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Traditions of the Prophet (peace be upon him)

Several Cures for Anger from the Sunnah:

1. To say "Audhu billahi minashaytan nirajim." [Bukhari, Muslim]

2. If he is standing, then he should sit. If the anger fails to subside, then he should lie down. [Abu Dawood]

3. A person should remain silent. [Imam Ahmad]

4. Make wudhu. [Abu Dawood]

5. Make ghusl [Abu Nuaim]



[Hundreds of Mujahideen fighters in Somalia paraded in the streets of Mogadishu after completing the Harakat ash-Shabaab al Mujahideen training course]



[Sheikh Anwar al-Awlaqi tells a Yemeni journalist that he is alive after the Yemeni Government and the Americans claimed that he was killed]

# A Glimse into the lives of the Women Companions

By: Umm-Muhammad

# AN ARMY WILL SAIL ON THE SEA AS A KING SITS ON HIS THRONE'.

**UMM HARAM ASKED IF SHE** WOULD BE ONE AMONG THEM.THE PROPHET [S.A.W] **ANSWERED THAT SHE** WOULD BE ONE OF THE FOREMOST AMONG THEM... came from رضيا اللعنها came from a noble family. Her sister was the mother of Anas bin malik[r.a].Her two brothers, Haram bin malhan and Saleem bin malhan, took part in the battles of badr and uhud. Her husband was Amr bin gais bin zaid, and her son was. Qais bin amr bin gais [r.a] -two eminent companions the prophet [s.a.w] who was martyred in the battle of badr. After her husband's death she married Obadah bin saamit [r.a], a distinguished general of the Muslim army.

Generosity, benevolence and the

spirit of sacrifice were an innate part of this noble lady's character. Her ambition was to be martyred in jihad, and in pursuit of this consuming desire she left no stone unturned. She lived on the outskirts of al-madina, in the small town of quba. When the prophet [s.a.w] migrated to Al-Madina; he stopped at Quba to rest before proceeding. She was the first among the ansar woman to accept Islam, and to announce it, and she did so before the migration of the prophet [s.a.w] Umm haram was a very wise and god fearing, just and pious person. She held a high position among the woman of the ansar. The prophet [s.a.w] would often visit her house and rest there if he was tired. Whenever the prophet [s.a.w] stopped at her place, she felt grateful for his presence and she considered serving him to be the greatest honor.

Traditions attributed to umm haram [r.a] have been quoted by such noteworthy sahabah of the prophet [s.a.w] as obadah bin samit, anas bin malik, omair bin aswad, ata bin yasar and ya'li bin shaddad bin aws] Jr.a]. The feelings of love and respect were eminent in the heart of umm haram [r.a].Whenever the prophet [s.a.w] visited either her home, or the home of her sister, their happiness knew no bounds. She would prepare special delicacies for him and arrange a comfortable bed for him to rest. The atmosphere was such that the prophet [s.a.w] too would feel peace and joy when he stopped at her house. When asked if there was a special reason why he visited her home so often, he replied that he felt a great sense of pity for the family ever since he saw her two brothers being martyred in the battle of Bi'r' ma'oonah.Ever since then he said he visited her to see to her needs and comfort her. The ansar were noted for their spirit of sacrifice, generosity and hospitality, and umm haram [r.a] was an embodiment of this spirit. This spirit is glorified in the words of the noble guraan."And those who before them[emigrants],had homes[in madinah] and had adopted the faith, love those who emigrate to them, and have no jealousy in their breasts for that

which they have been given, and give them[emigrants]preference over themselves even though they were in need of that. And whosoever is saved from his own covetousness. such are they who will be successful". [59:9] Allah was so pleased with the sympathy, generosity, and sacrifice displayed by the ansar for the emigrants of makkah, that Allah immortalized their selfless character in the guraan. There was no difference between men and woman in this display of selflessness. And it seemed umm haram was blessed in more ways with this typical generosity of spirit. The family was fortunate to have the blessings of the prophet [s.a.w].what more can one ask for in this world? When he passed away he was very happy with her for the exceptional services she rendered.

During the caliphate of Uthman bin affan, intheyear 27<sup>th</sup> afterhijra, Mu'aawiyah bin abu sufyan [r.a] was given permission to conquer the island of Cyprus. To reach there a naval force was readied. This was the first time in Islamic history that such a measure was undertaken.Obadah bin samit [r.a] was accompanied by his wife umm haram [r.a].Accompanying the general Mu'aawiya was his wifeFakhtah bin qurdah[r.a].

Omair bin aswad 'ansi writes that he visited obadah [r.a] who was staying in the coastal area of Hamas.He met umm haram [r.a] who told him that the prophet [s.a.w] told her that some of his people would journey on the sea for the purpose of Jihad. She asked him to pray that she would be among them, and he replied in the affirmative. She was really elated at this because it was her earnest desire to take part in Jihad. By the grace of Allah the muslims were victorious .After her journey by sea umm haram [r.a]got onto her mule to travel on land, but unfortunately the mule aot frightened of something and she fell down.She sustained severe neck injury that cost her her life. Thus she attained the martyrdom she always desired. She was buried in Cyprus. Umm haram is that fortunate sahabiya who took part in this naval venture and attained martyrdom, and proved herself worthy of the blessed tidings of the prophet [s.a.w] about her place in jannah.

She lived her life as a praiseworthy lady in this world and attained the best end to a well-lived life as a martyr of the first naval venture of Islam.

She sacrificed her life in order to nourish the truth, and also to earn the rewards of the hereafter.it is about people like these that Allah says:"verily,Allah has purchased the lives of the believers and their propertiesfor[the price] that theirs shall be the paradise.They fight in Allah's cause ,so they kill and are killed.It is promise in truth which is binding on him in the taurat and the injeel and the quraan.And who is truer to his covenant than Allah?Then rejoice in the bargain that you have concluded.That is the supreme success."[9:111]. MAY ALLAH ACCEPT ALL OUR EFFORTS AMEEN...



