

The Pledges of Al-Aqaba

A Data-Driven Analysis of the 75 Ansar

An Enduring Commitment

The Pledges of Al-Aqaba were pivotal events that established the Ansar (Helpers) of Medina as the protectors of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and the nascent Muslim community. The data from the 75 known participants (73 men and 2 women) reveals a story not just of a political pact, but of a deep, long-term commitment to service, leadership, and profound sacrifice.

75

Total Participants

73

Men

2

Women

Tribal Composition

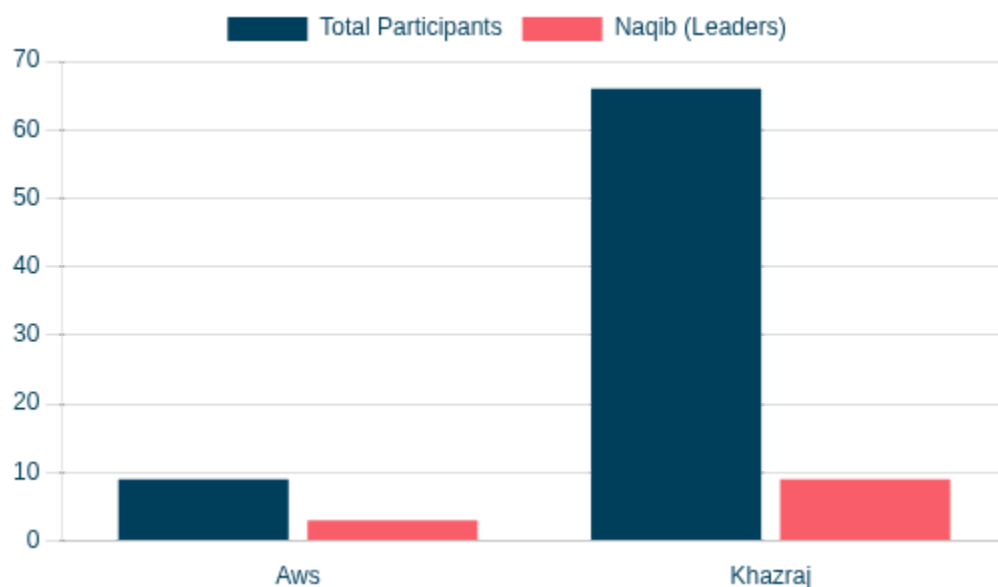
The participants came from the two main tribes of Medina, with the Khazraj forming the vast majority.



This 7.3-to-1 ratio highlights the Khazraj tribe's early and widespread adoption of Islam.

Leadership Representation

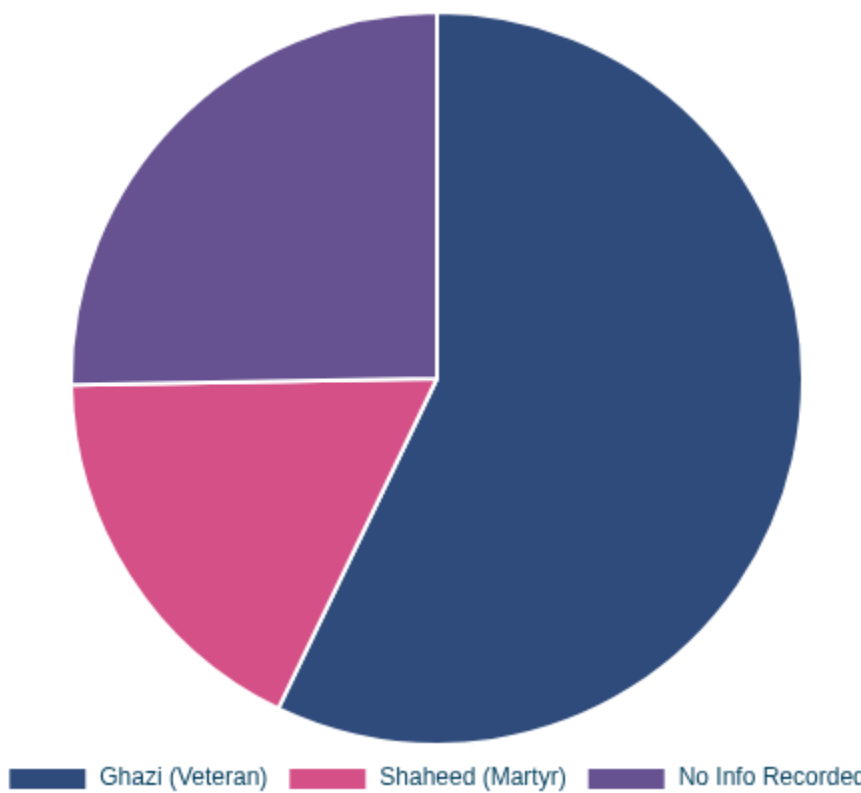
Of the 12 *Nuqaba'a* (Clan Leaders) appointed, the Aws were disproportionately represented relative to their numbers.



Data shows 33.3% of Aws pledgers became leaders, compared to only 13.6% of the Khazraj pledgers.

