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## ISIS: A SCOURGE ON HUMANITY

The “Islamic State” (ISIS), which is in a sorry state far from Islam, released a self-congratulating public statement claiming responsibility for a coordinated wave of attacks that took place in Paris on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015, leaving 129 innocent people dead. These barbaric and inhumane acts were committed in the name of Allah and the name of Islam by a marginalised sect of cult-minded radicals who share ideology with a deviant Muslim sect that has been the bane of Muslims’ existence for over 1400 years.<sup>1</sup> This group, which has illegitimately appropriated for itself the name “Islamic State”, is an offshoot<sup>2</sup> of a notorious sect, historically known as *al-Khawārij* (the Renegades), who were the first sect to break away from mainstream Islam.<sup>3</sup> This sect has a well-documented, inglorious history of snuffing out innocent life with impunity. Not a single century

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<sup>1</sup> The first Muslim leader to fight against this deviant sect and subdue their evil was the fourth caliph of the Muslim world, Ali Ibn Abi Tālib.

<sup>2</sup> Ayyub as-Sakhtiyānee said “The Khawārij may differ in their names but they are united on shedding blood with the sword.” Nowadays, the word ‘sword’ serves as a generic noun for guns, bombs or any other device used by this cult for shedding blood.

<sup>3</sup> This sect has three main characteristics when it comes to herding all of its offshoots together. Shaykh Sālih al-Fawzān said that they (the Khawārij) (1) excommunicate other Muslims, (2) renounce any obedience to the leaders or governments and (3) declare the blood of Muslims lawful to spill.

has passed in the Islamic world except that this sect has left in its wake death, destruction and mayhem. So conspicuous is this group's notoriety that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) himself named this sect<sup>4</sup> and made some sobering statements regarding it.<sup>5</sup> However, despite this sect's notoriety throughout the ages, the majority of Muslims (especially nowadays) are ignorant of this sect and its traits, which may go a long way in answering why some Muslims fall prey to ISIS propaganda. Another reason why Muslims fall prey to ISIS propaganda can be outlined in the words of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) himself:

يَأْتِي فِي آخِرِ الزَّمَانِ قَوْمٌ حَدَثَاءُ الْأَسْنَانِ سُفَهَاءُ الْأَحْلَامِ يَقُولُونَ مِنْ خَيْرِ قَوْلِ الْبَرِيَّةِ يَمْرُقُونَ مِنَ الْإِسْلَامِ كَمَا يَمْرُقُ السَّهْمُ مِنَ الرَّمِيَّةِ لَا يُجَاوِزُ إِيمَانُهُمْ حَنَاجِرَهُمْ.

**“During the last days, there will appear a young people with foolish dreams. They will speak with the best of rhetoric among creation, but they will exit from Islam as an arrow exits from its game, and their faith will not exceed their throats.”<sup>6</sup>**

Why would anyone want to join a group that specialises in mass murder, abductions<sup>7</sup> and has a carnivorous appetite for destruction unless it's got something to offer, even if that something is a mirage of words?

Islam explicitly forbids the harming of innocent people in anyway whatsoever, no matter if that harm is physical, emotional, or psychological in nature. The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said

لَا ضَرَرَ وَلَا ضِرَارَ.

**“There should be neither harming nor reciprocating harm.”<sup>8</sup>**

<sup>4</sup> The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, **“The Khawārij are the dogs of Hell.”** (Saheeh ibn Mājah)

<sup>5</sup> The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, **“They (the Khawārij) are the worst amongst creation and creatures”.** (Saheeh Muslim)

<sup>6</sup> Sahih Bukhāri.

<sup>7</sup> Imaam Ibn Baaz on Hijacking planes and kidnapping: “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. Likewise, from that which is known is that these crimes are not specific to any particular country over and above another country, nor any specific group over and above another group, rather it encompasses the whole world.” <http://www.binbaz.co.uk/>

<sup>8</sup> Sunan Ibn Mājah.

