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# ABSTRACT:

The topic of this report is War and Jihad. This report presents a detailed idea about what the difference between War and Jihad is. This report also covers the Topic in Islamic Views i.e Quran And Sunnah, along with the view and opinions of religious scholars. Some events regarding the topic will also be discussed in this report. This starts from an introduction about the main topic leading towards the Religious teachings, orders and opinions from Quran, Sunnah and Scholars respectively.

# KEY WORDS:

* War and Jihad
* Kinds of Jihad
* War in Islamic and modern perspective.
* Conclusion

**INTRODUCTION**

# What is Islam?

# The word **Islam** means voluntary “Submission” or “Surrender” to the Will of God.

# What is a Muslim?

* A person who follows the Religious teachings of Islam i.e Quran and Sunnah.

# Muslim believes in the following 6 articles of faith:

* Oneness of God.
* Messengers and Prophets of God.
* Revelations and Quran.
* Angels.
* Day of Judgement.
* Predestination.

# What is War?

* War is basically an ongoing cold-blood killing, an armed conflict between people, societies, government, countries or mercenaries. It is generally characterized by extreme violence, destruction, and mortality, using regular or irregular military forces following the principle of NO MERCY.

# What is Jihad?

* Jihad comes from the Arabic the “Juhd” which means to strive for or to struggle against some opposition to achieve a certain goal.

# Types of Jihad?

# Jihad fil nafs

Fight against ones own self.

* Jihad fil maal

Finding those Muslims which are living below poverty line requiring immediate financial support and helping them around the world

* Jihad fil ilm

After acquiring education, spreading it to those Muslims that do not have any source of education.

* Jihad Fi Sabilillah

Fighting against those who try to suppress the Muslims or try to tear away their rights may it be social or financial.

# Principle of Jihad

# Fighting is only justified for self-defense, to aid other Muslims in trouble and after a violation in the terms of a treaty, but must be stopped if these circumstances cease to exist.

* No harm for the women, children and the old.
* Those who give up arms or surrender must not be harmed.
* No houses to be raided.
* No Trees to be destroyed.
* No crops to be damaged.
* No Temples or Churches to be destroyed.
* No one to be forced upon anything.
* Allowing the residents to stay upon their choice(in this case tax is taken from them).
* No one to force the people to convert their religion

Comparison between War and Jihad

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| WAR | JIHAD |
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| 1. War can be waged by any group or authority. | **1. Jihad can only be initiated by the Caliph or his delegate.** |
| - small fights can lead to war | **- war cannot be waged by criminals, rebels, or a ruler who uses power for personal gain**. |
| 2. The War may/may not perpetuate a Cause. | **2. Jihad must be committed In the Name of God and only for freedom from trouble.** |
| - fought for getting a certain cause which may or may not be reasonable. | **- the goal of fighting is to establish, maintain, or defend a well-ordered Islamic society, usually when threatened by outside non-Muslim forces** |
| 3. Also targets noncombatants may it be women children or the old. There is no mercy just cold-blood killing. | **3. Women, children, old and sick should not be harmed. Trees and crops should not be damaged and should only be fought until the enemy lays down his arms.** |
| - ultimate goal is to cause immediate and as much destruction as possible without taking any safe measures. | **- prudence and avoidance of wanton destruction** |

**WAR AND JIHAD IN ISLAM**

# ACCORDING TO ISLAMIC LAW:

# Jihad is indeed the top-most form of worship which is highly rewarded and appreciated. Jihad is lazim on every person but in respective types.

# IN QURAN:

The Glorious Qur’an says:

“…take not life, which God hath made sacred, except by way of justice and law: thus doth He command you, that ye may learn wisdom.”

Islam considers all life forms as sacred. Only Allah is the one that has the right to decide how and when a person should live or die.. The first and the foremost basic right of a human being is the right to live.

The Qur’an says:

* “…if any one slew a person – unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land – it would be as if he slew the whole people: and if any one saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of the whole people.”
* “Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress limits; for Allah loveth not transgressors. And slay them wherever ye catch them, and turn them out from where they have turned you out; for tumult and oppression are worse than slaughter; but fight them not at the Sacred Mosque, unless they (first) fight you there; but if they fight you, slay them. Such is the reward of those who suppress faith.”

