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THE STATUS OF JIHĀD WITHIN THE SHARĪʿAH OF ISLĀM

INTRODUCTION

All praise is for Allāh alone, we praise Him, ask for help and forgiveness from Him, we seek refuge in Allāh from the veil of ourselves and our evil deeds. Whomsoever Allāh has guided, then there is no one that can mislead ‘him’, and whomsoever Allāh has lead astray, then there is no one that can give ‘him’ guidance.

I bear witness that there is no ilāh that has the right in truth to be worshipped except for Allāh alone, there are no partners with Him, and I bear witness that the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is His servant and Messenger.

O you who believe! Fear Allāh (by doing all that He has ordered and by abstaining from all that He has forbidden) as He should be feared. [Obey Him, be thankful to Him, and remember Him always], and die not except in a state of Islām (as Muslims) with complete submission to Allāh.¹

¹ Sūrah Āl ʿImrān (3), ayāh 102.
O mankind! Be dutiful to your Lord, who created you from a single person (Adam), and from him (Adam) He created his wife [Hawwa (Eve)], and from them both He created many men and women and fear Allāh through whom you demand your mutual (rights), and (do not cut the relations of) the wombs (kinship). Surely, Allāh is ever an All-Watcher over you.

O you who believe! Keep your duty to Allāh and fear Him, and speak (always) the truth. He will direct you to do righteous good deeds and will forgive you your sins. And whosoever obeys Allāh and His Messenger (ﷺ) he has indeed achieved a great achievement (i.e. he will be saved from the Hell-fire and made to enter Paradise).

Indeed the best speech is the speech of Allāh, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muḥammad (ﷺ). And the worst of matters are those innovated by the people, and every innovated matter is a bid‘ah and every bid‘ah is astray, and every going astray is in the fire.

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2 Sūrah An Nisāʾ (4), ayāh 1.
3 Sūrah Al Aḥzāb (33), āyāt 70-71.
Indeed, the condition of the Islāmic community that we see today is a condition wherein the Muslims are experiencing weakness, backwardness, and are controlled, despised, insulted and terrorized by the enemies of Islām. This matter realizes a major calamity and a uniformly distributed catastrophe. Because of that, it is obligatory upon us to endeavor to eliminate those weaknesses and the stranglehold of the enemies of Islām.

In order to build up the strength of the Islāmic community, the disease that afflicts this community must firstly be sought out. The people who have the right to diagnose this affliction are the scholars who understand the disease within the community based upon proof from Al Qurʾān and As Sunnah. It is not those politicians who are ignorant of religion (Islām) to the point where the community’s disease increases. Amongst them are those who possess various opinions that divide them into a number of groups, amongst which are:

The first group is of the opinion that the defeat of this community is caused by the treachery and deceit of the disbelievers, so much so that its cure is the absorption of the Muslims with the reading of their plans, searching for data and facts about the treachery practiced upon them and so forth.

The second group is of the opinion that the disease afflicting the Islāmic community is caused by those tyrannical rulers throughout some of the Islāmic nations to the point whereby they suppose that the cure is the downfall and deposing of those tyrannical rulers and the feeding of the Islāmic community with hatred towards their rulers and enemies.

A third group is of the opinion that the disease within the Islāmic community is caused by the fragmentation and disunity of this community to the point whereby they suspect that the cure is the unification of the various Islāmic communities into one larger community.

The fourth group is of the opinion that the disease is caused because they do not occupy nor hold key positions within the government to the point where they vie for the creation of parties and seek as many supporters as possible from the
various layers and levels of society and from their various educational and religious backgrounds. Importantly, their party wins and occupies a post or position.

*The fifth group* is of the opinion that the disease of this community is because they have stopped the undertaking of jihad *fi sabīlillāh* even though jihad must be adhered to. They shout for and proclaim jihad everywhere and in whatever form against the government, or to kill the disbelievers in the name of jihad, and moreover, all of their ways use the name of ‘jihad’?!

However, their opinions are wrong in the diagnosis of this disease, based upon Al Qur‘ān and As Sunnah.

*The error of the first group*. When the Islāmic community learns, understands, and holds with certitude the practice of Al Qur‘ān and As Sunnah, as well as the maintenance of patience, then the deception of the enemy will not harm them. Allāh ﷻ decrees:

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\text{إن تَمَسَّكُمْ حَسَنَةٌ تَسْوَهُمْ} & \quad \text{وَإِن تُصِيبَكُمْ سَيِّئَةٌ يَفْرَحُوا بِهَا} \\
\text{وَإِن تَصِبِّرُوا} & \quad \text{وَإِن تَقْبَلُوا} \\
\text{وَتَتَّقُوا} & \quad \text{لَا يَصْرُّ فَكَمْ كَيْدُهُمْ} \\
\text{شَيْئًا} & \quad \text{إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطٌ}
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*If a good befalls you, it grieves them, but if some evil overtakes you, they rejoice at it. But if you remain patient and become Al-Muttaqūn (the pious), not the least harm will their cunning do to you. Surely, Allāh surrounds all that they do.*

*The error of the second group*. That the existence of tyrannical rulers is a punishment from Allāh inflicted upon people (the community) who have done wrong because of the sins they have carried out. Allāh ﷻ decrees:

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\text{يَغْرَبُكُمْ عَلَىٰ كَيْدٍ} & \quad \text{إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَحْسَبُ} \\
\text{كَيْدَ} & \quad \text{شَيْئًا} \\
\text{إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطٌ}
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4 Sūrah Āl ʿImrān (3), ayāh 120.
And thus We do make the Zālimūn (polytheists and wrong-doers, etc.) Auliyyā’ (supporters and helpers) one to another (in committing crimes etc.), because of that which they used to earn.5

The error of the third group. The majority in number with many sins and deviations that are of no benefit whatsoever. Look at how the companions experienced defeat at the Battle of Ḥunain, even though their numbers were superior. Allāh decrees:

كثر تَسْرَكُمُ اللَّهُ فِي مَوَاطِنٍ كَثِيرَةٍ وَيَوْمَ حَيْبَيْنَ إِذْ أَعْجَبْتُكُمْ

لَقَدْ نَصَرْكُمُ اللَّهُ فِي مَوَاطِنٍ كَثِيرَةٍ وَأَنَبى مَنْ تَنَاهَفُ عَنْهُمْ شِيَّاً وَضَافَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ أَلْدَرْعُ بِمَا رَحْبَت

Truly Allāh has given you victory on many battle fields, and on the Day of Ḥunain (battle) when you rejoiced at your great number but it availed you naught and the earth, vast as it is, was straitened for you, then you turned back in flight.6

Gathered together with those people who commit sīr (polytheism), bid‘ah (innovation in Islām), māʾsiyāh (disobedience, sedition, rebellion), and other munkarāt (forbidden, reprehensible actions) that are not upheld within the Ṣarīʿat of Islām.

The error of the fourth group. That many parties cause increases in disunity amongst the Muslims and each party is proud of itself. Allāh decrees:

5 Sūrah Al An’ām (6), ayāh 129.
6 Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāh 25.
(Always) turning in repentance to Him (only), and be afraid and dutiful to Him; and perform As-Salāt (Iqāmat-ṣalāt) and be not of Al-Muṣrīkūn (the disbelievers in the Oneness of Allāh, polytheists, idolaters, etc.).

Of those who split up their Deen (religion (i.e. who left the true Islāmic Monotheism)), and became sects, [i.e. they invented new things in the Deen [Religion (Bid’ah)]], and followed their vain desires], each sect rejoicing in that which is with it.⁷

Likewise also within Islām it is prohibited to expect a post or position and the Prophet ﷺ forbade Abū Darr ﷺ expecting a post, even though he was a noble companion. And we see people who hold posts – are they struggling for Islām? Do they adhere to islām for themselves and their families or are they far removed from Islām, even to the point of causing mischief and neglecting social ties??

Allāh ﷻ decree:

Would you then, if you were given the authority, do mischief in the land, and sever your ties of kinship?

Such are they whom Allāh has cursed, so that He has made them deaf and blinded their sight.⁸

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⁷ Sūrah Ar Rūm (30), āyāt 31-32.
⁸ Sūrah Muḥammad (47), āyāt 22-23.
The error of the fifth group. As with the previous groups, inšā’Allāh, I will explain within this book the understanding of jihad according to the Šarī‘at of Islām.

However, it is a must for the Islāmic community to know the disease afflicting the Islāmic community is the negligence of the Muslims towards their Deen. They have already debased the Šarī‘at of the Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ and deviated far from the truth of the Deen of Islām, that is, the Deen understood and carried out by the companions (ṣaḥabah) of the Prophet ﷺ. Thus, the best and most efficacious medication for this community is their return to the truth of the Deen of Islām.

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

إذا ﺗﺒﺎﻳﻌﺘﻢ بالعينة، وأخذتم أذناب البقر، ورضعتم بالزرع، وتركتم الجهاد؛ سلط الله عليكم ذلًا لا ينزعه حنى ترجعوا إلىدينكم

When you indulge in Bai’ul ʿainah, stick to your cattle and stay contented with your agriculture and give up Jihād, Allāh will inflict you with misery until you revert to your Deen (religion).

The Manhaj (methodology) of the Ahlus Sunnah wa’l Jamā‘ah regarding the issues of jihad, tasfiyah (purification and correction), and tarbiyah (education) is the correct manhaj. Its implementation indeed requires much time. So, this issue must be undertaken by means of beneficial knowledge, righteous deeds, and with the fullness of patience. Because, with knowledge, good deeds, and patience, Allāh will bestow victory upon the Islāmic community.

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9 Bai’ul ʿainah means refers to the act of selling an item on credit and then buying it back on a lesser price. e.g. Mr. A sells a book for $500 on credit to Mr. B and then buys it back for $400 i.e. he got his item back and still Mr. B owes him $100.

10 Literally: 'hold the tails of your cattle'.

11 Narrated by Abū Dāwūd (No. 3462), Al Baihaqī (V/316), from the companion Ibnu ʿUmar  - refer Silsilaul Aḥādīth aṣ Sahīḥah (No. 11).
➢ Jihād is one of the most important ʿiʿār (distinguishing feature/characteristic) and constitutes the pinnacle of its majesty.