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# THE ACQUISITION OF KNOWLEDGE IN ISLAM

# BY UMM-AMMAARAH

**ALLAH SAYS: "ALLAH RAISES IN RANKS** THOSE WHO BELIEVE AMONG YOU AND THOSE WHO HAVE **BEEN GIVEN KNOWLEDGE.**" That is, Allah elevates the rank of those who have brought Iman among you. And that is, they have completed their Iman by doing good deeds and following the laws of Allah. It should be noted that whenever the guraan and ahadith mention any virtue of bringing iman, they refer to *complete* Iman. He also elevates the rank of those who have been given knowledge over those who have not being given knowledge. Here the lofty status of the knowledgeable has been established from the holy guraan. First he praised those who have brought faith. Thereafter, he

specifically mentions the people of knowledge and says that they have very high status. Given knowledge over those who have not being given knowledge. Here the lofty status of the knowledgeable has been established from the holy quraan. First he praised those who have brought faith. Thereafter, he specifically mentions the people of knowledge and says that they have very high status. And when Allah Ta'ala says that a particular person is of a high rank, how great that person must be!

In another verse of the Quraan Allah says: "Say, [O Muhammad!], are those who know equal to those who know not?". Here the question is used for negation. That is, those who have attained knowledge are much higher than those who have not. Therefore, much knowledge of the religion of Islam ,as would purify and strengthen a person's Iman, is obligatory for every believer. When a servant of Allah has entirely submitted himself to Allah, and has promised to observe his commandments, then it is indispensible for him to know all his commandments and the method of worship.

So he should have proper knowledge of how to perform the prayers, Jihad, fasting, zakaat, hajj, mutual dealings in everyday life and basically, the Islamic way of living. Every muslim should know these basic things about Islam, the ignorance of which he is likely to commit sins, and when he has knowledge of these things, he must observe them in a practical form, for it is mentioned in a hadih, "Verily, the worst punishment of Allah will be inflicted on those on the day of Judgment, who have been scholars of Islam, but did not practice it themselves".

It is related in a hadith that Rasulallah [sallallahu alaihi wasallam] has said, "Whoever left his home for the sake of knowledge, he will be honoured as one, who has entirely devoted himself to

# Allah."

It is mentioned in another hadith that when a person dies, his deeds are cut off, except the reward of three deeds: [1] sadaga-al-jariyah [continuous charity]-example endowing a property, building, well, musid etc in the name of Allah.[2] Knowledge which benefits the people example teaching, writing books,etc.[3] A pious child that makes dua for the deceased. [muslim]. It is related in a sahih hadith that Rasulallah [sallallahu alaihi wasallam] said: "Whoever conveys forty ahadeeth to my ummah, I will make a special intercession for him on the day of judgement [jaami-as-sagheer]. It is also mentioned in another hadith: "Wayl is for the person who has no knowledge".[Wayl- the name of a pit in hell as has been mentioned in another hadith]. In other words the abode of a jaahil (ignorant person) is hell because very seldom does a iaahil die with Iman.

It is reported in a hadith that if an aalim (knowledgeable person) is asked a question, and he conceals it without a valid reason, then he will be made to wear a necklace of fire on the day of resurrection [Mishkat] Here it refers to knowledge whose exposition is necessary .To be miserly with knowledge without a

valid Shari`ah reason, irrespective of whether its exposition is obligatory or preferable (Mustahab), is extremely disgraceful.

O my Muslim brothers and sisters! Ponder a little and save yourselves and your children from the darkness of ignorance and confine yourselves to the commandments of Allah. When a person devotes himself to Allah, then Allah loves and helps him in many ways. All favours can only be obtained by obeying him. These days , the ways of thinking have become so corrupt that religious education is regarded as a drawback and defect. And it is said that by acquiring religious education, what can one achieve besides poverty? Western culture, western ways of thinking, following the footsteps of the kuffar –all these things have become a source of pride and honour and regarded as progress. In actual fact these are the things that cause the wrath of Allah to descend daily. At times there is a plaque, a flood, poverty and anxieties. These are only the difficulties of this world. As for the punishment of the hereafter, it will be multiplied manifold. May Allah have mercy on the Muslims.

We do not mean that worldly knowledge should not be acquired, or that a profession or business should be abandoned. What is meant is that do not remain ignorant of deen. Following shariah without knowledge is impossible. This world is a place of trials. The actual abode is the hereafter and it is there that a person will live forever. It is necessary to make preparations inhabiting that world, as for this world live in it as you would stay in a hotel.

Save yourselves and your children from the darkness of western culture. This apparent light of western culture is actually very dark and would destroy ones belief. When a person holds on tight to his Iman (belief), he gets the world submissive to him, and he in turn does not pay attention to it-as has been mentioned in a hadith. Abdullah ibn Abbas [radhi Allahu anhu] narrates that Allah gave Prophet Sulaiman (alaihis salaam) to choose between knowledge and kingship. He chose knowledge. Allah gave him knowledge and kingship as well. And he gave him such a kingdom that it became a proverb-when a person wants to exalt a kingdom, he refers to it as Mulk-as-sulaymani [the kingdom of Sulaiman]. no one will receive a kingdom like his right until the day of Judgment, and no one before Sulaiman (alaihis salaam) received such a kingdom. It is obvious that

the mastery of Sulaiman (alaihis salaam) over the world was through the blessings of religion-that he gave preference to knowledge over kingship.

MAY ALLAH MAKE US STEADFAST ON THE RIGHT PATH, AND GRANT US ALL THE TAWFEEQ TO CARRY OUT GOOD ACTIONS.AMEEN...