This statement from the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) serves as a pivotal principle in the legal system of Islam. And as a result, it is not permissible to harm or kill a non-Muslim who is not hostile or has a peace treaty with the Muslims. Contrary to ISIS's ill-gotten standpoint, Islam is not opposed to showing kindness and justice to non-Muslims, as proven by the following verse:

لَا يَنْهَاكُمُ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَلَمْ يُخْرِجُوكُمْ مِّن دِيَارِكُمْ أَن تَبَرُّوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ ﴿٨﴾

**Allah does not forbid you to deal justly and kindly with those who fought not against you on account of religion and did not drive you out of your homes. Verily, Allah loves those who deal with equity.**

[Al Mumtahanah 8]

ISIS, on the other hand, acts as if this verse wasn't revealed and that Islam's purpose and objective is to exterminate non-Muslims like vermin. Anyone who possesses sight can see that ISIS and Islam are mutually exclusive in their objectives. Perpetrating crimes in the name of a particular religion does not necessitate that said religion advocates or even condones such vile, criminal activity.

### **A SINGLE SOUL IS EQUAL TO ALL SOULS WHEN A LIFE IS TAKEN UNJUSTLY**

At the start of this paper, we quoted a verse that expresses the Islamic attitude when it comes to taking life without any legal precedent. The verse states,

مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا ﴿٣٢﴾

**Whoever kills a soul unless for a soul or for corruption [done] in the land - it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. [Al Mā'idah 32]**

This verse eloquently illustrates to us the sanctity of human life and the magnitude of the crime of taking just one life. This verse equates the taking of one life to all life, and this is not just a symbolic gesture. The scholars of Islam state that equating one life to all life is because when a person takes a life unjustly he has arbitrarily set a precedent to take *any* life unjustly. Because what would be the preventing factor in not taking life when life isn't held as sacred or there is little regard for law that protects life? And in this way, a single soul becomes representative of *all* souls because all souls

are intrinsically sacred, but the seal of sacredness is removed when just one life is taken unjustly. This is the Islamic attitude towards all human life and, obviously, it is an attitude that is not shared by the murderous cult, ISIS.

Allah states in another verse

﴿٣٣﴾ وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا النَّفْسَ الَّتِي حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ إِلَّا بِالْحَقِّ

**And do not kill anyone whom Allah has forbidden, except for a just cause**

[Al Israa 33]

So, Allah has forbidden the killing of anyone except for a just cause (i.e., a legal precedent). Thus, the underlying principle is that all life is sacred unless there is a legal precedent that provides an exception to the underlying rule. However, ISIS have an inverted and perverted take on this principle of Islam and humanity that states **“No life is sacred, including Muslim life, because ISIS is a just cause!”** Not only does ISIS violate the sanctity of human life but they also violate the sanctity of Allah’s laws, despite Allah stating

﴿١٩٠﴾ وَلَا تَعْتَدُوا إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ

**But do not transgress the limits. Truly, Allah likes not the transgressors**

[Al Baqarah 190]

## ISLAM’S RULES OF ENGAGEMENT DURING WAR

Islam has rules of engagement that the Muslims must adhere to during wars that are fought for a just cause. Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq, who was the first Caliph of Islam to succeed the Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), gave strict instructions to Muslim armies prior to engaging in warfare. He instructed Yazeed ibn Abee Sufyān with the following before being dispatched to Sham:

لا تقتلوا امرأة، ولا صبيًا، ولا كبيرًا هرمًا، ولا تقطعوا شجرًا مُثمرًا، ولا تُخرِبُنَّ عامرًا، ولا تُعفرنَّ شاةً ولا بغيرًا إلا لمأكلة، ولا تُعرفنَّ نخلًا ولا تحرقنَّه، ولا تغلنَّ، ولا تجبننَّ.



**Do not kill women or children or an aged, infirm person. Do not cut down fruit-bearing trees. Do not destroy an inhabited place. Do not slaughter sheep or camels except for food. Do not burn bees and do not scatter them. Do not steal from the booty, and do not be cowardly.**<sup>9</sup>

Once again, ISIS' set of perverted protocols are a constant contradiction of these instructions given by a real Caliph of Islam, Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq. This statement by Abu Bakr as-Siddeeq is preceded by similar statements from Prophet Muhammad (صلى الله عليه وسلم), but we won't mention them here because we wish to save them for a later section of this paper to drive home a valuable point.

