

## **An inscription that sheds new lights on the Hijaz railway “Study and Publication ”**

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### **Abstract:**

Previous studies of the Hijaz railways showed that, none of the researchers paid any interest to the inscriptions on the bars.

So it's really important to study this issue as they focused on the political, military, Geographical aspects. They paid a great interest to the vehicles, train vehicles, stops, memorial medals; scholars but they omitted the important inscriptions of Hijaz railways. The text on railways bars, shows without any doubt that Sultan Abdul Hamid II had performed this huge historical work. This has been proven through the written texts such as the text in this study, which was neglected by previous studies. The research will study this text through the form and the content, then the date of this piece of bars and stands on its location from the railway, and stands on the wisdom of implementing Such a written inscription with this part of the iron bars.

**Key words:** bars - railway - Hijaz – ottoman.

### **Research aims:**

- 1- There is no specialized study that dealt with the inscription written on the Hejaz railway tracks, and all previous studies concerned the economic, political, military, geographic, and historical aspects of train cars, station buildings, and memorial medals related to the Hejaz railway.
- 2- The publication of this inscription and dating the railway bars specifically is first published.

### **Research Methodology:**

The study relied on the descriptive and analytical method.

### **Search limits:**

The research is limited to studying this piece of the Hijaz railway bars and their dating, and studying the written inscription on it and its content.

### **Results:**

- The study published the inscription of the Hejaz railway for the first time.

The study dated this piece of Hejaz railway track between 1903-1904 A. D.

- The study determined that the inscription is written in Thuluth script.

- The study revealed the group of titles given to Sultan Abdul Hamid II, which is Maulana, Amir al-Mu'minin, Sultan, Ghazi, Khan.
- The study showed that Sultan Abdul Hamid II was interested in writing his name on the railway tracks to reserve his right to return credit to him for constructing the Hejaz railway.
- The study revealed the method of implementing the writings on the steel rods.
- The study showed how the writer implemented the written space despite the hardness of the railway tracks.
- The study reached the uniqueness of the inscription with a propaganda phrase that may not have been written before on the Ottoman buildings and monuments, which is "Azzaho Nasrah".

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