Narrated Aqbah bin Amir al juhani[Mat Allah be pleased with him]: Y heard Allah's messenger [Peace be upon him] saying: Allah will admit three persons to paradise for One arrow; the maker who has a good motive in making it, the one who shoots it, and the one who hands it up off shooting. So shoot and ride, but Y like your shooting more than your riding. Se, who gives up archery after becoming adept in it for lack of interest, neglects a [great] blessing.''[Or said]' one who does so is ungrateful.''[ABN DAWID]

**Commentary:** This hadith highlights the importance and preparation for war against the enemy. Arrow has been used here as a symbol. In modern times, a Muslim who manufactures war weapons with the intention that he will use them for jihad, he will get a reward for it along with all those who in some way co-operate with him in manu-

facturing them. Instead of archery and horse-riding, Muslims should now get the

training of handling modern military weapons and they should beware of forgetting it because if they forget after learning it, the warning contained in this hadith will also apply to them. [*R*iyaadh-us-saliheen]

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# EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH A MUJAHID OF THE TAREEK-E-TALIBAN IN SWAT

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# **Iosul Media**

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present an exclusive English language interview with a Mujahid of the Tehrik-e-Taliban in the Swat Valley, may Allah protect him.

In the name of Allah the most Gracious, the most merciful

Praise be to Allah Subhana wa Ta'ala, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the Worlds, and may the peace and Blessings of Allah be upon the noble prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions, and all of those who follow in his example until the Day of Judgement.

# To begin:

Q:What is the goal of Jihad in Pakistan?

A: The main goals of Jihad in Pakistan are bringing the Rule of Allah (swt) to this land and breaking the Pak-US alliance. Pakistan was created in the name of Islam and is the outcome of hundreds of thousands shuhada who sacrificed their lives on the slogan "What is the meaning of Pakistan- There is no God but Allah. But despite the lapse of sixty years, the people here are subjected to obey the brutal man-made laws, which is not acceptable to us. The government and military have always tried to make Pakistan a secular state and have crushed every voice for implementation of Sharia. The Tehrik-e-Nifaz-Shariat-e-Muhammadi (TNSM) in Malakand and the movement of Lal Masjid in Islamabad were peaceful movements but the rulers crushed these movements with force so the mujahideen stood against these rulers in accordance with Islamic rulings of Ulama and are now waging Jihad to achieve this goal.

As far the Pak-US alliance is concerned, it is not only clear kufr but also the most dangerous move against re-establishment of Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan. Islamic Emirate had warned the neighbor countries against aliening with the crusaders but the Pakistan army and government did not cared and inflicted deep wounds on mujahideen. Pakistan went so deep in service of crusaders that it captured not only the muhajireen but also its own citizens and sold them the US for few dollars. Also Pakistani military launched operation against those who were helping the Afghan Jihad so these acts compelled the mujahideen to wage a defensive jihad against these murtadeen.

Q: Why did you decide to join the

# Taliban movement in Swat?

A: Basically I am from Malakand division and am very close to Swat valley and before the start of Jihad in Swat I was associated with the Taliban in Afghanistan, but when the war started in Swat I came back to my area to witness this Jihad. And Alhamdullillah I found them that their only goal is to implement the Rule of Allah (swt) on His land and their Jihad is under the supervision of pious scholars of the time, so I decided to join this movement.

Q: Could you tell us, dear brother, what the current situation is in the Swat Valley? Are there still active combat operations being carried out by the Mujahideen?

A: The military and government of Pakistan broke its peace deal and in April 2009, they launched a big offensive against the mujahideen not only in Swat valley but other districts of Malakand division which includes Buner, Dir (Lower), Dir (Upper) and Malakand Agency. The Air Force of Pakistan admitted that it was its biggest operation in its history. They bombed these areas inch by inch. The Mujahideen first offered stiff resistance to the ground offensive but later they decided to wage a guerilla-warfare, so they withdrew from the cities and towns and started guerrilla style war against the security forces. Now the security forces are in virtual control of the towns but Alhamdullillah most of the mujahideen are safe and preparing for the spring offensive inshallah. The security forces have compelled the local population to make Iraq's Sahwa-styled tribal Lashkars against the mujahideen. They have asked the people that those who do not participate in these lashkars, they will be considered as Taliban and their houses will be demolished. Apart from this, they have arrested thousands of innocent people and the relatives of Taliban and whenever the mujahideen attack the security forces they killed these innocent people and drop their bodies in squires and then tells the media that these are the bodies of Taliban who were killed in gun battles. In this way they have so far killed about 1200 innocent people. In fact pre-judicial killings of prisoners, scholars, and relatives of Taliban is a routine there but despite these brutalities the mujahideen still have kept the front warm.

A: Is the TTP-Swat Organization still Intact in the Swat Valley? Why has Mullah Fazlullah (Hafidhahullah) gone to Afghanistan, as he has recently disclosed?

Q: Alhamdulilah the mujahideen are still intact in Swat and they are present in mountainous villages of the valley. They are carrying out some successful operations against murtadeen. The recent assassination of Dr. Shamsher Ali (MP from Swat),

IED attacks, and ambushes are its examples. You will ask me that why it not been reported in the media so the media is totally serving the murtadeen and they only rely on the press releases of ISPR. As far Maulana Fazlullah (Hafizahullah), he went to Afghanistan for preparations and consultations. This has also disclosed the fact of claims of army that they have surrounded Maulana Fazlullah (Hafizahullah) and will soon capture him.

Q: As you know, the Pakistani security forces claim to have killed more than 2000 mujahideen and captured many more in their Swat Offensive. What is the reality in regard to these claims?

A: These are all false claims of Pakistan army. I will tell you that after 3 months of fighting, when we were offering them resistance, the total number of our Shuhada was less than hundred. But when we decided to leave the cities and towns they started to capture and kill our relatives and other innocent people in various charges and this way now the total number of shuhada in this offensive is about 1200. I would also like to mention that these murtadeen have no rule or law. They have even killed the old prisoners who were detained for more than 2 years. Similarly they brought several prisoners from **Bajaur**, Mohmand and other areas and dropped their dead bodies in Swat to show that they have killed these people in combat operations in Swat. Recently when Dr. Shamsher Ali was killed they have dropped dead bodies of 150 prisoners. Apart from this, they have destroyed the houses, in which too, most of the people affected were innocent.