### **ISIS' CULT POLICY: "YOU ARE EITHER WITH US OR AGAINST US"**<sup>10</sup>

Be under no illusion, ISIS, being the cult it is, only exists for itself and not for the collective wellbeing of the Muslims, in spite of its self-righteous rhetoric. The ISIS atrocities that non-Muslims have been recently subjected to in France are similar to the ISIS atrocities that are committed in Muslim lands.<sup>11</sup> We do not make this observation to undermine the horrific events that took place in France. Rather, we make this observation for two reasons:

1. To remind people in the west, Muslims and non-Muslims alike, that the unadulterated wickedness that has been unleashed by this bloodthirsty cult is nothing new when Muslims around the world are taken into consideration.<sup>12</sup> What we disturbingly witnessed in Paris

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<sup>9</sup> Al-Bayhaqi in *al-Kubrā*.

<sup>10</sup> Shaykh al-Islam ibn Taymiyyah said, "For they [the Khārijites] 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 excommunicating them. And they considered this to be worship, due to their ignorance and their innovation which caused [them] to stray." (Translation taken *The Kharijites: Historical Roots of the Ideology of Extremism and Terrorism*)

<sup>11</sup> Syria has seen hundreds of horrific terrorist atrocities similar to the Paris attacks, committed by Western-backed Muslim militias, since 2011 in their attempts to topple over the Assad regime. "Hundreds of suicide bombings have been carried out in Syria. In February 2013, a series of bombings in the capital Damascus killed more than 80 and injured at least 250 others on February 21. A massive car bomb exploded close to the offices of the Syrian Ba'ath Party, killing 59 and injuring more than 200 others. Among the other most notorious suicide attacks carried out by Islamist forces are included the December 2011 Damascus bombing, killing 44 people and injuring 166, and the May 2012 Damascus attack that killed 55 and injured 400."

<sup>12</sup> At-Tabari reported "The Khawarij came to a village and they seized a man and his daughter. She said to them, "O people of Islam! Indeed, my father is an old man so do not kill him, and I am only a girl. By Allah, I have never been immoral and I have never harmed anyone." They brought her to kill her and she kept saying, "What is my sin? What is my sin?" Then she fainted and they killed her with their swords." *Tareekh At-Tabari* 1512 (translation taken from <http://abuaminaelias.com>)

is a continuation of what Muslims have witnessed (and still witness) for over 1400 years.

What we are highlighting here is that both Muslims and non-Muslims alike are plagued by this scourge on humanity. However, if history teaches us anything, it will teach us that Muslims have always been the victims of this brutal sect and its offshoots. This should teach (or remind) us that ISIS have very little regard for life, whether Muslim or non-Muslim, unless such life unconditionally surrenders to ISIS ideology, which is nothing more than a brutal cult mentality that leeches off Islam to sustain its religious and moral justification for snuffing out life with impunity.

2. Because Muslims around the world in various Muslim countries have systematically suffered similar atrocities to those that took place in Paris, this allows the Muslims and non-Muslims to uniquely empathise with each other, and not merely sympathise, due to their shared nightmarish experiences at the hands of these murderers who make little distinction between Muslim and non-Muslim life.

If the above is true (which it is), this should cause us to realise that this is not a war between Islam and the West or Muslims and non-Muslims. Rather, this is a war between two groups of well-organised zealots with their own religious and political agendas in play. On one side of the spectrum of extremism, we have ISIS who are hell-bent on destabilising planet earth, and on the other side of the spectrum, we have Western foreign policy that meddles in other people's affairs on the pretext of bringing freedom to the Muslims when the reality couldn't be any further from the truth. This is creating a vicious vortex that is drawing into its powerful current everything around it.

