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## Military Timar in Palestine in Early Ottoman Palestine

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### ABSTRACT

This article deals with military feudalism (the *timar* system) in Palestine during the 10<sup>th</sup> H./16<sup>th</sup> A.D. century. It had first appeared in the Buwayhid period and continued under the Saljuqs, Mamluks and Ottomans. The article clarifies the types of *timar*: the *khass al-hamayuni* (private income of the sultan), the *khass amir al-umara* (private income of the chief commander), the *zi'amet* and the *timar* and distinguishes the fees and taxes that the *timar* holder collected: the *'ushr*, the *kharaj* and the fees on the number of sheep, and the *badhuwa*, the *jizyah*, *hisbah* and *'urfi* fees.

The regulations for the *timars*, the method of distribution, the officials responsible and the problems that they faced, whether related to the *sipahis* or the peasants and the ways by which the *sipahis* managed their *timars* and the methods that they followed to collect their dues and the social and economic consequences that resulted from its performance, especially on the *sipahis*, some of whom became rich and the peasants whose condition worsened due to what they had to pay to the *timar* holders.

**Keywords:** Timar, Kharaj, 'Ushr, Sipahi, Zi'amet, Khass.

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