The status of jihad within the Deen (Deen – ‘religion’) is extremely important and always maintained. Jihād fī sabīlillāh persists and remains until the Day of Judgment. The Prophet ﷺ said:

٣٠٠٠وذروة سنانه الجهاد في سبيل الله…

“…And the pinnacle of the endeavor of Islām is Jihād fī sabīlillāh…”

From Abū Hurairah  that the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ was once asked, “What deeds are the most important?” He ﷺ answered, “Belief in Allāh and in His Messenger”. He ﷺ was asked again, “And then what?” He ﷺ answered, “Jihād fī sabīlillāh”. Again he was asked, “And after that”. He ﷺ answered, “Ḥajj mabrūr” (approved or accepted Ḥajj).

Abū Ḍarr al Ġafārī  said, “I asked the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, what deed is the most important?” He ﷺ answered,

إيمان بالله وجهاد في سبيله

“Faith in Allāh and jihad fī sabīlillāh”.

➢ Definition of Jihād

Etymologically, the word jihad is taken from the words:

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12 Narrated by Āḥmad (V/231, 236, 237, 245), At Tirmidhī (No. 2616), ʿAbdurrazzaq (No. 20303), Ibn Majāh (No. 3973), and others.
13 Narrated by Bukārī (Nos. 26 & 1519), Muslim (No. 83), and Āḥmad (11/268).
14 Narrated by Bukārī (No. 2518), Muslim (No. 84), Āḥmad (V/150), An Nasāʿī (VI/19), and Ibnu Hibban.
Which means the power of effort, difficulty, and the ability.

According to Ar Rāġib al Ṭāfiḥahānī (died 425 H): “…it means difficulty and it means capability”.  

Furthermore, jihad is taken from the words:

According to the šarʿī (lawful, legal, jurisprudent) meaning:

“Al Jihād means: to fight the disbelievers, that is to endeavor with all earnestness and devotion (one’s) strength and capabilities, both with words and deeds”.  

“Jihād and Mujāhid: means the devotion of all one’s capabilities to fight the enemy”.  

Jihād is of three kinds:

1. Jihād against a visible enemy.
2. Jihād against Šaitān.
3. Jihād against one’s self.

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15 Mufradāt al Fāz al Qurʾān (matter 208), Ar Rāģib al Ṭāfiḥahānī.
16 Refer: An Nihāyah fi Ġarīb al Ḥadīṭ (1/319), Ibnu Aṭīr.
17 Mufradāt al Fāz al Qurʾān (p. 208), Ar Rāģib al Ṭāfiḥahānī.
These three kinds of jihad are set forth in Al Qurʾān - in Sūrah Al Ḥajj (22), ayāh 78; At Taubah (9), ayāh 41; and Al Anfāl (8), ayāh 72.18

According to Al Ḥāfiẓ Aḥmad bin ʿAlī bin Ḥajar al ʿAsqalānī (well known as Al Ḥāfiẓ ibnu Ḥajar al ʿAsqalānī, who died 852 H): “Jihād according to sarʿī is devoting all capabilities to fighting the disbelievers”.19

The term Jihād is also used in order to fight off the desires, Ṣaḥīḥ, and the fussāq (unrighteous, sinners). As for fighting against the desires that is (undertaken) by learning the religion of Islām (truly learning it), practicing it, and later teaching it. As for jihad against Ṣaḥīḥ, this is by rejecting all forms of lust and doubts that are always embellished by Ṣaḥīḥ. Jihād against the disbelievers is with the hand, wealth, speech, and heart. As for jihad against the fussāq, it is with the hand, speech, and the heart.20

Those words of Al Ḥāfiẓ ibnu Ḥajar  are in accordance with what the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

جَاهِدُوا الْمُشْرِكِينَ بِأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَأَنْفُسِكُمْ وَأَلسُّنَاتِ

“Perform Jihād against the muṣrikūn with the wealth, the souls, and the speech of you all”.21

The meaning of Jihād according to Ṣaḥīkul Islām Ibnu Taimiyah  is: “To devote all of one’s capabilities to the achievement of what is loved by Allāh and the rejection of all that is hated by Allāh”.22 He said: “That in its essence, Jihād is to strive for (to attain) what is loved by Allāh in the form of faith and

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18 Mufradāt al Fāż al Qurʾān (p. 208), Ar Rāġib al ʾAsfahānī .
19 Fatḥul Bārī (VI/3), Al Ḥāfiẓ ibnu Ḥajar al ʿAsqalānī.
20 Ibid.
21 Narrated by Aḥmad (111/124), An Nasāʾī (VI/7), Al Hakīm (11/81), Ṣāḥib bin Mālik , with a ṣāḥīḥ sanad.
22 Majmūʿ Fatāwā, Ṣaḥīkul Islām Ibnu Taimiyah (X/192-193).
righteous deeds, and to reject what is hated by Allāh in the form of disbelief, sinfulness, and sedition”.

These definitions encompass all the forms of Jihād carried out by a Muslim, which is comprised of within obedience to Allāh in the undertaking of the commands of Allāh and the upholding of His prohibitions. (It is) the earnestness in inviting (performing da‘wah) other people to implement the observance of that obedience, whether near or far, Muslim or disbeliever, and in all truthfulness to fight the disbelievers in the framework of upholding the Word of Allāh and what is with it”.