### **IF IT LOOKS LIKE A MUSLIM...**

This subheading is a play on the **“Duck Test”** which is used to identify (and ultimately pass judgement on) something by merely observing the subject's characteristics and actions. Sometimes the duck test is a process of pure logical inference; while, on other occasions, it serves as a convenient mechanism to desperately label something to impart blame on that something! And thus, when atrocities are committed by “Muslims” and emotions are running high, we hear **“If it looks like a Muslim, talks like a Muslim and ‘acts’ like a Muslim then it probably *is* a (true) Muslim (i.e. acting according to the dictates of Islam).”** Non-Muslims, suffering from a bout of Islamophobia, very quickly, single out Islam and all Muslims for unmerited attention, simply



because scapegoating demands a sacrifice at the altar of vengeance.<sup>13</sup> And vengeance, being vengeance, has little interest in distinguishing between **a bad Muslim who clashes with the very teachings of Islam** and **a good Muslim who correctly embodies the message of Islam**. The irony here is that ISIS have their own version of the duck test: **“If it looks like a kāfir, talks like a kāfir and “acts” like a kāfir then it probably is a (true) kāfir (i.e. going to the hellfire forever – whether Muslim or non-Muslim).”** Thus, even though both groups have a mutual hatred for each other, they strangely share a common, superficial outlook of each other. Nothing keeps viciousness in a circular motion quite like mutually ill-conceived notions of each other!

### **EMOTIONALLY CHARGED TERMINOLOGY THAT FURTHER EXACERBATES MATTERS**

Many Muslims, let alone non-Muslims, have a hard time *not* seeing these savage terrorists as fighting for the “Islamic cause” due to a constant onslaught of buzzwords used in the media, like “Islamists” or “Islamic terrorists”. Then we have these terrorist thugs employing their own terms of grandeur, like “the Islamic State” and “The Khilāfah”, which romanticise and glamorise their ignoble, doomed-to-fail cause. Even the phrase “Muslim terrorist” is mutually exclusive on a connotative level because when a person submits to the teachings of Islam, he will naturally develop an aversion to all forms of injustice, including terrorism. Allah states,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ لِلَّهِ شُهَدَاءَ بِالْقِسْطِ وَلَا يَجْرِمَنَّكُمْ شَنَا نُ قَوْمٍ عَلَىٰ أَلَّا تَعْدِلُوا  
اعْدِلُوا هُوَ أَقْرَبُ لِلتَّقْوَىٰ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿٨﴾

**O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm for Allah, witnesses in justice, and do not let the hatred of a people prevent you from being just. Be just; that is nearer to righteousness.**

[Al Mā'idah 8]

This verse, alone, teaches us that Islam requires all Muslims to persistently stand out for justice. Even when our rights have been violated and our hatred is running rampant, we are still required

<sup>13</sup> “Muslim woman slashed with box-cutter as race hate crimes spiral after Paris attacks” <http://www.express.co.uk/news/world/620550/Migrant-crisis-terrorism-EU>

to stand out for justice and do what's right. Since, if we allow our emotions to get the better of us then vengeance and retribution seem no different to justice and that's when injustice can flourish.<sup>14</sup>

It could be said that we tolerate the phrase "Muslim terrorist" because (1) these terrorists themselves identify (in word and not deed) with Islam and (2) because doing sinful acts doesn't disqualify them from being Muslims.<sup>15</sup> It just disqualifies them from being law-abiding Muslims who implements the teachings of Islam correctly. In any case, the task of separating ISIS from Islam and the overwhelming majority of Muslims becomes nigh on impossible thanks to ISIS' embezzlement of Islamic terminology and the media frenzy with connecting every terrorist atrocity to Islam and the Muslims. But let's not despair too much because those who want to see, will see, and those who don't, will not see, no matter how much we magnify the letters **T-R-U-T-H**.

## **WESTERN FOREIGN POLICY ("THE WAR ON TERROR") AND ITS DEVASTATING DOMINO EFFECT**

Since the invasion of Iraq in 2003 (which flouted the United Nations and international law on the pretence of weapons of mass destruction),<sup>16</sup> there has been a catastrophic chain reaction of events that have deformed much of the world's sociopolitical landscape. For instance, **"in January 2008, a poll of Iraqis confirmed that the number dead is likely to be over a million. The prestigious British polling firm, Opinion Research Business, estimated that 1,033,000 Iraqis had been killed violently since the U.S. invasion as of August 2007."**<sup>17</sup> What if we were to add to this number the casualties of Western foreign policy deployed in other Muslim countries, such as Afghanistan, Syria and Libya? This is not to say that domestic policy within these countries did not play a part in the upheaval in the Middle East. Rather, what we are saying here is that the Western foreign policy of putting out fire with fire is not just a redundant policy but an incendiary one too. Western foreign policy, which hit the Muslim world like an atomic bomb, has accounted

