

[Saudi Sheikh 'Abdullah bin Muhammad bin Humaid](#) - Ex-Chief Justice of Saudi Arabia, current Imam of the Grand Mosque in Mecca, wrote a long article detailing [Jihad in the Qur'an and Sunnah](#):

“So when you meet those who disbelieve smite at their necks till when you have killed and wounded many of them, then bind a bond firmly (on them, i.e. take them as captives)... Thus [you are ordered by Allah to continue in carrying out Jihad against the disbelievers till they embrace Islam or at least come under your protection] but if it had been Allah's Will, He Himself could certainly have punished them (without you). But (He lets you fight) in order to test you, some with others. But those who are killed in the Way of Allah, He will never let their deeds be lost. And admit them to Paradise which He has made known to them. (K-[47:4](#), [5,6](#)).

Then after that He made (Jihad) "fighting" obligatory against all those who fight you (Muslims); not against those who didn't fight you. So Allah ordered:

And fight in the way of Allah those who fight you... ([K-2:190](#)).

Then Allah (swt) revealed in Sarah Tauba (Bara 'a) (Repentance, IX) the order to discard (all) the obligations (covenants, etc.) and commanded the Muslims to fight against all the Mushrikun as well as against the people of the Scriptures (Jews and Christians) if they do not embrace Islam, till they pay the Jizya with willing submission and feel themselves subdued (as it is revealed in the Verse [9:29](#)). So they (Muslims) were not permitted to abandon "the fighting" against them (Pagans, Jews and Christians) and to reconcile with them and to suspend hostilities against them for an unlimited period while they are strong and are able to fight against them.

As it is now obvious, at first "the fighting" was forbidden, then it was permitted and after that it was made obligatory - (1) against them who start "the fighting" against you (Muslims)... (2) and against all those who worship others along with Allah... as mentioned in Surah 2,3,9, and others (Chapters of the Qur'an). Allah (swt) made "the fighting" (Jihad) obligatory for the Muslims and gave importance to the subject matter of Jihad in all the Sarah (Chapters of the Qur'an) which were revealed at Madina...”