ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This study owes to a number of intellectuals, who from time to time assisted encouraged and guided me notwithstanding their busy schedules. Of all, I am highly indebted to my supervisor, Dr. B. Rahamathulla, for his painstaking guidance, assistance and co-operation in my research. Without his help and supervision this study would not have been completed. I am equally grateful to Professor A.P. Sharma, Chairman of the Department of Political Science and Professor Mahmudul Haq, Director, Center of West Asian Studies, for their kind co-operation and encouragement. I would like to record my sincere thanks to the staff of Center of West Asian Studies, Maulana Azad Library, Aligarh Muslim University, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Indian Council of World Affairs, American Center, New Delhi and my colleagues, Mahboob A. Neyazi, Masroor A. Neyazi, Shahid Imam, Sajid Bin Ali, Qazi Mohammad Jamshed, S. Farooq Azam, Danish Mooin and Hakimuddin for their moral encouragement and active assistance. I would, particularly acknowledge the help of Dr. Mohammad Yusuf Khan, Lecturer, Department of Arabic, Aligarh Muslim University, for having translated some of the Arabic newspapers which later on became an integral part of some of the chapters of my thesis. I gratefully acknowledge the financial assistance and moral support given by my father, Kamal Ashraf, my mother, Zubaida Kamal, my uncle, Dr. Kamal Arshad and
aunt, Zaibun Nisa Arshad. Finally, my wife Saira deserves a
great debt of gratitude for having endured my long absence and
extending moral support while I was pre-occupied in writing
this thesis. I wish to record my sincere thanks to S.M. Qamar
Alam for having typed the manuscript in time.