Jihād cannot in truth be called jihād except when such jihad is directed towards seeking the face of Allāh, maintaining His Word, holding up the banner of truth, ridding that which is invalid, and submitting one’s entire body and soul seeking the pleasure of Allāh. However, when a person performs jihad in search of worldliness, then this is not true jihad.

Whoever fights in order to attain a position, to obtain booty, show courage, seek fame (greatness), then ‘he’ will not receive reward or blessings.

Jihād within Islām constitutes a major act. Allāh commanded the undertaking of jihad, as embodied within Al Qurʾān, that is in Sūrah Al Baqarah (2), āyāt 190, 193, 216; Sūrah Āl ʿImrān (3), ayāh 142; Sūrah An Nisāʾ (4), ayāh 95; Sūrah Al Anfāl (8), ayāh 74; Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāh 73; Sūrah Al Ḥajj (22), ayāh 78; Sūrah Al Furqān (25), ayāh 52; and Sūrah Aṣ Ṣaff (61), ayāh 11.

ʿAbdullāh bin Masʿūd said:

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23 Ibid., (X/191).
24 Refer to Al Jihād fī Sabīlillāh Haqiqatuhu wa Ghāyatuhu (I/50) by Śaiğ ʿAbdullāh bin Ahmad Qadīry, 2nd ed., Dārul Manārah, Jiddah, 1413 H.
25 Fiqh us Sunnah by Sayyid Sābiq (111/40) and Al Wajīz fī Fiqhis Sunnah wa’l Kitābil ʿAzīz (p. 481) by ʿAbdul Azīm Badawi.
I once asked the Prophet ﷺ ‘What is the best deed?’ (The Messenger of Allah ﷺ) he answered: ‘Ṣalāt at its appointed time’. I asked again, ‘And then what?’ He (ﷺ) replied, ‘Being dutiful to one’s parents’. I asked again, ‘And after that?’ He (ﷺ) answered, ‘Jihād fī sabīlillāh’.26

Abū Darr 纨 once asked the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ, “What deed is the most foremost deed”. He ﷺ answered, “Belief in Allāh and Jihād fī sabīlillāh...”27

‘Abdullāh bin ʿUmar ﷺ said, “Indeed the best deed after Ṣalāt is Jihād fī sabīlillāh”’.28

There was a person who asked the messenger of Allāh ﷺ, “O Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ), there is a person who fights because of the hope for ḡanimah (to gain booty, spoils of war); another fights so that his name is extolled; and yet another fights to be seen doing so; who is the one referred to as fighting in the Way of Allāh”. The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ answered:

“Whoever fights so that the name of Allāh is held high, then he is fī sabīlillāh (in the Way of Allāh)”.29

➢ The Legality of Jihād

26 Narrated by Buķārī (Kitāb ul Jihād [Book. 54], No. 46), and Muslim (Kitāb ul Imān [Book 1], No. 151) from ʿAbdullāh bin Masʿūd ﷺ.
27 Narrated by Muslim (Kitāb ul Imān [Book 1], No. 149).
28 Narrated by Aḥmad (11 [32]) with a sāḥīh sanad. Refer Musnad Aḥmad (No. 4873) and Silsilatul Aḥādīṣ ṣahihah (111 [477]).
29 Narrated by Buķārī (Nos. 2810, 3126), Muslim (No. 1904), and Aḥmad (IV/392, 397, 402, 405, 417) from Abū Mūsā al ʿAṣarī ﷺ.
The legality of jihad is that it is farḍ (obligatory) on the basis of the decree of Allāh Al Qahhār:

Jihād is ordained for you (Muslims) though you dislike it, and it may be that you dislike a thing which is good for you and that you like a thing which is bad for you. Allāh knows but you do not know.\(^\text{30}\)

This ayāh establishes the decision of the obligation of jihad from Allāh ﷻ for the Muslims in order that they put a stop to the evil of their enemies within Islāmic territories.

Muḥammad ibn Șihāb az Zuhrī  said: “Jihād is obligatory upon every individual, whether it be within a state of war or of sitting (non-combatant state). A person who is sitting, when asked to help, then ‘he’ must give help; when ‘he’ is asked to go to war, then ‘he’ must go forward for war; and when ‘he’ is not needed, then it is desirable that ‘he’ remain where ‘he’ is (does not follow)”\(^\text{31}\).

The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said, at the time of Fatḥu Makkah (the conquest of Makkah):

\(^{30}\) Sūrah Al Baqarah (2), ayāh 216.

\(^{31}\) Tafsīr Ibnu Kaṭīr (1/270).
“There is no hijrah (from Makkah to Madinah) after fathū Makkah (the conquest of Makkah), however, what there is is jihad and good intentions. When you (all) are asked to go forward for war, then go!”.32

The legality of Jihād is farḍu kifāyah (obligatory upon the community)33 on the basis of the ṣaḥīḥ dalā’il (sound proofs) from Al Qurʾān and As Sunnah as well as the explanations of the scholars of Ahlus Sunnah. Amongst them, there are from Al Qurʾān, Sūrah An Nisā’ (4), āyāt 95-96; Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāh 122; Sūrah Al Muzzammil (73), ayāh 20. Also, the various ṣaḥīḥ ahādīṯ from the Prophet ﷺ.

