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LOVE FOR SHAHADA (2)

THE OBLIGATION TO FIGHT THE INFIDELS

Allah most high says: *"(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)."* ALHAJ, 40

Imam Al-Hulaimi explained this verse by saying that Allah made it clear that if it weren't for His destruction of infidelity through believers, polytheism (Shirk) would have spread and prevailed over the truth, Islam. This urge to fight the infidel stems from the orders of Allah Most High, who knows best the nature of human and what is best for humanity. In order to preserve this gift (i.e. Islam) given by Allah from the influence or attack of

necessity. So, jihad is there to protect and preserve the message of Tawheed, it is not only a pillar of Iman, rather it is the foundation that ensures the safety of Islam as a whole.

Allah also said: *"When ye meet the unbelievers (in fight) smite at their necks"* Muhammad, verse 4. Which means that you have to completely purify the earth from such people, who promote infidelity. You have to cut them from their roots, wipe them out. Moreover, there is a large number of verses in the Quran that imply the same thing, and state a clear order to go and fight them.

In both Sahih Bukhari and Muslim, it is reported that the Prophet (PBUH) once said: *"I was ordered to fight the people until they declare the Shahada. Once they say it, they have protected their blood and wealth from me, except when it deserves not. And Allah will question them (in the end)."*

Ibn Al-Khassasora also said that when he went to the Prophet (Continued on page 2)

OBLIGATORY KNOWLEDGE

The literal meaning of the word "Fiqh" is "Understanding". However, this term is used to describe that portion of Islamic law that deals with the jurisprudence of a person's doods and saying such as Salat, Zakat, Marriages, Business, etc. It is mandatory that all Muslims acquire the necessary knowledge that they need to conduct their worship and daily dealings according to Islamic jurisprudence. This amount of necessary knowledge is called "Obligatory Knowledge".

Even though Fiqh is of prime importance, second only to Tawheed, most Muslims are ignorant of its details. Some have settled for leftover knowledge from the early days of schooling and are making no effort to review or learn. Others are preoccupied with Muslim community issues, social matters, or Islamic activism. Although important, these issues are secondary with respect to learning Fiqh and Tawheed.

Sadly, many devout and practicing Muslims suffer from this deficiency in knowledge. (Continued on page 2)

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 (PBUH) to declare the Shahada, the Prophet asked him to bare witness that there is no God but Allah, and Muhammad is his Messenger, to pray the five daily prayers, to fast Ramadan, to pay Zakat, to make Hajj, and to fight in the path of Allah. Ibn Al-Khassasiya then replied that he can't perform two of them, Zakat and Jihad. The Prophet said: "No Zakat, and no Jihad!! How do you think you will enter heaven." He replied instantly: "I will do all."

It is reported that a man once complained to the Prophet that the weapons had been put down and some people were saying there was no jihad. The Prophet (PBUH) said at once: "They lied, it is now that fighting has come, and there will always be a group of my people who fight in the path of Allah. They will not be affected by those who differ with them. They fight until the day of Judgment. The goodness and benefits are tied to the foreheads of horses until the day of Judgment."

Ibn Abbas, the cousin of the Prophet (PBUH), was once asked about the meaning of the verse "Unless you go forth, He will punish you with a grievous penalty..." He said, that the Prophet ordered some Arabs to fight, but they declined. Therefore, Allah held back the rain from them. At that time, rainwater was the only source of living and everyone depended on it.

The above explanation states clearly that when the Imam of Muslims call on someone to fight, that someone is obliged to do so, even if jihad was "Fardh Kifaya". That means even when jihad is an obligation that can be performed by a group of Muslims, but is not required for all of them, it becomes an obligation on this person in particular because he was asked by the Imam.

Abu Saad

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(Obligatory Knowledge Cont. pg. 1)
 They lack the proper foundation of Islamic jurisprudence. Rather, they rely on an incohesive set of opinions and Fatwas and base many of their actions and decisions on misconstrued concepts and hearsay.