Q: By your own estimate, how many casualties have the Pakistani Security Forces taken in the Swat Valley and adjacent regions?

A: I will give you the example of my own unit, which consisted of just 15 Taliban (we kept the number small because of the situation). In 4 months of fierce battles, ambushes, IEDs, we were able, with the help of Allah (swt), to kill more than 450

soldiers. We tried our best to be precise with our estimate of their causalities. In one ambush we estimated 25 soldiers killed and 60 injured, however when we captured a spy from that convoy few days later, he admitted that 61 soldiers were killed and the rest of them were injured. So my estimate of security forces causalities in this offensive through out Malakand division is around 4000 soldiers killed and by the help of Allah (swt), this includes a lot of officers.

Q: Mullah Fazlullah has promised an upcoming military offensive in the Swat Valley. Are the mujahideen actively preparing for this offensive, and if so, do you think that it will be successful?

A: The army has committed unforgivable crimes in the whole region. I am unable to tell you all of their brutalities here. So if we sit in our homes and forget these crimes then definitely Allah (swt) will punish us. And our aim to establish the writ of Allah (swt) on His land will be unaccomplished. That is why the mujahideen are in preparations for the upcoming offensive and we hope Allah (swt) will make it successful. Take the example of army offensive in December 2007, the army was able at that time to take control of Swat valley but when

the mujahideen returned with pure hearts alhamdullillah they were successful in just 6 months time and the army in Swat was surrounded from all sides. So this time too, if we try our best with pure hearts we hope Allah (swt) will make our offensive a success inshallah.

Q: What is the level of American involvement in these Pakistani Army Offensives?

A: It will be more appropriate if we say that Pakistani army is fighting this war for the US. The interest of US in Malakand division is oblivious from the visits of all high ups of US Army officers, ambassadors to the region. The missiles, the helicopters and other equipments used by the army in this war were all provided by the US. The systems which recorded our phone calls, the spy planes were all Americans. And when we made a peace deal with the government, the US was crying and was pressurizing the government to break this deal and the army offensive started on the same day when Zardari was meeting Obama in Washington. So we have no doubt in it that it is an American war being imposed on us.

Q: Could you tell us about the

relationship between the Tehrik-e-Taliban in Swat and the Tehrik-e-Nafaz-e-Shariat-e-Mohammadi?

A: Terik-e-Taliban (TTP) Swat and Tehrik-e-Nafaz-e-Shariat-e-Mohammadi (TNSM) are separate movements. Both have the same end in mind but have different ways for achieving the goal. TNSM have sacrificed a lot for implementation of Sharia but they believe in peaceful means. On the other hand TTP Swat believes in Jihad. The reason why TTP and TNSM looks like same movement is that most of the members of TTP were previously members of TNSM.

Q: What is the relationship between the Tehrik-e-Taliban in Pakistan and the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan?

A: It is just the media that is trying to differentiate between the two movements, which are really the same movement in two different countries. We both are actively engaged in liberating Afghanistan from the invaders and both have the same Amir. In fact, that why the US is pressuring Pakistan to take action against us is because of our countless sacrifices in Afghanistan.

Q: What is the relationship between the Tehrik-e-Taliban and the groups led by Hafiz Gul Bahadar and

# Mullah Nazir?

A: The relations between these groups and TTP are perfect, praise be to Allah. I will refrain myself from telling what we have done for each other, but these groups are sincere about Jihad and have done much to work towards unifying the mujahideen.

Q: What is the relationship between the TTP and the mujahideen of the Al-Qa'idah Organization and other groups such as the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, and the Lashkar-e-Jhangvi?

I will tell you that the program of TTP is expelling the invaders from Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, implementation of Sharia in Pakistan and fighting defensive Jihad against the brutalities of Pakistan security forces. So the TTP always maintain good ties and help all those who have the same cause no matter from where that group or organization belongs.

Q: Does the TTP have any contacts with Mujahideen groups from outside of Pakistan (such as the Islamic State of Iraq and the Islamic Emirate of the Caucasus or other groups?)

A: TTP supports Jihad against every

oppressor of the world and supports the struggle of oppressed people against the aggressors. Regarding any contacts, I would tell you they have indirect contact with each other. All brothers in our ranks have the desire to help the mujahideen brother in Iraq etc and some of our brothers were able to reach Iraq.

Q: Was the decision to appoint Hakimullah Mehsud the successor to Emir Baitullah (May Allah have mercy upon him) widely accepted amongst the TTP?

A: This decision was made by the 41 members of the Shura of the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) which represent Taliban groups from the entire region including Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and all have unanimously appointed Hakimullah Mehsud Amir of TTP. After the Shahadah of Amir Baitullah (May Allah have mercy upon him) the government and its agencies tried its best to ruin the movement by creating difference but praise be to Allah, the mujahideen remain united under the leadership of Amir Hakimullah (May Allah preserve him).

Q: What is the position of the Tehrik-e-Taliban in regards to the Shiites of Pakistan? A: Well, they are considered the enemies of Islam and Muslims. As you know we are fighting a defensive war in Pakistan that is why we have only revenged their brutalities. Last year they killed thousands of women, children and old men and they destroyed mosques and houses of the Sunnis of Kurram Agency, Hangu etc. TTP reacted timely not only in Kurram but elsewhere in Pakistan like D.I. Khan, Bhakkar etc and they were forced to make peace deals with Sunnis.

Q: What do you say to those who spread rumors and claim that the mujahideen in the Tribal areas are infiltrated by or supported by the Indian RAW or the Western Intelligence agencies?