The four a’imma (Imams) of the four maḏāhib (sing. Maḏhab – orthodox schools of jurisprudence), and others, have agreed that jihad fi sabīlillāh is legally farḍu kifāyah, when some of the Muslims undertake it, then its obligation has been met for the remainder. When nobody at all undertakes it, then the sin is upon everyone.34

➢ The ‘Ulamā’ state that Jihād becomes Farḍu ‘Ain (individual duty) under three conditions:

Firstly: When the armies of both the Muslims and the disbelievers meet and are already facing each other on the battlefield, then it is not allowed for someone to retreat or turn away.

Secondly: When the enemy attacks a Muslim nation that is safe and then it is besieged, then it is obligatory for the inhabitants of that nation to go

32 Narrated by Buḵārī (Nos. 2783, 2825, 3077), Muslim (No. 1353), Abū Dāwūd (No. 2480), At Tirmiḏī (No. 1590), An Nasā’ī (VII/146), and Aḥmad (1/266) from Ibnu ʿAbbās ﷺ, and also by Muslim (No. 1864) from ʿĀʾiṣah ﷺ.
33 Risālatul Irṣād ilā Bayānīl Haqq fi Hukmil Jihād (pp. 44-73), by Ṣaḵ Ṭāhir bin Aḥmad Qadīriyun. Dār ʿUlamāʾ Salaf, 1414 H.
34 Refer: Al Jihād fi Sabīlillāh Haqiqatuḥu wa Gāyatuhu (1/56), by Ṣaḵ Ṭāhir bin Aḥmad Qadīriyun.
forward and fight the enemy (in the framework of defending the nation), except for women and children.

**Thirdly:** When the Imām requests a group or specifies some people to go for war, then it is obligatory that they go. The dalīl for this is Sūrah At Taubah (9), āyāt 38-39.35

➢ **Jihād is Obligatory for (upon):**

1. Each and every Muslim.
3. Sane.
5. Male.
6. Possesses the capabilities to fight.
7. Possesses enough wealth for himself and his family for the duration of his performance of jihād.36

For women, there is no jihad (in the sense of fighting), but rather their jihad is Ḥajj and ʿUmrah. This matter is based upon the ḥadīṭ of the Messenger of Allāh ﷺ from ʿĀʾishah ﷺ, at the time she asked the Messenger of Allh ﷺ:

يا رسول الله، علی النساء جهاد؟ قال: نعم، علیهن جهاد لا قتال فيه: الحج والعبادة.

“O Messenger of Allāh (ﷺ), is it obligatory for women to perform jihad?”
He (ﷺ) answered: “Yes, women it is obligatory for women to undertake

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35 Risālatul Irṣād ilā Bayānil Haqq fī Huqmāl Jihād (pp. 89-90), by Șaiğ Ahmād bin Yahyā bin Muhammad An Najmī, and Taudhīh al ʿAkhām Şarh Bulūgul Marām (VI/331), by ʿAbdullāh bin ʿAbdur Rahmān bin Şāliḥ Al Bassām, 5th ed., Maktabah al Asadiy, 1423 H.

36 Refer: Al Wajīz fī Fiqhis Sunnah waʾl Kitābil ʿAzīz (p. 487), by ʿAbdul ʿAẓīm bin Badawi al Ḵalāfi, 3rd ed., Dār Ibnu Rajab, 1421 H.
jihad, a jihad that does not have fighting in it, that is (the ‘ibādah – devotional acts of) Ḥajj and ‘Umrah”.

➢ The Excellence of Jihād

The virtues of jihad are indeed many, amongst which are:

1. The activities of a mujāhid (one who undertakes jihad in the Way of Allāh) on the battlefield are blessed by Allāh.38
2. Jihād is a commerce of success and with no doubt within it.39
3. Jihād is more virtuous than assembling in Masjidul Ḥarām and giving drinks to the pilgrims performing Ḥajj.40
4. Jihād makes up one of the two virtues (victory or martyrdom).41
5. Jihād is the way to Paradise.42
6. A person who undertakes jihad, even though he died as a martyr, yet he still lives and is provided for.43
7. A person who undertakes jihad is like a person who fasts without breaking the fast and who continually performs nightly ṣalāt.44
8. Indeed, Paradise possesses 100 levels provided by Allāh for those who perform jihad in His Way. Between one level and the next the distance is like that between the sky and the earth.45
9. Paradise is beneath the shadows of swords.46
10. People who die as martyrs possess 7 virtues: (1) He is forgiven (his sins) at the first drop of his blood. (2) He sees his place in Paradise. (3) He is dressed in the clothes of Iman. (4) He is married to seventy-two of the Ḥūr ul ʿAyn (beautiful women of Paradise). (5) He is saved from the punishment