It is a well-known fact of Islamic history, that fighting against aggressors was prohibited during the first thirteen years of the Prophet’s mission. After Muslims migrated to Medina, the verses above were revealed to enable the community to fight in self-defense. The verses that follow clearly indicate Islam’s prohibition on aggression and inclination towards peace:

# “But if they cease, Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful. And fight them on until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah; but if they cease, let there be no hostility except to those who practise oppression.”

The verses above specifically refer to fighting against oppression and in defense of religious freedom as the Glorious Qur’an says:

* “Let there be no compulsion in religion”

# IN SUNNAH:

“The second best deed is to participate in Jihad”

In another Hadith. Abu Huraira reports that Prophet (SAW) said,

* Allah's Apostle was asked, "What is the best deed?" He replied, "To believe in Allah and His Apostle (Muhammad). The questioner then asked, "What is the next (in goodness)? He replied, "To participate in Jihad (religious fighting) in Allah's Cause." The questioner again asked, "What is the next (in goodness)?" He replied, "To perform Hajj (Pilgrimage to Mecca) 'Mubrur, (which is accepted by Allah and is performed with the intention of seeking Allah's pleasure only and not to show off and without committing a sin and in accordance with the traditions of the Prophet)."
* The Prophet said, "The person who participates in (Holy battles) in Allah's cause and nothing compels him to do so except belief in Allah and His Apostles, will be recompensed by Allah either with a reward, or booty (if he survives) or will be admitted to Paradise (if he is killed in the battle as a martyr). Had I not found it difficult for my followers, then I would not remain behind any sariya going for Jihad and I would have loved to be martyred in Allah's cause and then made alive, and then martyred and then made alive, and then again martyred in His cause."
* Those who fight in Jihad have the right to the spoils of the conquered or Paradise if he dies.

Jabir Bin Abdullah narrates

* "Allah's Apostle said, "Who is willing to kill Ka'b bin Al-Ashraf who has hurt Allah and His Apostle?" Thereupon Muhammad bin Maslama got up saying, "O Allah's Apostle! Would you like that I kill him?" The Prophet said, "Yes," Muhammad bin Maslama said, "Then allow me to say a (false) thing (i.e. to deceive Kab). "The Prophet said, "You may say it." Then Muhammad bin Maslama went to Kab and said, "That man (i.e. Muhammad demands Sadaqa (i.e. Zakat) from us, and he has troubled us, and I have come to borrow something from you." On that, Kab said, "By Allah, you will get tired of him!" Muhammad bin Maslama said, "Now as we have followed him, we do not want to leave him unless and until we see how his end is going to be.

Scholars Opinion:

Jihad is indeed a just cause, but is misunderstood around the world. It is due to the infidels who call themselves Muslims and spread the wrong meaning of the religion of Islam to defame us and deminer us. Islam is the worlds 2nd most famous religion and is spreading at a rapid rate due to which the opposition is working day and night to somehow stop this spread of peace and create chaos around the world with our name attached.

Against these people, Islam allows us to fight in our self-defence, to preserve our religion and finish those who dare to go against us. This is when Jihad is FARZ on every Muslim and he must take part and fight in the name of Allah. Not only will he fight for his religion but also for his future in this world and the next as jihad is one of the most awarded form of worship. If a person survives the jihad, he is highly rewarded in terms of deeds and his wrongdoings may also be completely forgiven. If he does not survive and receives shahadat then he is directly sent to Jannah. Also, according to the Quran, that person is not dead but we just can’t see/understand.

Now, if we understand the word JIHAD, we will come to know that in depth understanding allows us to truly understand the wisdom behind it which is to protect your own kind and help each other to achieve freedom, success and rewards from Allah for our good deeds.

Currently, Muslims around the world are under continuous threat, in most areas they are being killed by thousands per day which includes innocent men, women, children and the old. In some areas the conditions are worse.

Hence, right now, JIHAD is Farz on all of us and it is a must for us to help those brothers and sisters in need as all Muslims are one. We must help them in all ways and with every means possible otherwise we are just committing sin by not acting upon our duty.

Conclusion:

War and Jihad at first appears same, but in depth study while analyzing the Verses from Quran and Hadees of Holy Prophet (SAW) Allow us to have a clear picture of the differences between the two i.e War Is killing in cold-blood where Jihad is Only the fight against aggressors and not anyone else where the aggressors are left unharmed if they surrender.

Jihad is a pillar of our religion and the person performing jihad has, according to verses and hades, clear path that lead straight to heaven. If they Sacrifice themselves then they just go to heaven but they are alive as the holy prophet says:

* Jihad is the staircase to heavenHHhhh.