

[Umar](#) ibn al-Khattab (~580 - 644) - 2nd successor to Muhammad, 2nd of the “4 rightly guided caliphs.” Umar is quoted in *Bukhari*.

During the conquest of al-Basrah (636 CE)

“Summon the people to God; those who respond to your call, accept it from them, but those who refuse must pay the poll tax out of humiliation and lowliness. If they refuse this, it is the sword without leniency. Fear God with regard to what you have been entrusted.”

(Al-Tabari, *The History of al-Tabari (Ta'rikh al rusul wa'l-muluk)*, vol. 12: *The Battle of Qadissiyah and the Conquest of Syria and Palestine*, trans. Yohanan Friedman (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1992), p. 167.)

Also the famous [Pact of Umar](#) is supposed to have been “treaty of peace between the Caliph Umar and the Christians of Syria. More on this later, but it amounted to a promise of the Christians to abide by a detailed list of humiliating concessions as 2nd class citizens that became a model for some. The origin of this document is uncertain, but many Muslims for over 1,000 years have taken this very seriously and quote from it.