

Summary of Jihad In Islam
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The monograph Jihad In Islam is 36 pages. It is an official Hizb ut-Tahrir Islami publication. Until recently, the West, except for Middle Eastern scholars, knew little of, if they had heard at all, jihad. Now, the mere mention of the term seems to strike terror into the hearts of those who know it intimately as one of the primary means by which Islam is propagated.

But it is not really the fact that jihad is a means of Islamic propagation but that fact that the Ummah has used jihad since its inception in the 7th Century and is willing to do so today. Islam is not a religion but a theocracy whose divine mandate is three-fold. First, Islam is to spread Islamic monotheism or La ilaha illa Huwa which is “there is none who has the right to be worshiped but he.” Second, the Islamic state under the Khilafah must grow and can only do so at the expense of dar al-harb or the house of warfare. Islam must go into every house in the world which means Islam must take territory. Third, Islam has a divine mandate to remove any obstacles to Islam’s Da’wah. Jihad is the means by which the Kafir nations are destroyed giving everyone the opportunity to hear Allah’s message and to eliminate any Kafir who refuses to either become Muslim or a dhimmi.

Hizb’s view of jihad is both mainstream and not in comparison to that of, say, Al-Qaeda and so called moderate Muslims. Al-Qaeda believes that a mere imam has the authority to justify jihad against Dar al-harb and call for the Ummah to take up arms to create an Islamic state. Hizb argues, not that they are consistent, that jihad is both an individual and collective responsibility. As a collective responsibility jihad can only be declared by the Khilafah which assumes the existence of an Islamic state. On the other hand, the West has become inundated by so-called moderated Islamic scholars who claim that jihad is defensive only and merely a struggle of heart to get closer to Allah. Hizb argues, correctly, that jihad is both of these as well as an offensive struggle against Dar al-harb to promote Islam and expand the Islamic state territorially.

This monograph is designed to argue Hizb’s view of the importance, definition, obligation and use of jihad. This monograph is divide into the following:

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