A: This is not more than the propaganda of our enemies. The rulers and military of this country have sold this country for a few billion dollars and allowed US army, Black Water etc to do what they want in this country. The recent bombing of markets, mosques, universities in Peshawar, Lahore, and Islamabad is a clear example of this.

want to free our country not only from these foreign forces but also their allies here i.e. the government and military, so we are labeled as agents of RAW. Most of our members have fought India but never surrendered to them. On the other hand Pakistani army has not fought India for more than 2 months and after that they have either surrendered or withdrew from the borders. Now they are begging India for talks, those whose hands are red with the blood of Muslims of Kashmir and Gujarat. So who are Indian agents, we or the army and rulers?

Q: Finally, would you like to make any statements?

A: And to the army: You have chosen to stand up with the crusaders on the Day of Judgment, you have killed more Muslims than your other allies, but wait and inshallah you will have worse end than your allies. Remember that your allies will not help you when you will in the siege of mujahideen inshallah. Where is your claim of loving Pakistan when your generals have sold you and this soil for a few dollars? If today you refuse to fight Muslims, you will be our brothers but if you continue to be part of crusader alliance, then the mujahideen will never leave you to

rest. Inshallah soon you will find you homes, cantonments, etc unsafe for you. If you dream of crushing the mujahideen movement by force, then how can you do that when the US and NATO with more technology and money failed to do so?

I would like to ask the people of Pakistan to don't be silent spectators to the cruelties of this army. On October 8 2001 this army allowed US planes to bomb Islamic **Emirate of Afghanistan from its** soil. At that time you were silent spectators and Allah (swt) brought a severe earthquake on October 8 2005. Now if you are silent to the bloodshed of scholars and innocent people, Allah (swt) will never make your condition better. If today the target of this army is Malakand and tribal areas, tomorrow this army will kill your sons if the US ordered them so. So please wake up before this storm reaches your homes.

And Praise be to Allah, the lord of the heavens and earth.

# BATTLE GROUND IRAQ

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By Abu Tharef (May Allah protect him)



Ten years ago, when a Kafir thought of Iraq, the images may have come to his mind of a dictator tyrant and a humiliated barbaric people. That person may have thought these people should stay humiliated due to their barbaric and uncivilised nature. Governments of UK and USA thought of Iraq as their new colony they had in a post colonial era. All that mattered to them was oil, oil and oil as Madeline Albrights famous quote regarding the genocide she help commit in Iraq "(the price i.e. the starvation of a million plus children and other innocent civilians) I think it is worth it".

For some Muslim in stark contrast, the situation would have brought tears to their eyes. It would keep them awake at night in humble prayer for the deliverance of their brethren and their families. The saw an image of western dictator playing the role of the bad guy in the western media but they also saw their colonial master as the real perpetrators of the humiliation that

befell the land of the two rivers. They saw the children being starved in their dreams so they could not sleep. The saw the mothers giving birth to DU infected babies who were sentenced to death by America and United Kingdom sanctioned by United Nations before they even had a chance to come out of their mother's womb. Alhamdulillah USA and UK had known that they had lost favour of the ordinary Muslim to such an extent that in the case of Iraq they did not even bother to hide their shame of Iraq. Their thirst for blood was at its much before the blessed September 11 2001 raid of Manhattan and Washington as they had detailed plans for its invasion. Any intelligent person can come to the conclusion of their greedy nature as they began to attack Irag after the September attacks when their justification was built on lies and fear mongering.

# The Beginning

The beginning seemed like circus almost played between giant superpower and the insignificant Ba'athist regime that seemed more like spec of dust causing little or no hindrance to the advancement of the "coalition of the willing" towards Baghdad. The only hindrance they encountered were a unique band of muhaiirin covered in black that came from all over the world to aid the defenceless and to grab the opportunity to implement Shariah and the unique band of ansar that held on to Islam despite the prohibition of the despotic tyrant regime and sanction of the whole world. Indeed those who stood alone to defend the religion of Allah (swt) through their own hands which Allah (swt) bestowed upon them and to fulfil their duty towards their religion and their ummah at the time of hardship were indeed great and Allah (swt) did not make them sacrifice in vein inshaAllah.

# The formation of mulititude of Jamaah

Iraq since its beginning heralded dawn of a new era in its history. Not only did the initial Islamic resistance surprised many but it laid the seeds of honour and irrigated the land with all it had so that its foundation was strong and it would continue to grow. The heroics in Fallujah and the province of Qaim would be forever sung about and told to children and added to the collection of stories of the golden

age of Islam that fathers proudly recite to their children and their grand children. Men like Umar Hadeed and Shakhy Rushd are to be remembered may Allah accept them as shaheed, ameen. Many small groups began to form to organise their efforts in different parts of Iraq. Certain groups focused on certain methodologies of attack and specialised in using special equipment. Certain groups were affiliated with certain creed which mixed Islam with other creeds and many were upon correct Ageedah. Al Qaeda had also sent personnel to grab their chance to cause further blow the biggest enemy of Islam today i.e. America and its western allies.

The Revival of the Sunnah of **Slaughtering the Enemy** Among many revivalists and leaders of jihad in Iraq was the towering Imam al-Zargawi (ra) from Jordan. He had risen to prominence due to his dedication, hard work and sacrifice not only from himself but also from his group which sought tirelessly to seek out the enemy and to humiliate it for entering upon the abode of peaceful Muslims. At dark stage of the invasion when people were still seeking shelter under the banner of humanism and nationalism, his group and he personally himself revived the

sunnah of slaughtering the enemy in order to strike fear in its heart with the release of video of slaughter of an American Jewish spy Nick Berg on May 2004. This Sunnah was not only done as a single event but since the resistance was on the backfoot and had Muslims had suffered from a siege as well as the humiliation of being imprisoned in the merciless dungeons of the enemies of Allah (swt), the sunnah was revived and it was repeated as it could be repeated to humiliate the Kufar and traitor apostates as they deserved such humiliation. During his time before his shahadah in June 2006 he had started efforts to unite many of the Jamaah resisting the occupation of Irag solely on the banner of Shariah and he shunned any nationalist or batil jamaah which were present at the time.