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<sup>14</sup> For further reading on the consequences of allowing one's hatred to dictate matters: <http://www.salafimanhaj.com/?p=396>

<sup>15</sup> There is a scholarly difference of opinion on whether the Khawārij are deviant Muslims or outside the fold of Islam. Putting aside their true state of affairs, the very fact that the scholars of Islam dispute the validity of their Islam is enough to show us how evil this sect is.

<sup>16</sup> Labour Party leader, Jeremy Corbyn said, *"It is past time that Labour apologized to the British people for taking them into the Iraq war on the basis of deception and to the Iraqi people for the suffering we have helped cause. Under our Labour, we will make this apology."*

<sup>17</sup> <http://www.justforeignpolicy.org/deathcount/explanation>

for countless lives; the mass destruction of infrastructure and an exodus of refugees that numbers in the millions. All of the above has led to an emotional fallout of intense hatred and hostility towards the west and more specifically towards Western foreign policy. This allows opportunistic terrorist groups, like ISIS and al-Qaeda, to tap into the emotional state of the people and exploit their hatred, fear and grief. And this is how the recruitment policy begins, both foreign and domestic. This in turn leads to attacks, like those that we witnessed in Paris, which also whips up passions of a perverted nature that are used to justify new stringent policy, Islamophobia and emotionally driven militaristic responses. The most unfortunate thing about this devastating domino effect is that it is circular in its structure and thus doomed to repeat itself. All we are witnessing nowadays is a deeply embedded cycle of violence. ISIS are going to do what ISIS do best and Western leaders will respond with more bombing of the Middle East, more military intervention and more replying to violence with even greater violence.

### ISIS' SELF-CONGRATULATORY PRESS RELEASE

From the established traits of the Khawārij, from whom ISIS were spawned, is that they quote from legit Islamic sources to masquerade their vice for virtue to further their destructive agenda. And the latest PR release from ISIS makes no exception when it comes to quoting legit Islamic sources to justify the unjustifiable. They start by quoting the following verse from the Qur'an:

وَضُنُّوا أَنَّهُمْ مَانِعَتُهُمْ حُصُونُهُمْ مِّنَ اللَّهِ فَأَتَاهُمُ اللَّهُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَمْ يَحْتَسِبُوا وَقَذَفَ فِي قُلُوبِهِمُ  
الرُّعْبَ يُجْرِبُونَ بِيوتَهُمْ بِأَيْدِيهِمْ وَأَيْدِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فَاعْتَبِرُوا يَا أُولِيَ الْأَبْصَارِ ﴿٢﴾

**While they were certain that their fortresses would defend them against Allah; but Allah came to them whence they did not expect, and cast terror into their hearts; they demolished their houses with their own hands and the hands of the believers; therefore take a lesson, O you who have eyes!**

[Al Hashr 2]

Despite the highlighted pronoun “**they**” lacking an antecedent in this verse, this doesn’t mean that this verse can be arbitrarily applied to any community of people. This verse was revealed about a specific people at a specific time, and therefore its context must be taken into consideration when used to draw analogies that are acted upon. This verse is in reference to the expulsion of the Jewish Tribe called *Banu Nadbeer* which existed during the time of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) in the city of Medina. This tribe had designs on breaking its peace-treaty with the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) and the

Muslims of Medina and also conspired to murder the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم). In anticipation of their treachery, the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) gathered his forces and lay siege to them and demanded that they sign a new peace treaty to which they refused to do. Consequently, the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) fought them until they surrendered and were subsequently granted safe passage out of Medina. Thus, Banu Nadheer left Medina, carrying as much of their possessions as their camels could bare, including whatever they could dismantle from their houses.

