

Harming Muslim Security Officers & Investigators

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Question: It seems to have spread among many of the youth the notion that it is permissible to kill security officers and especially the investigators (in the Muslim lands). This baseless claim is based on a religious verdict allegedly attributed to some students of knowledge, claiming that such rulers and governments are considered disbelieving apostates. We hope you will clarify the Islamic legislative ruling regarding this.

Answer: This is the methodology of the Khawārij. The Khawārij were the same ones who killed ‘Alī Ibn Abī Tālib (رضي الله عنه), the best companion after Abū Bakr, ‘Umar, and ‘Uthmān. So, those who have the audacity to kill ‘Alī Ibn Abī Tālib, would they not then kill security officers? This is exactly from the Khawārij methodology. As for the one who issues to them a religious verdict allowing this, then he’s just like them and one of them. We seek safety from Allah.²

¹ This fatwā was taken from a book called “al-Fatāwā al-Shar’iyyah fī al-Qadhāyā al-‘Asriyyah,” a collection of various rulings by Muḥammad Ibn Fahd al-Ḥuṣayn.

² Taken from the cassette: Fatāwā al-‘Ulamā’ fī al-Aḥdāth al-Rāhinah allatī Ḥadathat bisharq Madīnah ar-Riyādh.(1424 Hijrah / 2004).