# The Start of Unification of the many Jamaah

As these groups gained success and grew bolder in their strikes and expanded their operational areas, there became a need for rationalising these groups. Mergers and unification started early in the Iraqi battlefield. This was initially done adhoc. However the enemies of Islam have a tried and tested strategy for overcoming their foes, they call this "divide and conquer".

They knew of the Shia Sunni divide as well as the Nationalist and Communist tendencies of certain groups and began to exploit them. Their results did not bear fruit until much later. The major groups such as Tawheed wal Jihad and Ansar-us-Sunnah already had some cooperation in their offences against the enemy but due to the numbers of the groups, the smaller groups which were based on incorrect Ageedah and mixed Islam with other creeds became an easy target for the traitors and their paymasters. Indeed many of them became willing militias all too eager to fight their own families and those who came from corners of the globe to aid them for sake of few dollars that an American will not even wink at. All the while Americans tried their utmost rob the resources in immeasurable ways of Irag such as building of pipelines without measuring the amount of oil being shipped and awarding contracts to companies at little or no price except that their address belong to certain country (i.e. USA). Thus to humiliate the enemy it became necessary to combine the resources and expertise of many groups. Some smaller groups merged with others. Others started to have shura amongst each other for their co-ordinated efforts. It when this began to happen

approximately 2005 reports of humiliation began to be surface and in the subsequent year eight retired generals called on the then defence secretary (Donald Rumsfeld) for his abysmal military planning. They forgot that their solution lies in a peaceful withdrawal from all Islamic lands of foreign soldiers, and in their short sightedness, they forgot that this was only the beginning with their one foot being bitten off in Irag and another being bitten in Afghanistan. This forced the enemy to shift their divide and conquer policy on ethnic grounds funding Kurdish militia in one area, and turning a blind eye to the Shiite militia on the other. They brokered deals with them in the currency of dollars and promises of power. They had already giving up divinding the Sunni groups after having purchased Nationalist based militias in a similar way. They came to know that the Islamic creed is undefeatable and indivisible whole. Thus those groups who were upon Hag and held on to the Islamic creed could not be bought despite foreigners being in their presence. Thus they thought those whose creed had been corrupted could be used to malign them and alienate them from their populace. Indeed the unification of the jamaah and the beginning of consultation made enemies plot from futile to feeble.

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Imaam Anwar al Awlagi to

the mujahideen of al

Shabaab

While Donald Rumsfeld was sure of troop reduction in Iraq because of the anticipated success of divide and conquer, after he resigned, his superior, George Bush announced a surge of troops clearly pointing at the success of unification of the Islamic jamaah and the failure of the American plan at the time.

The Joy of the Announcement of the Islamic State of Irag An alliance was formed by many Jamaah resisting the occupation called the the Mujahideen Shura Council set up at the time of al-Zargawi (ra) which later became the al-Mutaybeen alliance. At the same time Muslims were undergoing crisis in Palestine where Hamas government officials had been humiliated by their enemies so they capitulated after capitulation. It is little wonder that Hamas became a nationalist pragmatic group very alien to the Islamic slogans it used to carry. They had seen on the other hand the boldness of the muslim shabaab in Somalia and the resurgent Taliban in Afghanistan. Thus they concluded that they gained enough strength through unification to announce a victory in order humiliate the enemy and in order to cool the hearts of the believers. They showed to the world exactly what they said in their statement announcing the victory

by their appointed ministery of Information which is as follows:

"In the name of Allah, the Most Magnificent and most Merciful. Praise be to Allah, Exalted in Might who the Wise, who says 'The command is for none but Allah. He has commanded that ye worship none but him, that is the right religion but most men understand not... (surah 12: verse 40). And who says 'They are those who, if we establish them in the land, establish regular prayer and give regular charity, enjoin the right and forbid the wrong: and with Allah rest the end (and decision) of (all) affairs' (surah 22: verse 41). And peace and prayers be upon he has been sent; to lead mankind out of darkness and into the light, and upon his family and companions and people of sacrifice and frontlines.

As to what follows.

After the Kurds turned to State of the North and the Rafidah were granted the federation of the South and Central Province and with aid from Jews in the North and the Saffavids in the South protected by black-minded, black-hearted and black-acting military militias. They turned to our brothers in the Sunnah and went far in spilling their blood making them suffer

most ugly forms of killing, torture and expulsion until the Sunnah became like the orphans in the banquet of the wicked. It is therefore necessary from the Mujahideen, the working scholars and the dignitaries to offer something to their brothers, their sons and their honour especially under the facade called the state of Maliki, which regretfully, some of its acts were carried out by the traitors of the Sunnah obscuring the religion of the people and willingly forfeiting their nations' rights.

Therefore your brothers in the Mutayibeen Alliance bring you the good news of the establishment of the Islamic state of Iraq, in Baghdad, Anbar, Kirkurk, Salahudeen, Neynawah and parts of Babel and Waset province in order to protect our religion and our people so that there is no disbelief. And so the blood and sacrifice of your Mujahideen sons are not lost in vein.

Prophet (SAW) said: 'It is not permissible for three people to be in a land without appointing one of them as an amir (chief)'. Shakhy Ibn Taymiyah may Allah have mercy on him, said : 'It must be known that governance of the people is one of the utmost obligations'. Furthermore neither religion nor life can be carried unless governance is applied. Because the people cannot achieve their interests except by getting together to meet each other's needs and when they get together they need an amir (chief). Moreover, the Prophet (saw) has said: 'When three of you travel they should appoint one amongst them as an amir (chief)' and his (Ibn Taymiyah's) saying, 'governance should be taken as a religion' and also as a pious act with which one gets closer to Allah. Because getting close to Allah and abiding by the Allah's rules and his Prophet is one of the best acts of piousness. Imam Shawkani, may Allah have mercy on him has said in the chapter of necessity of establishing the judicial authorities and governance and others and then he said in (regarding) the aforementioned saying of the Prophet (saw), ' And if Allah legislated that for three people found in some land or travelling then its more imperative and more deserving for this to be legislated for groups of people living in villages or countries. For those that need to rule out injustice and (undertake) fair judgement of disputes'. And this is the proof for those who say it is obligatory for Muslims to appoint leaders, rulers and governors.

