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One Community Two Nations:
Indian Muslims in the 1940s

by

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The Topic: In 1947, India was partitioned into two nations supposedly belonging to the two religious communities: the Hindus and the Muslims. However, what is not taken into account is that the Muslims themselves were divided into two nations to be addressed as the Pakistanis and the Indians. The paper presents the story of conflict and churning within the community: the demand for Pakistan championed by the Muslim League which was subtly supported by the British, and its resistance by the other Muslims.

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