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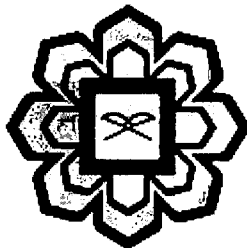
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Jihād

An Analysis from Islamic Perspective

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Abstract

Jihād stands for peace. It signifies utmost endeavor to achieve a target. Due to known and unknown reasons this term is surrounded by misconceptions. It is called a term referring to Islamic war against non-believing forces. Despite explanations offered by Muslim scholars, this term is looked at as an offensive and inhuman approach. This situation is to be blamed equally on Muslims and non-Muslims. They have all jumped to the conclusion without going through basic sources, the classical Arabic language, the Qur'ān, and Ḥadīth. Justice demands deeper understanding of the term jihād not in the light of any sources but the Islamic ones. This paper is devoted to the discussion on jihād on the basis of the Qur'ān, the Prophet's (s.a.w.) exemplary mission, and views of Muslim scholars.

Key words: *Jihād, The Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, Misconceptions, Explanations*

Introduction

Islamic *Jihād*, holy war, terrorism, killing the infidels and suicide bombings are some terms cited frequently in the eastern as well as western media. The Prophet's (s.a.w.) *Jihād* and his struggles to establish Islam in all aspects of human life have been misinterpreted by western writers. Whenever *jihād* is referred to as war against non-Muslims, it is due to its misinterpretation not merely by others but also by Muslims themselves. Misinterpretation of *jihād* is consequent upon misreading the Qur'ān, Ḥadīth, and Islamic history. This paper

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