37 Narrated by Buğārī (No. 1520), Ibn Mājah (No. 2901), and Ahmad (VI/165), and this narration is from Ibn Mājah.
38 Refer: Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāt 120-121.
39 Sūrah As Saff (61), ayāt 10-13.
40 Refer: Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāt 19-21.
41 Refer: Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāt 52.
42 Refer: Sūrah Āl ʿImrān (3), ayāh 142.
43 Refer: Sūrah Āl ʿImrān (3), ayāt 169-171.
44 Narrated by Buğārī (No. 2785), Muslim (No. 1878), At Tirmiḏi (No. 1619), from Abū Hurairah ﷺ.
45 Narrated by Buğārī (No. 2790), from Abū Hurairah ﷺ.
46 Narrated by Buğārī (Nos. 3024-3025), from ʿAbdullāh bin Abū ʿAūfah ﷺ.
of the grave. (6) He will be protected from the great fear of the Day of Judgment. (7) A crown of honor will be placed on his head, one jewel of which is better than the whole world and what it contains, and he will be able to intercede for seventy members of his family. ⁴⁷

11. People who perform jihād in the Way of Allāh are better than the earth and all it possesses.⁴⁸

12. The soul of a person who dies as a martyr is in a qindil (lamp) in Paradise.⁴⁹

13. A person who dies as a martyr has all of his sins forgiven except debt.⁵⁰

➢ The Purpose of the Command for Jihād

The purpose of jihād in waging war upon the enemies of Islām is in order that the Deen of Allāh is instituted upon the earth, and not merely to kill them.

Allāh  decrees:

ワァ��ィٰذِلِ�ٰہٰ حَتَّى لَا تَكُونَ فَتْنَةً وَيَكُونَ ٱلْدِّينُ لِلَّهِ فَإِنَّ أَحَبَّهَا فَلَا عَدْوَانٌ إِلَّا

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And fight them until there is no more fitnah (disbelief and worshipping of others along with Allāh) and (all and every kind of) worship is for Allāh (Alone). But if they cease, let there be no transgression except against Aẓ Zālimūn (the polytheists, and wrong-doers, etc.)⁵¹

⁴⁷ Refer: At Ṭabarānī (20/266) #629 and Al Haijāmī (5/293) said that “its men are trustworthy”. And in “Fath Al Bārī” (6/16) Ibn Hajar stated that “its Isnād is Hassan”. Also narrated by Ahmad in his “Musnad” (4/131) #17221 – and in its Commentary Al Arnaūt declared one of its narration as “Hassan” . Also stated as “Hassan Ṣahih” by Musā’id bin Sulaimān Ar Rāṣid, in his commentary to “Al Jihād” of Ibn Abī ʿĀsim. At Tirmiḏī narrated it in (4/187) #1663 and declared it “Hassan Sahih Garib”. Also narrated by Ibn Mājah (2/935) #2799 , Al Baihaqī (4/25) #4254 and Abdur Razzaq (5/265) #9559).

⁴⁸ Narrated by Bukhārī (No. 2792), Fathul Bārī (VI/13-14), from ṬAnas bin Mālik .

⁴⁹ Narrated by Muslim (No. 1887), and At Tirmiḏī (No. 3011), from Ibnu Mas‘ūd .

⁵⁰ Narrated by Muslim (No. 1886) from ʿAbdullāh bin ʿAmr bin ʿĀṣ , and At Tirmiḏī (No. 1640), from ṬAnas , hadīṭ sahih.

⁵¹ Sūrah Al Baqarah (2), ayāh 193.
Ibnu Jarīr A ṭ Ṭabarī (died 310 H)  said: “Fight them until there is no more șirk (polytheism) towards Allāh, there is no worship of idols, polytheism and other ‘āliha (gods)’. So that, ‘ibādah and obedience are only aimed towards Allāh alone and to no other”.52

The Messenger of Allāh  said:

أُمِرْتُ أَنْ أُقَاطِﻞَ اﻟﻨﺎﺳَ ﺑِﺤَﺘْﺎَﻳَﺛَ يَﺸْﻬَﺪُوْا أَنْ ﻻَ إِﻟَﻪَ إِﻠَّا ﷲُ

“I have been commanded to fight mankind until they bear witness that there is no ilāh that has the right to be worshipped in truth except Allāh...”53

Abū ʿAbdillāh Al Qurṭubī (died 671 H)  said: “The āyāt and the ahādīṯ above point out the cause (reason) for ‘qitāl (fight, combat)’ is disbelief”.54

Saïk As Sa’dī  said: “The meaning and purpose of fighting in the Way of Allāh is not just to spill the blood of the disbelievers and to take their wealth, but rather its objective is that this Deen of Islām be instituted for the sake of Allāh above all ‘religions’ and to be rid of all forms of polytheism that obstruct the institution of this Deen; and that is what is meant by ‘fitnah’ (șirk). When that fitnah (polytheism) has gone, that aim has been achieved, then there is no more killing and fighting”.55

Thus, jihad was legitimized in order that the Deen of Allāh be instituted on the face of the earth. Because of that, before beginning warfare, it was commande to give da’wah to the disbelievers in order that they enter into Islām.56

➢ The Levels of Jihād

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52 Refer: Tafsīr Aṭ Ṭabarī (II/200).
53 Narrated by Buğārī (No. 25) and Muslim (No. 22) from Ibnu ʿUmar .
54 Refer: Tafsīr Al Qurṭubī (II/236), published by Dārul Kutub al ʿIlmiyah.
55 Refer: Tafsīrul Karīmir Raḥmān fī Tafsīri Kalāmil Mannān (p. 89), Muʿassasah Ar Risālah, 1st ed., 1420 H.
56 Al Muḥimmatul Jihād by ʿAbdul ʿAzīz bin Rais Ar Rais.
According to Ibnu Qayyim Al Jawziyyah , jihad possesses four levels\textsuperscript{57}, that is:

**Firstly:  \textit{Jihādun Nafs (Jihād against the desires)}.**

This jihad has four classes:

1. To perform jihād by striving to study knowledge and guidance, that is, to study the Deen that is ‘\textit{on the Haqq}’ (presents the truth). A person will not be able to receive (be in receipt of) prosperity and happiness in this world and in the Hereafter except by means of knowledge that guides thereto. When ‘he’ does not want to learn knowledge that is beneficial, then ‘he’ will be wretched in this world and in the Hereafter.
2. To perform jihād by striving to implement and practice the knowledge ‘he’ has gained. When it is on the basis of knowledge alone without its practice, then it can become knowledge that will be harmful to ‘him’ and moreover, of no benefit to ‘him’.
3. To perform jihād by striving to performing da‘wah (calling to Islām), teaching Islām to the person who has no knowledge of it. When the performance of da‘wah is not carried out, then this becomes a case of concealing knowledge already revealed by Allāh, whether it be in the form of guidance or as instructions.\textsuperscript{58} Thus, knowledge will be of no benefit and also unable to save ‘him’ from the punishment of Allāh.
4. To perform jihād in order to be patient towards difficulties in the undertaking of da‘wah in the Way of Allāh and also patience from the interruptions of ‘mankind’. ‘He’ endures the difficulties of giving da‘wah for the sake of Allāh. When this fourth class is fulfilled then ‘he’ will be a person who is close to Allāh. Thus, the Salafus Ṣāliḥ are of the opinion that a person is unable to be known as a person close to Allāh until ‘he’ is able to know the truth, practice it, and teach it. Because of that, a person with knowledge will practice it and teach it, then ‘he’ will be exalted at the side of His angels.

\textsuperscript{57} Refer: \textit{Zādul Ma‘ād Hadyi Khairil ‘Ibād} (III/10-11), Mu‘assasah Ar Risālah, 25\textsuperscript{th} ed., 1412 H.
\textsuperscript{58} Refer: Sūrah Al Baqarah (2), āyāt 159 & 174.
Secondly: *Jihādus Saiṭān* (Jihād against Satan)

This form of jihād has two classes:

1. The performance of jihād to fortify the self from suspicion and doubt that can undermine and destroy faith.
2. The performance of jihād to fortify the self from the attacks of desires that are destructive and lustful.

The first class of *Jihādus Saiṭān* will occur after there is conviction and the second class will occur after there is patience.

Allāh decrees:

وَجَعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ أُمَّةً يَهْدُونَ بِأَمْرِنَا لَمَّا صَبَرُواَ وَكَانُوا بِافْتِنَانِ يُوقُنُونَ

*And We made from among them (children of Israel), leaders, giving guidance under Our Command, when they were patient and used to believe with certainty in Our Āyāt (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.).*

Allāh informs that direction within the Deen can only be obtained by means of patience and conviction. Patience will be able to reject lusts and desires that destroy. Whilst conviction will be able to reject suspicion and doubt.

Thirdly: *Jihādul Kuffār wa’l Munāfiqīn* (Jihād against the Disbelievers and the Hypocrites)

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59 Sūrah As Sajdah (32), ayāh 24.
With this form of jihād there are four classes:

1. Jihād with the heart.
2. Jihād with the tongue.
4. Jihād with the soul.

Jihādul Kuffār (jihād against the disbelievers) is more specifically (in the context of its being carried out) by means of the hand (strength), whereas Jihādul Munāfiqīn (jihād against the hypocrites) is more specifically (again, in the context of its being carried out) by means of the (strength of) tongue.

Allāh ﷻ decrees:

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\text{O Prophet (Muḥammad ﷺ)! Strive hard against the disbelievers and the hypocrites, and be harsh against them, their abode is Hell, - and worst indeed is that destination.}
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Fourthly: Jihād Arbābi ẓulm wa’l Bidʿa wa’l Munkarāt (Jihād against the Wrongdoers and the Innovators and the Deniers)

With this form of jihād there are three classes:

1. By hand when able to.
2. When that is not possible then with the tongue.
3. When that is not possible then with the heart.

\[\text{Sūrah At Taubah (9), ayāh 74.}\]
\[\text{Sūrah At Taḥrīm (66), ayāh 9.}\]
That therefore is the thirteen classes of jihād.

The messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

“Whoever dies whilst never having fought, and nor has he conceived of fighting in his mind, then his death will be included amongst one of the branches of htpocrisy”.

Jihād must be carried out together with the Ūlī'l ʾAmrī (those in authority -learned leaders), whether the Ūlī'l ʾAmrī is good or bad.

Within the books concerning ʿaqīdah of the Ahlus Sunnah it explains that jihād is obligatory to be carried out together with the Ūlī'l ʾAmrī.

“Ḥajj and Jihād remain to be carried out with the Ūlī'l ʾAmrī of the Muslims, good or bad. There is no one who can cancel or destroy this”.

