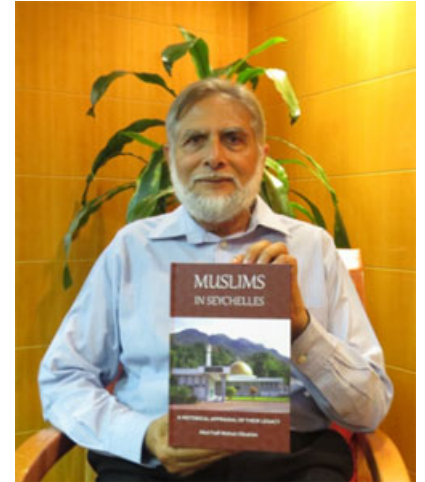
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Muslims in Seychelles is a fascinating account of the history of Seychelles, taking the reader back in time when the Arabs and pirates used to frequent the islands, the French established a settlement, the British annexed the islands, the road to independence, the period during independence, the coup d'état, introduction of a one-party state and re-introduction of a multi-party democracy.

Throughout its history, Seychelles received several prominent Muslim leaders who arrived for a life in exile – the Sultan of Perak and his family from Malaysia, the Sultan of Zanzibar, the former Prime Minister of Egypt, Sa'd Zaghlul, as well as Abdullah Afif Didi and his family from the Maldives, and others.

In so far as the Seychellois Muslims are concerned, they have been apolitical and a few of them were detained post the coup d'état. The book has succeeded in recording their harrowing stories for posterity. The book also succinctly portrays the consolidation of Islam in Seychelles and how Islam has managed to become vibrant in a country which is predominantly Christian.

The Foreword to this book is written by the late Sir James Mancham, the founding President of the Republic of Seychelles.



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