And why not! Since, with Allahs' assistance, we are spread more widely and our arms are reaching further and our bases are more secure than the government of Palestine whose legitimacy was accepted by many despite the fact that the occupying Zionist kills and captures whomever they will and frees whomever they will at any time and place and as is clear from the capture of more than 60 of their ministers and statemen. Whereeas the American doesn't reach, even one of our soldiers without us spilling their blood and so many can witness that. And we, as we announce the establishment of this state relying on the Sunnah of the Prophet (saw) when he went from Mecca to Medina and established the State of Islam there despite the fact that a coalition of polytheists and people of the people of the book were against him. Since the Jews had their separate residential areas and were at very high level of administration, military training and organisation. In addition to the hypocrites and polytheists who had joined them headed by Ibn Salul who craved to rule over Madina. All of this challenged the young state, to a certain level in which the Prophet (saw) was ready to give a third of Madina's harvest to Thageef.

And despite their limited numbers and equipment, it was necessary so the state becomes a refuge for the Muslims where their rights are protected and the desires of their enemies repelled. And we with Allah's Might and Power have control over many parts (of Iraq) that is equal to the area of the first Madina state. Parts in which the enemy has no presence whatsoever and areas in which the Mujahideen have established the Shariah (Islamic Law) at the earnest request of the Sunnah themselves. Let the invader aggressor and the spiteful Rafidah know that the blood of the Sunnah is dear and valuable and it won't be wasted from now on. We will face any aggression on the Sunnah's blood with Allah's Strength, with a harsh retaliation that they have never seen before. And let them know that Baghdad of Rasheed, the Land of the Khilafah was built by our ancestors and it will not leave our hands except over our dead bodies and skulls and we will plant the flag of monotheism in it, the flag of Islamic state all over again. And we call upon all the Mujahideen and the Scholars of Irag, the tribal chiefs, the masses among the Sunnah, to pledge allegiance to the Amir of Mumineen, the honourable Sheikh Abu Umar al Baghdadi to listen and to obey his orders, whether

favourable or not and to work hard to strengthen the pillars of the stat, to sacrifice for it our lives and what we hold of value.

And we (in return) will promise to be sincere and loyal dealing with you in justice and kindness. Leading you using the Book of Allah (swt) and the Sunnah of the Prophet (saw) not deviating from it a single inch. And we will drive away the invaders and establish peace and security. And we will provide with you an honourable life not depriving you of the goods of the land, for it is yours, and we will extend our hands to our Muslim brothers around the world, especially around our dear country, providing them our good and experience while we benefit from what they have that is good and their knowledge. In addition we call upon the Mulsims from the Sunnah from around the world to aid us starting with words and ending with blood for you are our source of power and it is in you we extend our hope after Allah, so do not fail us and stand with us. Defend us and burn the land under those who want to do us harm. And we extend a special appeal to the people of Knowledge asking them to fear Allah, Exalted is he, with regard to us and be supportive of us and incite the nation to

defend to us and pray for us. Allah is Almighty. 'Honour and power and glory belong to Allah, to the messenger and to the believers but the hypocrites know not' (surah 63: verse8)

# The Problems Facing the Mujahideen

Soon after the announcement of the Islamic State of Iraq, success followed success and its support grew among the masses. Nevertheless Allah chooses to tests his beloved in order to elevate their status and young state did not go through any easy rides. It had to deal with those who sought to change sides between the Islamic state and the façade of the Maliki state. Some from amongst them were hypocrites and some from amongst them repented for their mistakes.

The use of Blackwater and other security contractors in collusion with the military allowed them to test newly developed weapons upon the masses that supported the Islamic State and effects of Depleted Uranium has grown considerably since the lasting effects from the previous Gulf War. A media blackout is currently in operation over most of Iraq with the exception of areas close to and inside the

the Christian festive season. It is interesting to note that according to an organisation "Media Democracy in Action" the most censored story for 2008 was the fact that over one million Iragi deaths have been caused directly as a result of US occupation. (Considering now that its end of 2009 while Blackwater is still operating in Irag as well as occupation forces we can consider this figure to be relatively low estimate). This low figure exceeds genocide of the previous decade. These include the Rawandan genocide, Columbia's 'killing fields' and other massacres the West saw no reason to violently intercede in. This low outdate figure even then does not cover the two of the most volatile regions of Iraq, namely Kerbala and Anbar as well as parts of Arbil where the researches were not granted permit by authorities to assess the damage. The Islamic State had to deal with building of infrastructure for its people as it had decided with its announcement that it would take care of its citizens. Thus some activity had to be diverted to building bridges and homes and distributing ghaneemah as occupation forces had destroyed everything including the sewage system of Iraq The Islamic State also had to constantly adapt to new tactics of deceit and newer technology being deployed in Iraq. One strategy with

mild success was to try and corner the Mujahideen in areas of Mosul and Anbar and Qaim. These strategies failed one after another just like its first famous siege of Fallujah, however it destroyed the infrastructure of these places and once again the number of civilians killed were uncounted and undocumented and America has now become an expert at creating chaos and genocide where it sees fit. Another area of concern is to get into Iraq. The security services of the various puppet regimes would love to swoop on those young mujahideen who have jealousy for their deen and their ummah in order to make a guick buck from their paymaster America especially as the richest of the rich gulf nations have been left abandoned by many a western business and left their economy and empire sinking in the guicksand upon which they were built. The security of Syria and Kuwait are like the puppies eager to please their master. Jordan acted like a prostitute selling itself to the highest bidder from the English and American buyers offer a same story. Turkey is also very conscious of the Kurdish rebels on their border with Iraq while Iran only wants to fund the Shite militias and fighting for control over the sea between the Americans and itself as if it were a property created for them by themselves instead of Allah (swt), getting into Iraq is a jihad in itself for mujahid and we should remember that for every few foreign mujahideen in Irag there are few imprisoned elsewhere. It is little wonder that this selfishness of the Muslims results in Allah (swt) wiping away the sins of the believers, delivering keramah in the prisons and in the battlefield and cooling the hearts of the frustrated these prisoners have a right over us and only mujahid is able to pay them in full and we seek forgiveness from Allah (swt) in this redard.