➢ The Division of Jihād

Jihād against the disbelievers is divided into two:

Firstly: Jihādul Fatḥ waʾṭ Taʿlab (Offensive Jihād)

This form of jihād requires the fulfillment of terms within the ṣarīʿat (terms that have been determined by the ṣarīʿat of Islām), as follows:

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62 Narrated by Muslim (No. 1910), Abū Dāwūd (No. 2502), An Nasāʾī (VI/8), Aḥmad (II/374), from Abū Hurairah ﷺ.

63 Refer: Ṣaḥḥul ʿAqīdah at Ṭahāwiyyah (p. 555), Ṣuʿaib Al Arnaʿūṭ and Dr. ʿAbdul Muḥsin At Turkī.
1. The existence of an Imām or of Ūlī’l ṬAmīrī.
2. The existence of a state (nation).
3. The existence of Ar Rāyah (banner of jihād).

Secondly: *Jihādud Difāʾ* (Defensive Jihād, defense of a Muslim territory)

This jihād is by law *fardu ‘ayn* (individual obligation) upon every inhabitant of the state (nation) attacked by the enemy (the aggressor). When the inhabitants of the state are weak, then they must be helped by the inhabitants of their neighboring states. Jihād by law must possess preparation by law and that preparation is divided into two:

**Firstly:** preparation for the development of faith so that the community is able to nurture the essence of worship towards Allāh, the lord of the Worlds, engage and appoint their souls towards the Book of Allāh, cleanse their hearts by means of the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ in order that they are able to support the Deen of Allāh ﷻ and His Šarīʿat.

This matter is in accordance with His decree:

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\text{وَلِيَنْصُرُرَبَّكَ أَلْلَهُ مَن يَنْصُرُهُ...}
\]

“...Verily, Allāh will help those who help His (Cause)...”

**Secondly:** Physical preparation, that is to prepare a number of troops and their equipment in readiness to face the enemies of Allāh and fight them.

Allāh ﷺ decrees:

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64 Sūrah Al Ḥajj (22), ayāh 40.
And make ready against them all you can of power, including steeds of war (tanks, planes, missiles, artillery, etc.) to threaten the enemy of Allāh and your enemy, and others besides whom, you may not know but whom Allāh does know. And whatever you shall spend in the Cause of Allāh shall be repaid unto you, and you shall not be treated unjustly.\textsuperscript{65}

The galvanization of the obligation of jihād with all its stipulations is obligatory with the fulfillment of its terms.

The provision of property to those people who are prepared for jihād is fard (obligatory) – according to the resolutions determined from within šarī‘at. However, terrorism is an enormous mistake, a fitnah, a fatal error as well as incredibly ignorant.

As for the propagation of disorder (anarchy), the terrorizing of people, the throwing of bombs, suicide by means of car bombs, instilling fear into people who are held to be safe or people who are safeguarded by the state, the killing of children, women, and old people in the name of jihād for this Deen is not true, and such actions as these are in opposition to Allāh, Ar Rafīq, and His Messenger ﷺ, and the faithful. They are already out of and away from the way of the scholars who truly understand knowledge.\textsuperscript{66}

\textit{Closing}

\textsuperscript{65} Sūrah Al Anfāl (8), ayāh 60.

\textsuperscript{66} Refer: 
\textit{Mujma’l Masā’ilil ʾĪmān wa’l Kufri’l ʿIlmiyyah fi ʾUsūlil ʿAqidah As Salaftiyah}, point 8 concerning Jihād (pp. 57-60).
Hopefully, what I have written here is able to add beneficial knowledge and good deeds as well as able to straighten out those diverse understandings of the Muslims that are in error and mistaken. And hopefully, Allāh bestows guidance on us all in order that we are able to undertake and carry out legitimate jihād in accordance with the understanding of the Salafuṣ Šāliḥ, so that this Deen is upheld because Allāh and is above all ‘religions’, and to get rid of all forms of širk and innovations that hinder the establishment of this Deen. Because of that, our obligation now is to perform jihād by striving knowledge that is legitimate and propagating it to the entire community before crying out for jihād fī sabīlillāh.

True daʿwah is the invitation of ‘mankind’ to the Pillars of Islām, the pillars of Imān, and the carrying out of Islāmic Šarīʿat, obedience towards Allāh and His Messenger ﷺ, to invite ‘mankind’ to belief in the Oneness of Allāh, prohibiting acts of širk, inviting the community to follow the example of the Messenger ﷺ, and to prohibit innovation. To invite ‘mankind’ to the Way of Truth so that salvation is achieved within both this world and in the Hereafter by following Messenger of Allāh ﷺ and the Companions ☪.

May prayers and peace rain upon the Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ, on his family, the companions, and those people who pursue their way with goodness.

All glory and praise be to Allāh. I bear witness that there is no god except You, and I seek your forgiveness.

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Long vowels:

Ā or ā
Ī or ī
Ū or ū

Consonants:

A or a for ا Q or q for ق
B or b for ب K or k for ك
T or t for ت F or f for ف
J or j for ج L or l for ل
D or d for د ʿ for ع
R or r for ر M or m for م
Z or z for ز S or s for س
N or n for ن W or w for و
H or h for ه Y or y for ي
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