

## **A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE PRE-ISLAMIC ARABS' JUDICIARY IN THE LIGHT OF ISLAMIC SHARIA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The society of Arabs, before Islam, can be divided into two major groups, the Urbanites who led a semi-civilized life in cities like Makkah and Madina, and the Rurals, who lived nomadic and uncivilized life in other parts of Arabia. However, there was no government or ruling power to control the whole peninsula. It hits the mind of a reader that how the Arabs could overcome the disputes which were sure in the absence of government. But he is certainly taken aback when he reads that despite their ignorance and illiteracy they succeeded to remove their grievances and quarrels by adopting some simple and easy methods. This paper attempts to give a brief account of the methods for the system of judiciary adopted by the Arabs before Islam, and to discuss their validity according to Islamic Sharia.