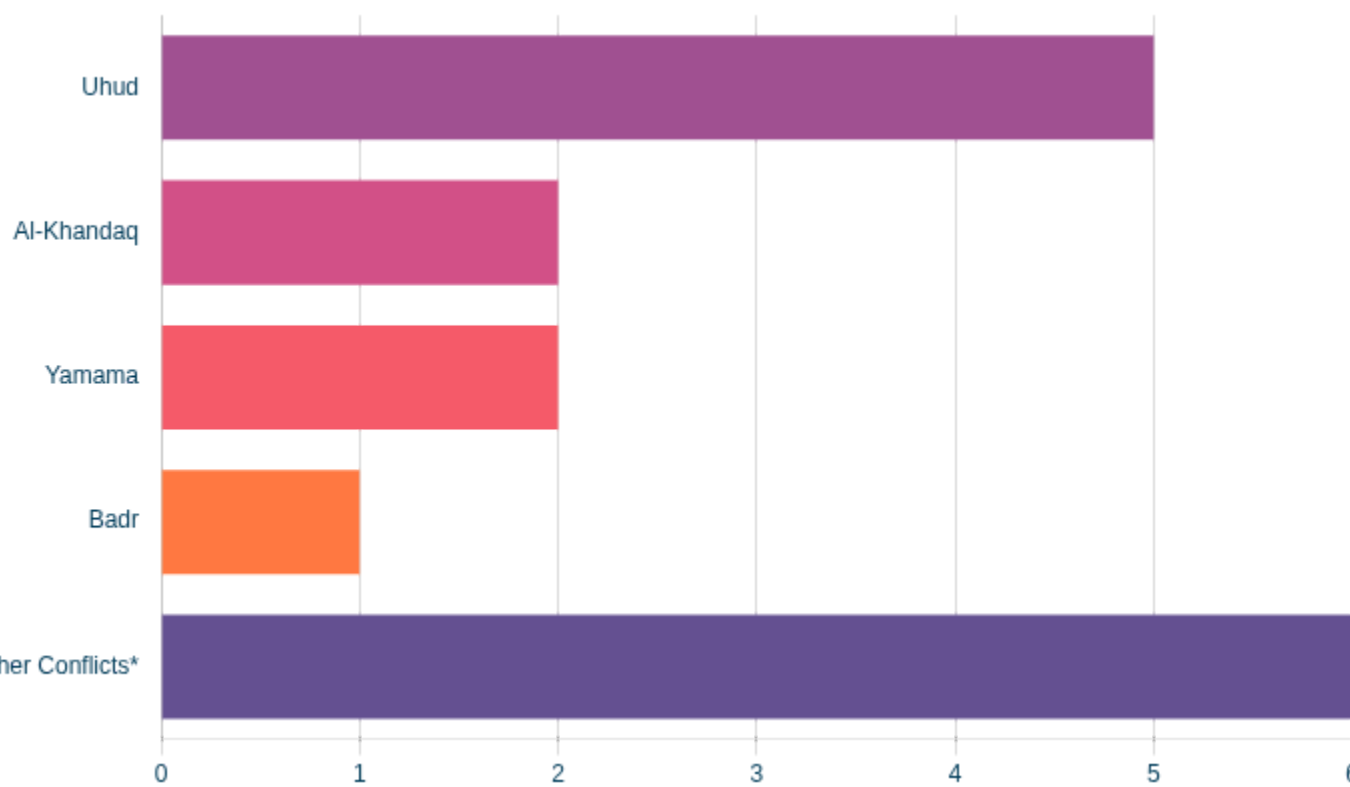
A Pledge of Service & Sacrifice

The pledge was a lifelong commitment. The data shows that nearly 70% of the participants are known to have served as *Ghazi* (veterans of battle), and over 21% achieved *Shaheed* (martyrdom).



Analysis of Martyrdom (Shaheed)

The 16 martyrs from this group fell in battles spanning the entire early history of Islam, demonstrating their unwavering dedication.



The Battle of Uhud resulted in the single largest loss of life for this original group, claiming 5 of the 16 martyrs.

The Original 12 Pledgers

The First Pledge was given by 12 men (10 Khazraj, 2 Aws) who were the vanguard of the Ansar. Their commitment laid the foundation for the Hijra.

Abu al-Haytham b. al-Tayyihan

Tribe: Aws

Status: Ghazi (Badr)

'Uwaym b. Sa'ida

Tribe: Aws

Status: Ghazi (Badr)

Mu'adh b. al-Harith

Tribe: Khazraj

Status: Ghazi (Badr)

'Awf b. al-Harith

Tribe: Khazraj

Status: Ghazi (Badr)

Abu Umama As'ad b. Zurara

Tribe: Khazraj

Status: Naqib (Died before Badr)

Rafi' b. Malik

Tribe: Khazraj

Status: Naqib

Dhakwan b. 'Abd Qays

Tribe: Khazraj

Status: Shaheed (Uhud)

Qutba b. 'Amir b. Hadida

Tribe: Khazraj

Status: Ghazi (Badr)

Ubada b. al-Samit

Tribe: Khazraj

Status: Naqib, Ghazi (Badr)

al-'Abbas b. Ubada b. Nadla

Tribe: Khazraj

Status: Shaheed (Uhud)

Abu 'Abd al-Rahman Yazid

Tribe: Khazraj

Status: No Info

Uqbah ibn Aamir

Tribe: Khazraj

Status: Ghazi (Badr)