

will become fearful for himself and his Religion, his blood, family, and money.” (The History Of Damascus’, Vol. 1 8)

Suicide is when a person kills himself intentionally by whatever means. This is forbidden and regarded as amongst the major sins, As for what some people

SUICIDE BOMBINGS ARE ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN

do by strapping explosives to themselves and then approaching the non-Muslims and detonating the explosives amongst them, then this is suicide, and Allaah’s refuge is sought. So whoever commits suicide then he will be condemned to the Hellfire, remaining therein forever, as occurs in the statement of the Prophet, may the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him, **“And whoever kills himself with an iron weapon, then the iron weapon will remain in his hand, and he will continuously stab himself in his belly with it in the Fire of Hell eternally, forever and ever.”** This person has killed himself and has not benefited Islaam. So if he kills himself along with ten, or a hundred, or two hundred other people, then Islaam will not benefit by that, since the people will not accept Islaam. Rather it will just make the enemy more determined against the Muslims, and this action will provoke malice and bitterness in their hearts to such an extent that he may seek to wreak havoc upon the Muslims. And this is what is found from the practice of the Jews with the people of Palestine - so when one of the Palestinians blows himself up and kills six or seven people, then in retaliation they take sixty or more. So this does not produce any benefit for the Muslims, and does not benefit those amongst whose ranks explosives are detonated. So what we hold is that those people who perform these suicide (bombings) have wrongfully committed suicide, and that this necessitates entry into Hellfire, and Allaah’s refuge is sought, and that this person is not a martyr. (Shaykh Ibnul-Uthaymeen, Saudi Arabia).

“And do not kill yourselves. Surely, Allaah is Most Merciful to you.” (Quran 3:29) From that which is known to everyone who has the slightest bit of common sense is that hijacking airplanes and kidnapping children and the like are extremely great crimes, the world over. Their evil effects are far and wide, as is the great harm and inconvenience caused to the innocent; the total effect of which none can comprehend except Allaah. There is no doubt about the effect of these crimes; so it is obligatory upon the governments and those responsible from amongst the scholars and other than them to afford these issues great concern, and to exert themselves as much as possible in ending this evil.

Golden Advice for Muslims Living in the West

Know that these Kharijites are harmful to the Muslims, for there are none who are more harmful to the Muslims than them, neither the Jews and nor the Christians. For they strived to kill every Muslim who did not agree with their view, declaring the blood of the Muslims, their wealth, and the slaying of their children to be lawful, while declaring Muslims to be unbelievers.

HIJACKING & KIDNAPPINGS ARE ALIEN TO ISLAM

And they considered this to be worship, due to their ignorance and their deviation that caused them to stray. This has been stated by many of

the great orthodox Muslim scholars throughout the ages. (See Minhaaj As Sunnah’ of Ibn Taimiyyah).

The great scholar Ibn Uthaymeen said, “I invite you to have respect for those people who have the right that they should be respected, from the Muslims and non-Muslims with whom there is an agreement of security and protection. The land in which you are living is such that there is an agreement between you and them. If this were not the case they would have killed you or expelled you. So preserve this agreement, and do not prove treacherous to it, since treachery is a sign of the hypocrites, and it is not from the way of the Believers. And know that it is authentically reported from the Prophet that he said, **“Whoever killed a person who was under a pledge (of safety) will not smell the fragrance of Paradise.”**

