



Shaykh al-Albaanee on Suicide Bombings

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Fatwa of Shaykh al-Albaanee (died 1999CE) on Suicide Bombings

...Now we come to suicide attacks this is what we know from the Japanese and their likes (Kamikaze pilots) when a man would attack an America warship with his plane and he would blow up along with his plane but he would have struck the army that was in the American warship.

We say: Suicide attacks now, in the present time, all of them are not legislated (in the Sharee'ah), and all of them are unlawful, and they may be from those types (of suicide) on account of which its perpetrator will remain in the Fire forever. As for suicide attacks being a (form of) nearness by which a person comes closer to Allaah, then today a person fights in the path of his land, in the path of his nation¹. These suicide attacks are absolutely not Islamic.

For example, individuals climb up mountains, and go to an army of the Jews killing a number of them and then being killed themselves. What is the benefit in these matters? These individual undertakings have no (desirable) end result that is for the benefit of the Islamic da`wah (call), absolutely.

For this reason we say to the Muslim youth, guard your lives with the condition that you study your Islamic religion, and that you come to know it with a correct acquaintance, and that you act upon it within the limits of your knowledge, and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad (sallAllaahu `alayhi wa sallam).

¹ Trans: Meaning, that those who perform these suicide bombings today, do so for the sake of their land and their nation, and not in the cause of Allaah.