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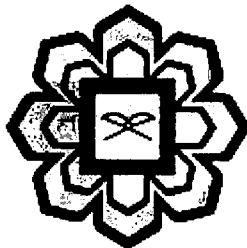
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Jihād versus Terrorism

Revisiting the Relevant Qur'ānic Verses

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Abstract

September 11, 2001 marked a crucial turning point for the Islamic notion of jihād. This tragedy has been connected to Muslim terrorists. Terrorists have resorted to Qur'ānic injunctions to justify their actions i.e. jihād, which might give the idea that terrorism has found its roots and support in the Qur'ān. Many groups have spoken out against terrorism. The fact is the Qur'ān condemns terrorism, but it advocates jihād. The September issue of Time Magazine has quoted some verses on jihād used by the so-called terrorists as their justification, and such justifications are refuted by others. Thus, this article deems it timely to revisit the Qur'ānic verses pertaining to the concept of jihād which have been used to justify terrorism in order to arrive at a more impartial and better interpretation of these verses.

Keywords: *The Qur'ān, Islam, Jihād, Terrorism. Justification*

Introduction

Since September 11, 2001, there have been a lot of discussions on the subject of war which involves killing and bloodshed. Terrorists have emerged from their hiding places threatening the safety of human beings. The main focus in this paper is on the Qur'ānic notion *jihād*. The reason for that is that the Muslims who have been accused as terrorists always seek justification for their actions and cause from

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