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## ABSTRACT

The term “missionary” for many years has been related to Christianity and its activities. However, the word missionary is derived from the root word mission which means, an important task that people are given to do especial one that involves travelling to another county. In Islam a similar word is there in Arabic Language known as “*Da’wah*” which means calling peoples towards the word of God. Islam being one of the missionary religions, the concept of missionary activities or *Da’wah* activities is not a new phenomenon.

Consequently, this study shall discuss; “*Islamic Da’wah and Missionary Enterprise in Kenyan Coast (Mombasa, Malindi and Lamu Districts) 1895-2005 Comparative Study.*” In this study, Coast province is chosen purposely because of the following: it was the first place where both faiths stopped over. Coast was and still is the gateway of Kenya to the world by sea. The region is also predominantly Muslim area. It is the most wanted region by the Missionary Enterprise. The year 1895 was deliberately selected because it was the time when the colonial rule established itself and made the East African region its protectorate. Under the colonial government, the Christian missionaries got a considerable support. *Mombasa, Malindi and Lamu* towns were the first city states established by Muslims in their early days and the first to be affected by the Christian mission.

This study shall therefore consist of six chapters, under each chapter there shall be sub-topics. Then there shall be a declaration, abbreviations, table of contents, conclusion, Bibliography and Appendixes. Chapter One; *Introduction*. Chapter two; *An overview of Islam in East African Coast*. Chapter three; *Christianity in Kenyan Coast 1498-1889*. Chapter four; *The Struggle of Kenyan Muslims against the Colonial Regime and Christian Church*. Chapter five; *The Impact of Islamic Da’wah and Missionary Works on Mombasa, Malindi and Lamu Districts*. Chapter six; *The Anti-Islamic Policy of Kenya Government*.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

- (ACPK):** Anglican Church of the Province of Kenya
- (ACM):** African Church Mission
- (ACM - FTT):** Africa Centre for Missions Finish the Task
- (APHIA):** AIDS, Population and Health Integrated Assistance Programme
- (A.H):** After *Hijrah*.(Migration of the Prophet from *Makkah* to *Madinah*)
- (A.S):** *Alayhumu-s-Salaam* (Peace be upon them or peace be upon him)
- (BMS):** Baptist Missionary Society
- (CMS):** Christian Missionary Society
- (COMESA):** Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa countries
- (C.E):** Common Era
- (CMS):** Church Missionary Society
- (D.C):** District Commissioner
- (EAMWS):** East African Muslim Welfare Society
- (FBI):** Federal Bureau of Investigation
- (FTT):** Finish The Task
- (HGM):** Holy Ghost Mission
- (IPK):** Islamic Party of Kenya
- (IUA):** International University of Africa
- (KADU):** Kenyan African Democratic Union
- (KAU):** Kenyan African Union
- (KANU):** Kenyan African National Union
- (NCCK):** National Council of Churches of Kenya
- (P.C):** Provincial Commissioner

**(PCEA):** Presbyterian Church of East Africa

**(R.A):** *Radhi-Allahu 'Anhu* (May Allah be pleased with him).

**(S.W):** *Subhanhu wa Ta'ala* (The Glorified Exalted).

**(S.A.W):** *Salla-Allahu 'Alayhi Wa Sallam* (Peace and blessing of Allah be upon him).

**(SDA):** Seventh Day Adventist

**(STD):** Sexual Transmitted Diseases

**(TAA):** Tanzania African Association

**(UAE):** United Arab Emirate

**(UNG):** Unreached People Group

**(UPC):** Uganda People Congress

**(IBEA):** Imperial British East Africa Company

**(IET):** Islamic Education Trust

**(IRE):** Islamic Religious Education

**(IRET):** Islamic Research and Education Trust

**(IUA):** International University of Africa

**(LMS):** London Missionary Societies

**(MEWA)** Mombasa Educational Welfare Association

**(PBUH):** Peace be upon him

**(SMS):** Scottish Missionary Societies

**(UN):** United Nation

**(USA):** United State of America

**(WAMY):** World Assemble of Muslim Youth