

Questions about Jihad and Related Matters

1. What is the purpose of jihad, and when did it become a communal obligation?
2. In terms of acquiring merit, does Allah consider it better to fight or to stay home?
3. How often should jihad be carried out against non-Muslims in their own countries?
4. Describe the required response when non-Muslim enemies enter Muslim lands.
5. Are Muslims allowed to seek help from non-Muslim allies? Explain.
6. What are the two reasons for having a caliph, and is the caliphate an essential office?
7. What happens when Jews or Christians refuse to convert and refuse to pay the poll tax?
8. Delineate the possible outcomes when an adult male is taken captive.
9. Why is seeking or accepting a truce such a serious matter?
10. List four considerations that should give pause to a suicide bomber who believes he is about to become a Muslim martyr on his way to paradise.