So with this historical context in mind, where do we even start to draw analogies between the events that unfolded in France and the incident that took place in the time of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم)?! We all know that **“cast terror into their hearts”** is the part of the verse that ISIS covet the most because terrorism is what terrorists do! But someone needs to inform these imbeciles that casting terror into hearts is not necessarily a good thing, especially if such hearts are innocent of any crimes against Islam and Muslims to begin with! Given that the victims of Paris were non-combatants of war then the apt verse to be quoted would be

لَا يَنْهَاكُمُ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَلَمْ يُخْرِجُوكُمْ مِّنْ دِيَارِكُمْ أَن تَبَرُّوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ ﴿٨﴾

**Allah does not forbid you to deal justly and kindly with those who fought not against you on account of religion and did not drive you out of your homes. Verily, Allah loves those who deal with equity.**

[Al Mumtahanah 8]

As we said, the Khawārij and their offshoots are notorious for quoting scripture out of context, so much so that the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, **“They read the Qur`ān, thinking it is in support of them while it is actually against them.”** It is one thing to distort verses, but it is another thing to distort verses that go against you! The cousin of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), Ali ibn Abi Tālib, who was a real example of a legitimate Caliph, who ruled a legitimate Caliphate, was the first to go to war with the Khawārij. The Khawārij accused him of judging by other than the Book of Allah and used this as a pretext to revolt against him. They came to Ali and paraphrased the following verse from the Qur’an:

إِنَّ الْحُكْمَ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ ﴿٤٠﴾

**The command (or the judgement) is for none but Allah**

Ali retorted to this slanderous accusation of theirs with the famous words: **“A statement of truth through which falsehood is intended”**. They quoted the above verse out of context, hoping to hoodwink the general masses into thinking that the truth sides with them. However, Ali was more than a match for them, both in speech and in action, because not too long afterwards, Ali and his army routed the Khawārij in battle. The cautionary tale here is that we shouldn’t let their quoting of scripture blind us to their evil intentions which are evident by their evil actions. As the great Shaykh Muhammad ibn Sālih al-Uthaymeen said, **“Evil intent necessitates evil understanding”**, which can be observed through evil actions.

### **THE “BLESSED BATTLE” THAT NEVER WAS BLESSED**

The ISIS’ PR statement then goes on to boast the following:

**In a blessed battle whose causes of success were enabled by Allah, a group of believers from the soldiers of the Caliphate (may Allah strengthen and support it) set out targeting the capital of prostitution and vice, the lead carrier of the cross in Europe — Paris.**

The levels of sanctimoniousness and delusions of grandeur are so high that we had to take the liberty to underline certain words in the above paragraph to highlight the shared mind-set that drafted up this PR statement. So helium-based are their grandiose delusions that they dedicated their **“success”** to Allah as if He were unaware of how much they have brought his religion into disrepute and how much of an avalanche of pressure they brought tumbling down on the Muslims. There is something very psychotic and disturbing about a people who take life so indiscriminately and then attribute their **“success”** to the One who has categorically forbidden the indiscriminate taking of life.

So where was this **“blessed battle”** and against whom was this **“blessed battle”** fought? Let’s have a look at some of these “combatants of war” ISIS valiantly duelled with and put to the sword during this **“blessed battle”**:

- Hodda Saadi (Muslim sister)
- Halima Saadi (Muslim sister)

- Mohamed Amine Ibnolmobarak, 29 (Muslim)
- Elodie Breuil a 23 year-old female
- Elsa Veronique Delplace San Martin a 35 year-old female
- Asta Diakite female
- Elif Dogan 28 year-old female
- Suzon Garrigues 21 year-old female
- Michelli Gil Jaimez female
- Nohemi Gonzalez Garrido 29 year-old female
- Anne Guyomard, 29 year-old female
- Marie Lausch, 23 year-old female
- Anna Petard-Lieffrig 24 year-old female
- Patricia San Martin Nunez 61 year-old female
- Fanny Minot, 29 year-old female
- Marie Mosser, 24 year-old female
- Justine Moulin, 23 year-old female
- Helene Muyal, 35 year-old female
- Aurélie de Peretti, 33 year-old female
- Lacramioara Pop, 29 year-old female
- Lola Salines, 28 year-old female
- Valeria Solesin, 28 year-old female
- Ariane Theiller, 23 year-old female

Keeping in mind the above victims of this **“blessed battle”**, how can ISIS reconcile their statement **“blessed battle”** with the tamperproof statements of the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم), whom they absurdly claim to follow:

فِي بَعْضِ مَغَازِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَقْتُولَةٌ فَأَنْكَرَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَتْلَ النِّسَاءِ  
وَالصِّبْيَانِ

**“During some of the battles of the Prophet a woman was found killed. Allah's Messenger condemned the killing of women and children.”<sup>18</sup>**

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<sup>18</sup> Saheeh Muslim.

