



# **JIHAD: Defined and Operationalized**



# **PART ONE: WHAT IS “JIHAD”?**

**\* Defined**

**\* Types**

**\* Who can Declare?**

**\* Who's the Enemy?**

**\* Muhammad's ROE**

**\* Defining Territory for Jihad**

**\* Jihad in History \* Views of Jihad**

**\* Jihad = Foundation of Islam?**

## **PART TWO:**

# **JIHAD OPERATIONALIZED**

- **“Jihad al Saghir” in Action**
- **Modus Operandi of “Harb” as Jihad**
- **Evolving ROE in Jihad al Saghir & Implications for USA**
- **Suicide as “Jihad”**
- **Do the “Ends Justify the Means” Now? Implications...**
- **Concluding Remarks on “Jihad”**
- **Questions/Discussion**

**PART ONE:  
WHAT IS  
JIHAD?**

JIHAD IS  
OUR WAY

PANJSHIR ARGHAN DEFENCE COUNCIL



# Quranic Injunctions on Jihad...

- Term “Jihad” used differently in Quran than widely propagated by “Jihadists”
- Root word is “jhd” (effort) occurs 41 times in Quran
- 10 of these usages definitively refer to conduct of “harb”
- Roots of fighting and war are “qtl” and “hrb”



# Quranic Injunctions on “Jihad” & Concept of Abrogation

**Meccan Verses  
versus  
Medinan Verses**



# **Quranic Themes on Qital (Fighting) & Jihad (Struggle)**

- **Injunctions regarding “Sabr”**
- **OK to Engage in Defensive “Harb”**
- **OK to Wage Offensive “Harb,” but within certain limits**
- **Lifting of the Above as Revealed in “Sword Verse”**
- **Patience with the “People of the Book”**
- **Loss of this Patience & Declaration to “Subdue” the Jews & Christians**
- **Evidence of Internal Tension and the Reluctance to Fight**

# ***JIHAD DEFINED BY...***

- Salafists/Wahhabists/Deobandis
  - Mainstream Muslims
  - The West
  - Different Audience, Different Definition
  - Strategic Implications of How Jihad is Defined/Acknowledged
  - Jihad IS a Core Concept of Islam.
- \*\*WHO CONTROLS/DISSEMINATES THE MESSAGE IS KEY\*\***

# TYPES OF JIHAD:



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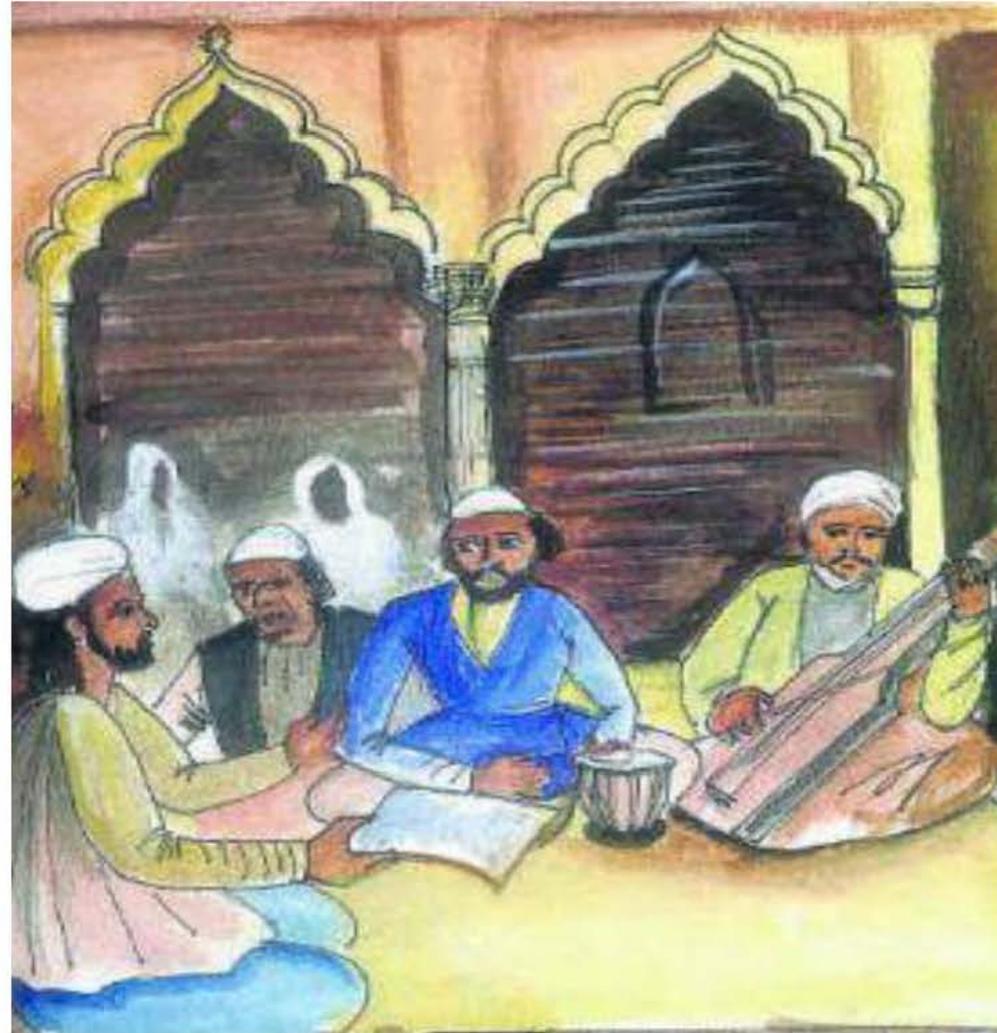