So do not be fooled by those sayings of the foolish people, those who say: “Those people are Non-Muslims, so their wealth is lawful for us and their blood is lawful for us.” By Allaah this is a lie! A lie about Allaah’s Religion, and a lie in Islamic societies. So we do not say that it is lawful to be treacherous towards people whom we have an agreement with. O my brothers! O youth! O Muslims! Be truthful in your buying and selling, and renting, and leasing, and in all mutual transactions. Because truthfulness is from the characteristics of the Believers, and Allaah, the Most High, has commanded truthfulness, **“O you who believe fear Allaah and keep you duty to Allaah and be with the truthful.”** And the Prophet encouraged truthfulness and said, **“Adhere to truthfulness, because truthfulness leads to goodness, and goodness leads to Paradise; and a person will continue to be truthful, and strive to be truthful until he will be written down with Allaah as a truthful person.”** And he warned against falsehood, and said, **“Beware of falsehood, because falsehood leads to wickedness, and wickedness leads to the Fire. And a person will continue lying, and striving to lie until he is written down with Allaah as a great liar.”** O my brother Muslims! O youth! Be true in your sayings with your brothers, and with those Non-Muslims whom you live along with - so that you will be inviters to the Religion of Islaam sincerely, by your actions and statement. So how many people there are who first entered into Islaam because of the behaviour and manners of the Muslims, and their truthfulness, and their being true in their dealings.” (Shaykh Ibnul-Uthaymeen, Saudi Arabia).

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KHARIJITE TERRORISTS KILL MUSLIMS & NON-MUSLIMS INDISCRIMINATELY

'Indeed, that which has occurred from suicide bombings and destruction in the city of Riyadh and whatever was discovered as a result of that from weapons and explosives in Makkah and Madeenah in the earlier part of this year, 2003, then it is all the end result of being misled by Satan and his beautification of excessiveness and extremism for those who were responsible for that. So these events that have occurred are from the most disgraceful of crimes and corruption in the earth. And what is more disgraceful is that Satan beautifies these events as Jihaad for the one who carries them out. So with which intellect and Religion can suicide, killing of Muslims, and those under protection by treaties from amongst the non-Muslims, terrorising those living in safety, turning women into widows and children into orphans, and the destruction of buildings along with whatever is inside them be considered Jihaad!?' (Shaykh 'Abdul-Muhsin al-Abbaad, Saudi Arabia)

So likewise the terrorist attacks of London, Madrid and other than them cannot be considered as Jihaad, and the Religion of Islaam is free from these evil acts and its perpetrators, even if the ones responsible claim to be Muslim and claim to be in support of Islaam and its people. Indeed the Religion of Islaam calls to the sole worship of the Creator and Sustainer, the Lord of the Heavens and earth, Allaah, the One who sent all of the Messengers from Noah through to Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad, as a mercy from Himself. So these Prophets were not sent to cause corruption and wreak havoc, but to call mankind to the worship of their Lord alone, without associating any partners with Him.

The Killing of a Muslim

"And whoever kills a believer intentionally, his recompense is Hell to abide therein, and the wrath and the curse of Allaah are upon him, and a great punishment is prepared for him." (Qur'an, 4:93) So from amongst the plots of Satan upon these extremists is that he beautifies for them the following of desires, obeying their leaders and their evil understandings. And Satan causes them to abstain from referring back to the people of knowledge, so that the people of knowledge are not able to enlighten them and guide them towards the correct view. As a result of this, they remain in their error and misguidance. Allaah the Mighty and Majestic said: **"And who is more misguided than the one who follows his own desire without guidance from Allaah?"** (Qur'an, 28:50) Allaah's Messenger, may the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him, said: **"The ending of the world is**

not worth as much to Allaah as is the killing of a Muslim without just cause. And even if all the people of the heavens and the people of the earth were to participate together in the killing of a believer, Allaah would enter all of them into the Fire."

The Killing of a Non-Muslim

Likewise the killing of a non-Muslim is unlawful. Indeed, a severe threat has been mentioned concerning that. The Prophet may the peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him, said, **"Whosoever kills a person who was under agreement, he will not be able to smell the fragrance of Paradise, even though its fragrance can be smelt from the walking distance of forty years."** So the intended meaning of this is that whosoever has a treaty with the Muslims, whether it is by agreement of a payment for staying in a Muslim land, or having a truce with a Muslim ruler, or being protected by Muslims, then it is forbidden to harm such a person. This includes non-Muslim workers in Muslim lands as well as non-Muslims in their own lands.

It also includes those who visit the Muslim lands for diplomacy, trade and other forms of mutual dealings.

THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE ACTS ARE CALLED "KHARIJITES"

The Origin of Contemporary Terrorism is the Ideology of the 'Kharijites' (the Renegades)

Anyone who revolts against the leader who rules over the Muslims in their land, then he is a "Kharijite" (a renegade) regardless of whether the revolt occurred in the days of the Companions of the Prophet as their revolts against the Rightly-Guided Caliphs, or as revolts against those who followed them and the leaders in every age. (See 'al-Milal wan-Nihal by Ash-Shahrastaanee). You will find, O reader, that every Kharijite in this time will have extreme enmity towards the leaders of the Muslim lands, calling for bloodshed, killing and the downfall of those governments. Read here the joy of Usaamah bin Laaden at the bombings in Saudi Arabia, "I look with great veneration and respect at those great men in that they lifted the humiliation from the forehead of our Nation, whether it was those who bombed in Riyaadh or those in Khobar (in Saudi Arabia) or in East Africa, and whatever resembles these acts". (In his interview with 'Al-Jazeera' TV at the end of 1998). They declare anyone who is involved in the government apparatus to be an apostate, and the apostate label is then applied to anyone who does not oppose these governments. So from this you can clearly see that the kharijites are indiscriminate in their enmity towards non-Muslim and Muslim lands alike. The Kharijites begin their ideology by declaring the Muslim governments as apostate

regimes then proceeding to topple them by violent revolution and killing, as Ibn Laaden himself stated: **"The leaders are engaging in the major unbelief, which takes them out of the fold of Islam in broad daylight..."** (Interview with 'Nida ul-Islam' magazine, issue no. 15). It is upon all Muslims to show wholesale rejection of these ideologies.

Islam's War Against the Terrorists

Orthodox Muslims who worship the sole Creator, Allaah, and follow the Prophet and the way of his Companions believe that the Kharijites are the proponents of a corrupt ideology, and that they have brought corruption into the Religion and that they have separated from the united body of Muslims in their understanding. The early Muslims fought this group in order to lift their oppression and injustice. And were the Prophet Muhammad alive, he too would have fought them, as he himself stated in what has been authentically narrated from him: **"Were I to reach them (i.e. the Kharijites) when they appear, I would slaughter them with the slaughtering meted out to the people of Aad."** And Aad was a tribe mentioned in scripture that were completely annihilated by a natural disaster, as a punishment for their evil ways.

The Orthodox Muslim viewpoint is stated concisely by the former Mufti of the Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia, Ibn Baaz, who said, concerning the terrorist attack in Riyaadh, **"And there is no doubt that this act can only be undertaken by one who does not believe in Allaah or the Final Day. You will not find anyone who believes in Allaah, or the Last Day, with correct and sound faith, performing this criminal, vile act due to which great harm and corruption has occurred. Only vile souls which are filled with enmity, jealousy, evil, corruption and absence of faith in Allaah and His Messenger can perform the likes of these acts. We ask Allaah for pardon and safety."** And he also said, **"And there is no doubt that this is from the greatest of crimes and from the greatest types of corruption in the earth. And those who perform the likes of this are more deserving of being killed and being restrained on account of what they have committed of great sin. We ask Allaah that He makes them lose their efforts and shackles them and their likes and that He saves us from their evil and the evil of those like them, and that He utterly destroys their plots, indeed He is Lofty and Majestic, and Generous and Kind."** ("Fatwa Collection Of Ibn Baaz").

The great Muslim scholar, Wahab bin Munabbih stated over a thousand years ago, **"The Kharijites were never a united body, except that Allaah split them up into a worse condition. Nor has anyone of them opened his mouth except that Allaah smote him on his neck. Never have the Muslim people united under a man from the Kharijites. If Allaah had given the Kharijites authority then the world would have certainly been corrupted, the roads would be closed, and the Hajj Pilgrimage would cease. Then what was once Islaam would end as barbaric ignorance, until the people would wind up beseeching the mountain-tops as they did in the time of pre-Islamic ignorance. And at that time there would arise more than ten or twenty men, there would not be one among them, except he would claim to be the rightful leader. Each one of them would possess ten thousand fighting men, fighting each other, attesting to one another's disbelief. A believing man**