# The Hallmark of the Mujahideen of Iraq

Looking at the history of the current battle of Irag it entered into various distinct stages that were common with Afghanistan and various stages that were unique to Irag itself. They key to the success of the Mujahideen in Iraq lay in their uniting their efforts not only locally but internationally and declaring to abide by the Shariah and implementing it solely. They had left the call of nationalism as a potential ally and they left the call of democracy as an ally thus their jihad bore fruit and it demanding that it go through various stages and excel in certain ways. The Mujahideen fulfilled these obligations in a manner that left those of us watching from the

sidelines in awe and admiration of them.

The Mujahideen started their campaign almost as single individuals, as if these lofty individuals understood that they had been favoured by Allah(swt) to take part in fighting the enemies of Allah(swt) thus these individual formed many disparate groups in their local areas. The speed of unification of these groups are worth noting and the success is worth noting. The process for unification itself began soon after the initial war and it carried on guickly after the second Fallujah and al-Qaim siege. The various ulema within these organisations guided them upon the benefit of unity and within a very short time they were able to declare with confidence the "Islamic State of Irag"! Another important distinction of the Iragi campaign that separates it somewhat from other frontlines (although inshAllah this is only temporary as information is constantly exchanged from frontlines between the Mujahideen) is technology and type of guerrilla warfare used in Irag. This is due to the urban terrain (although it also has large areas of desert), the fall of previous tyrants' arsenal onto the hands of muiahideen as well as expertise within the mujahideen being able to make use of the ghaneemah that Allah (swt) granted them from their ene-

mies. Everyone is familiar with the IEDs that do date a single vehicle from America has not proven to be safe against, as well other types of remotely operated devices.

The urban area allowed for range of devices to be developed to hit the target directly as well as they long range rockets that are used in other frontlines. The area also gave opportunity for the mujahideen to show their bravery and heroics which could not have been documented otherwise. Their creative use of hand based explosives, their co-ordination in street to street attacks and their use of sniping with deadly accuracy deserve admiration, study and emulation. A somewhat deeper subject is how the Mujahideen adapted to counter the aforementioned problems they faced is also unique in Irag and with the will of Allah (swt) a sign of impending victory for Islam and the Muslims

# The Media Control of the Mujahideen

This is one department that excelled in Iraq as time went on and carries on to amaze the Muslim masses and the enemies of Islam as well. It delights every believer and rubs the noses of those who slander Islam, the Muslims and the Mujahideen. It causes the heads of state to waste money on their propaganda machine (as been documented by many of their reporters themselves) and to stage events to lie to their public. It humiliates them again when they realise their money is wasted, the truth is filmed and broadcast free of charge. Infact the media wing of Iragi mujahideen caused many 'freedom'-loving countries to abandon their principle and through most of their budgets into blackholes they call their security. They forgot the security is from Allah (swt) and security is in the truth and not in falsehood. Indeed falsehood by nature is weak. The Mujahideen media in Iraq evolved and matured as time went on. We had individual group's media wing. Eventually there was the al-khilafah channel and even after that there was al-furgan media. It went from strength to strength and carries on doing so. The Mujahideen media wing was not only international but it was pillar of support for the community that sheltered the Mujahideen. It gave them good news because they deserved to know. It gave them news of the revenge they sought from their enemies and it gave them reassurance of being part of the Ummah that they are. Americans poured millions to waste in al-Hurrah Arabic channel and it was countered by fli-

ers, by amateur camera men, and men with ski masks. The media from the Muiahideen in Irag was unique, it captured not only the Mujahideen but their interaction with the locals as well as the interaction of their enemies with their locals. It made it plain who is the mischief maker (while they only claimed to make 'peace'). It also showed the importance of use of media in jihad. As the enemies were using such operations from beginning, it is only thanks to Allah (swt) that the Mujahideen not only caught up with their tricks but left their enemies far behind in the battle of hearts and minds. The media wing showed the west for it truly is i.e. a spiteful and lost barbarian with no dignity or principles. While the Mujahideen are winning the battle on the ground, the media wing holds this ground and ensures that their effort was not in vain. It is probably the most important part of the battle after the physical battle itself.

The Iraqi Experience Concluding Remarks

The Mujahideen of Iraq have taught the Ummah numerous lessons in a very short history and it will be a worthy endeavour for a muslim historian to go through them in detail in order to draw lessons from it, to impart wisdom into the next generation of the mujahideen and awaken the Ummah from its slumber.

I would like to conclude with the following versus of the Quranic surah (number 22) and the versus are numbered as it reminds us of the situation of Iraq as it is today. 38. Verily Allah will defend (from ill) those who believe: verily, Allah loves not any that is a traitor to faith, or show ingratitude. 39. To those against whom war is made, permission is given (to fight), because they are wronged;- and verily, Allah is most powerful for their aid.

40. (They are) those who have been expelled from their homes in defiance of right,- (for no cause) except that they say, "our Lord is Allah.. Did not Allah check one set of people by means of another, there would surely have been pulled down monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques, in which the name of Allah is commemorated in abundant measure. Allah will certainly aid those who aid his (cause);- for verily Allah is full of Strength, Exalted in Might, (able to enforce His Will).

41. (They are) those who, if We establish them in the land, establish regular prayer and give regular charity, enjoin the right and forbid wrong: with Allah rests the end (and decision) of (all) affairs.





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> Sheikh Abdullah Azzam May Allah have mercy on him