كُنَّا مَعَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي غَزْوَةٍ فَرَأَى النَّاسَ مُجْتَمِعِينَ عَلَى شَيْءٍ فَبَعَثَ رَجُلًا فَقَالَ " انظُرْ  
عَلَامَ اجْتَمَعَ هَؤُلَاءِ " فَجَاءَ فَقَالَ عَلَى امْرَأَةٍ قَتِيلَةٍ . فَقَالَ " مَا كَانَتْ هَذِهِ لِنِقَاتِلِ " . قَالَ وَعَلَى الْمُفْدِمَةِ خَالِدِ بْنِ  
الْوَلِيدِ فَبَعَثَ رَجُلًا فَقَالَ " قُلْ لِحَالِدٍ لَا يَفْتُلَنَّ امْرَأَةً وَلَا عَسِيفًا

When we were with the Messenger of Allah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) on an expedition, he saw some people gathered together over something. So he sent a man, saying, “See what these people gathered around”. He then came and said: They are round a woman who has been killed. He (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, “**This is not one with whom fighting should have taken place**”. Khalid ibn al-Waleed was in charge of the van, so he sent a man and said, “**Tell Khalid not to kill a woman or a hired servant.**”<sup>19</sup>

How can a thing be labelled as “**blessed**” when Allah and His Messenger have explicitly forbidden it?!<sup>20</sup> Once again, this just drives home the delusional and deranged mental processes of ISIS and how they flagrantly exploit Islam to justify their psychopathic tendencies.

And what were these battlefields that these “**blessed battle(s)**” were “fought” on? Where they “fought” on neutral land whereby *both* sides waged war without the threat of taking innocent life or the destruction of property? Here is a map that shows us where the “**soldiers of the caliphate**” mobilised their “troops” against the opposing army:



<sup>19</sup> Sunan Abi Dāwood

<sup>20</sup> Imam ash-Shawkāni commented on these narrations from the Prophet: “The hadith of this chapter indicate that the killing of women and children is impermissible. And this was the position of Mālik and al-Awzā’ee; who held it impermissible under any circumstances whatsoever [to kill women and children], even when the enemy use women and children as shields....”

## AN OBSERVATIONAL CHART ON SELECTED PARTS OF ISIS' PR STATEMENT

This group of believers were youth who divorced the worldly life and advanced towards their enemy hoping to be killed for Allah's sake, doing so in support of His religion, His Prophet (blessing and peace be upon him), and His allies.

| ISIS' DELUSIONAL AND SELF-SERVING RHETORIC             | OBSERVATIONS AND CRITICISMS   |
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| <p>“This group of believers <b>were youth....</b>”</p> | <p>The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said about the Khawārij: “In the last days (of the world) there will appear <b>young people</b> with foolish thoughts and ideas.”<sup>21</sup></p>  |
| <p>“...who <b>divorced the worldly life...</b>”</p>    | <p>“From their (the Khawārij) attributes is their outward portrayal of righteousness and piety while concealing corruptive beliefs inside.... So do not be deceived by their alleged asceticism and piety or by their strictness in matters, their claim that they are supporting the religion, or their allegation that they propagate Islam and make Jihad.”<sup>22</sup></p> |

And so eight brothers equipped with explosive belts and assault rifles attacked precisely chosen targets in the center of the capital of France. These targets included the Stade de France stadium during a soccer match — between the teams

<sup>21</sup> Recorded by al-Bukhāri.

