

Hostage-Taking

The objective of hostage-taking in the lands of disbelief – and specifically in relation to just terror operations – is not to hold large numbers of the kuffar hostage in order to negotiate one's demands. Rather, the objective is to create as much carnage and terror as one possibly can until Allah decrees his appointed time and the enemies of Allah storm his location or succeed in killing him. This is because the hostile kafir only understands one language and that is the language of force, the language of killing, stabbing and slitting throats, chopping off heads, flattening them under trucks, and burning them alive, 'until they give the jizyah while they are in a state of humiliation' (At-Tawbah 29).

This sunnah of inflicting a slaughter upon the kuffar was ordered by Allah when He said, "So when you meet those who disbelieve, strike [their] necks until, when you have inflicted slaughter upon them, then secure their bonds, and either [confer] favor afterwards or ransom [them] until the war lays down its burdens" (Muhammad 4), and likewise in His statement, "It is not for a prophet to have captives until he inflicts a massacre in the land. You (i.e. the Muslims) desire the commodities of this world, but Allah desires [for you] the Hereafter. And Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise" (Al-Anfal 67).