All this takes place at a time when Muslims compete to earn degrees from institutions of high learning. Degrees that were supposed to teach us organized thinking, scientific judgment, and diligent research. However, when it comes to matters related to Islam, we revert back to the traditions of ignorance and backwardness. No self-respecting Muslim will pick up an engineering or medicine textbook and start making decisions based on a few-hour reading. On the other hand, many do not hesitate to pick up a Fiqh book and act after reading a few pages as if they were

scholars. When faced with a question, some keep on asking and looking until they find the answer that fits their desires and is easiest. Scholars such as Imam Ibn Hazam, have labeled such people who always seek out the easiest Fatwa, regardless of its credibility, as Fawiqeen.

Even when it comes to issues so fundamental, we find our knowledge deficient. So many Muslims cannot distinguish between Faridah and Sunnah portions of Salat. So many Muslims think that they can compensate for missed Faridah in Salat by making extra Sujood (prostration). So many Muslims are engaged in forbidden business dealings because they have never taken the time to learn.

It is high time that Muslims re-learn Fiqh, especially the obligatory portion. This study must be carried out professionally and at the hands of knowledgeable and Allah-fearing Imams. There is nothing a Muslim can learn that is better than learning Fiqh. It is only through such knowledge that one can be sure that his acts of worship and daily dealings are consistent with Allah's message and are accepted by him. After all, our beloved Prophet said: "If Allah Wants to make someone successful, He would help him learn Fiqh."

Abu Zubair

AFGHANISTAN

150 Communists dead and 300 more prisoners of war.

*Mujahideen sources reported that the fighting started by the communist General Baba Jahn against the Hizbi Islami mujahideen two weeks ago, lasted for two days during which 150 communist soldiers died and 300 fell as prisoners of war.

*As a result of the fighting, the mujahideen were able to gain control over the following centers that were in the hands of the communists: Badkhan, Sheeney and the Blosharkhi bridge. Also they were able to surround and stop the bombing from the Blosharkhi prison. All the military bases between the cities of Dar-Alamzara and Kabul fell also into the hands of the mujahideen.

*Sources reported also that the forces of Baba Jahn are gathering strength and preparing for another offensive on the mujahideen.

The fighting around Kabul is between the mujahideen and the Communists.

*Mujahideen sources emphasized that the forces of two field commanders for the Irthad Islami (Seyyaf) Tor and Dawood did not participate in the fighting against the mujahideen of the Hizbi Islami. On the contrary, they fought against the militias with the Hizbi Islami.

*Other sources reported that the fighting in Kabul is between the militias and the party of Wihdat on one hand and the mujahideen on the other. However, the militias or the Shites are carrying the flags of the mujahideen parties, as we mentioned in the last issue about the commander Mossa who carried the flag of the Irthad Islami (Seyyaf) and attacked the bases of the Hizbi Islami (Hikmatyar).

*Shaikh Hikmatyar mentioned that a representative for Shaikh Rabbani offered to the Hizbi Islami the positions of Prime Minister and Vice President. But, he put conditions on solving the situation. The conditions are giving power to an interim government agreed on by all the mujahideen groups, and holding elections within six months and forming an Islamic military during the same period.

* Sources reported that Shaikh Seyyaf suggested that the position of Prime Minister should be given to Shaikh Hikmatyar and move Ahmad Shah Massoud to the position of Minister of the Interior and Ahmad Shah Zoy to the position of Minister of the Exterior.

Coming up in the next issue
A detailed political analysis of
the situation in Afghanistan.

BOSNIA

Failure of peace conference and the bombing of Sarajevo.

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Geneva: The peace conference on Yugoslavia that was scheduled in Geneva ended in failure. David Owen, one of the organizers of the meeting, admitted that the Croats totally agreed on everything because they had the most to gain in land from this meeting. The Serbs partially agreed because they received less than what they expected, but the Muslims totally rejected the plan because they received much less than what they deserve. Vance and Owen, the organizers of the meeting, said that they will present the plan to the UN to try to force it on the region.

*Sarajevo: The relentless bombing on Sarajevo on 1/31/93 resulted in the killing of 20 residents and injuring 55. The Serbs bombed the Downtown area of the city, the Old city, and the new Sarajevo with missiles and heavy machinery.

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