

## HOW CAN WE PREVENT YOUNG PEOPLE FROM JOINING ISIS?

A lesson can be taken from the biography of the fourth Caliph in Islam ‘Alī Ibn Abū Ṭālib, who was a relative of the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him). A radical sect appeared during the reign of his Caliphate - who are the predecessors of all contemporary extremist groups.

Initially, ‘Alī sent his cousin Ibn ‘Abbās, who was a celebrated scholar and renowned for his knowledge of the Quran, to debate the theology of this sect and expose its flaws, and as a result a number of those affected by this heretical doctrine abandoned this destructive path.

Thus, it is imperative for qualified scholars to be given the platform to provide counter narratives to the arguments formulated by extremists. After their arguments were annihilated by Ibn ‘Abbās, Ali fought against those who remained loyal to this bloodthirsty sect. Muslim jurists mention that the application of force falls under the jurisdiction of the leader. So there are two major components to this solution.

It is also imperative for governments to make it clear that the war is not against Islam, but against those who distort its teachings to justify their corruption. This should be represented in the language that is used.

Otherwise, extremists will seize on any ambiguity to sell to the youth the narrative that the West is at war with Islam, which is one of their main recruiting tools.

Is it allowed to inform the authorities if someone is on the verge of traveling to Syria or Iraq to partake in the bloodshed?

Shaykh Ubaid al-Jābirī, a former teacher at the Islamic University of Madinah, stated:

“ISIS, and the other [fanatical elements], are a danger to Islam, a danger to the Muslims in Muslim countries and a danger to the Muslims in non-Muslim countries; and they tarnish the image of Islam in the eyes of non-Muslims.

This is proven by the fact that many of the Muslims who reside in non-Muslim countries - and these people granted them a place to live and provided them with everything they require from the means of livelihood - and [these fanatics] fight, murder, bomb, blow up and other than this.

Whatever the case may be, there is nothing wrong with informing the authorities about them, due to the things we have mentioned concerning them.”

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