<sup>22</sup> From the *Attributes of the Khawārij* p.3.



of Germany and France, both of which are crusader nations — attended by the imbecile of France (Francois Hollande). The targets included the Bataclan theatre for exhibitions, where hundreds of pagans gathered for a concert of prostitution and vice. There were also simultaneous attacks on other targets in the tenth, eleventh, and eighteenth districts, and elsewhere.

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| <p>And so eight brothers equipped with <b>explosive belts</b>....</p> | <p>“We think that the suicide missions in which a person is certain that he is going to die are haraam; in fact they come under the heading of major sins, because the Prophet (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: “Whoever kills himself with something in this world will be punished with it on the Day of Resurrection.”<sup>23</sup></p> |
| <p>...attacked <b>precisely chosen targets</b></p>                    | <p>These precisely chosen targets were cafes and restaurants and concert halls which were frequented by the innocent men, women and children.</p>  |
| <p>...both of which are <b>crusader nations</b>...</p>                | <p>Incendiary rhetoric used to remind Muslims of the days of the Crusades to justify the indiscriminate killing of innocent people. The irony here is that this murderous cult acts no different to the Crusaders all those centuries ago!</p>   |

<sup>23</sup> Shaykh Muhammad ibn Uthaymeen: <http://islamqa.info/en/217995>

Paris was thereby shaken beneath the crusaders' feet, who were constricted by its streets. The result of the attacks was the deaths of no less than two hundred crusaders and the wounding of even more. All praise, grace, and favor belong to Allah. Allah blessed our brothers and granted them what they desired. They detonated their explosive belts in the masses of the disbelievers after finishing all their ammunition. We ask Allah to accept them amongst the martyrs and to allow us to follow them.

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| <p>“The result of the attacks was the deaths of <b>no less than two hundred crusaders....”</b></p>                    | <p>We are quite sure the term “crusader” requires one to crusade. How were these 129 people crusaders?! Previously, we mentioned scores of women, including Muslims sisters, who were slaughtered indiscriminately. How can they be labelled crusaders?!</p> |
| <p>“They detonated their explosive belts in the masses of the disbelievers after finishing all their ammunition.”</p> | <p>A statement that takes great pride in carrying out cowardice acts that Islam has expressly forbidden, which once again drives home ISIS’ cult mentality and its anti-Islamic behaviour.</p>   |

Let France and all nations following its path know that they will continue to be at the top of the target list for the Islamic State and that the scent of death will not leave their nostrils as long as they partake in the crusader campaign, as long as they dare to curse our Prophet (blessings and peace be upon him), and as long as they boast about their war against Islam in France and their strikes against Muslims in the lands of the Caliphate with their jets, which were of no avail to them in the filthy streets and alleys of Paris. Indeed, this is just the beginning. It is also a warning for any who wish to take heed.

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| <p>“Let France and all nations following its path know that they will continue to be at the top of the target list for the <b>Islamic State</b>....”</p>               | <p>There is nothing “Islamic” about the state of ISIS. Their “state” is no different to the state of the state that Jim Jones set up in South America, Guyana, which lead to the Jonestown massacre<sup>24</sup></p>  |
| <p>“...that the scent of death will not leave their nostrils as long <b>as they partake in the crusader campaign</b>....”</p>  | <p>ISIS are using archaic rhetoric to describe a reality that is playing out in the Middle East. This doesn’t prove that ISIS’ quest is driven by noble intentions to liberate the Muslim lands from the siege of Western foreign policy. This is nothing more than a conflict of interest. It’s ISIS’ inherited job to kill the Muslims and it seems like Western foreign policy is interfering in what ISIS do best. However, what this does prove is that Western foreign policy can be easily used to hide ISIS’ real machinations.</p> |
| <p>“...and their strikes against Muslims in the lands of the Caliphate with their jets, which were of no avail to them in the filthy streets and alleys of Paris.”</p> | <p>And likewise, your indiscriminate killing of French citizens, which included dozens of women, was of no avail to the Muslims that reside in your non-existing Caliphate. Actually, as a direct result of your calculating carnage, the French are now bombing the Muslim “citizens” of your non-existent Caliphate.</p>  |

<sup>24</sup> <http://www.britannica.com/event/Jonestown-massacre>