**JIHAD AL KABIR**

**JIHAD AL SAGHIR**

# Jihad al Kabir: Internal Struggle i.e. Seek From Within...

- **Lifelong Struggle**
- **Peaceful Efforts**
- **Sufi Inspired**
- **Not Emphasized by “Islamists”**



# Jihad al Saghir: HARB

- Objective:  
Dar al Islam i.e.  
Khilafa
- Al Saghir: Who  
Must Fight...
- Defensive
- Offensive



# **WHO CAN LEGITIMATELY DECLARE JIHAD VIA A “FATWA”?**

## **SUNNI (85 % of Muslims):**

- **Learned Islamic Scholars/Imams**
- **The Caliph**
- **Legitimate Muslim Rulers**

## **SHIA (15 % of Muslims):**

- **Grand Ayatullah**
- **Ayatullahs**
- **Hojatulislam**

# WHO IS THE ENEMY ACCORDING TO THE ISLAMIC MUHARIBUN?

## THE ENEMY BY PRIORITY:

- 1) APOSTATES (**Murtad Fitri & Milli**)
- 2) DEVIANT MUSLIMS (**Mushriq**)
- 3) MUSLIM HYPOCRITS (**Munifiq**)
- 4) ATHEISTS/PAGANS (**Kufar**)
- 5) PEOPLE OF THE BOOK (**Yuhudi & Nazerene**)

# **Muhammad's ROE in Jihad...**

## **Strict Rules of Engagement in Jihad:**

- **Announce the Offer of “Faith” to the Enemy**
- **Protect Non-Combatants**
- **Destruction of Infrastructure Forbidden**
- **Division of Spoils**

## **Importance of Defining Borders for the Purposes of Jihad al Saghir**

- **Islamic Muharibun's (Terrorists) Agenda:**
  - **Declare/Identify Entire World as Dar al-Islam = Fair Game**
  - **Dar al-Islam Re-Conquered via Lesser Jihad (Defensive)**
  - **Means Justify the Religiously Sanctioned End : Global Al Khalifah**

# JIHAD IN MUSLIM HISTORY...

- **Hijra 622 C.E.** (defensive)
- **Wars of the Riddah (632-634)** (defensive)
- **7<sup>th</sup> Through 9<sup>th</sup> C.E.** (offensive)
- **10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> C.E: Crusades** (defensive)
- **13<sup>th</sup> Century Mongol Invasion** (defensive)
- **Suleiman the Great's Jihad** (offensive)
- **Post Caliphate Jihad** (defensive or offensive?)

# **"JIHAD" ACCORDING TO OSAMA BIN LADEN ET AL**

- Zawahiri & TWH  
Influence on OBL's  
Views on Jihad**
- 1998 Fatwa: World  
Islamic Front for  
Jihad Against Jews  
& Crusaders**



## Al Qaeda's Operational Use of the Term "Jihad"

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ  
مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

- Recruiting/Rallying Tool
- Defining Boundaries of Dar al Islam for Jihad al Saghir (Defensive) = Rally Ummah

# **"JIHAD" ACCORDING TO THE SHIA**

- For the Historically Persecuted Shia, Jihad is a Permanent State as They Face a Struggle Just to Exist ...**
- Occultation of Twelfth Imam & Time Out on Jihad al Saghir**

# IS JIHAD THE FOUNDATION AND NOT A PILLAR OF ISLAM?

- **Historical Evidence:**
- **Conquest & Expansion**
- **Perceptions in Various Parts of the Muslim World Today**
- **Images Speak Louder than Words?**



**PART TWO:  
JIHAD  
OPERATIONALIZED...**



## **JIHAD Operationalized Today:**

- **A Concept in “Crisis/Free Fall” in Sunni Islam? Why?**
- Demise of Caliphate & Concomitant Rise of Islamist Groups Since 1924**
- Loss of Oversight/Control Mechanism Over Ulema & “Free Agents”**
- = **“Anarchical Jihad” (Burki)**
- Which Begs the Question: Does Jihad al Saghir Pose an Existential Threat?**

# **EVOLVING ROE in Jihad al Saghir**

**1) No Hierarchical Oversight =**

**“Democratic Jihad” (Burki)**

**Every “Jihadi” can determine his own ROE...**

**2) Fatwas are “non-binding” in Sunni Islam**

**3) Deep Divisions Within Clerical Establishment**

**& Increasing Tendencies Towards Draconian**

**ROE or “Ends Justify the Means” Approach =**

**Removal/Absence of Ethical or Moral**

**Constraints = A Faith Moving Towards the**

**Precipice as it Abandons Any Spiritual**

**Core/Foundation**

# Traditional Goals of Jihad Tied to ISLAM

- **Islam IS an Imperialist/Conquering Religion** as Enunciated in its History, Tradition and ROE With the Kuffar.
- **Theologically, Goal is CONQUEST &/or Subjugation in Order to Bring All to the True/Correct Path.**
- **Jihad & Da'wa** are the Two Mechanism to Accomplish the Mission

**CASE STUDY OF A JIHADI/GHAZI IN ACTION:  
Major Nidal Malik Hasan, US ARMY**



**Were His Actions Haram or Halal  
Based on ROE of Jihad al Saghir?**

# **More Case Studies of "Jihad":**

- 9/11\***
- Faisal Shahzad**
- Umar Farouk\***
- Richard Reid\***
- UPS Parcels**
- Mumbai Attacks\*\***
- Khost Attack\***
- Marine Barracks in Beirut\***
- Liquid Bomb Airline Plot\***
- USS Cole\***

# OTHER FORMS / MECHANISMS TO WAGE JIHAD...Stealth Jihad (Phares)



NEWSWEEK  
DESERVES  
BE BANNED

BUSH SHOULD  
APOLOGISE FOR  
DESECRATION OF  
QURAN



**PUBLIC PROTEST AS "JIHAD"**

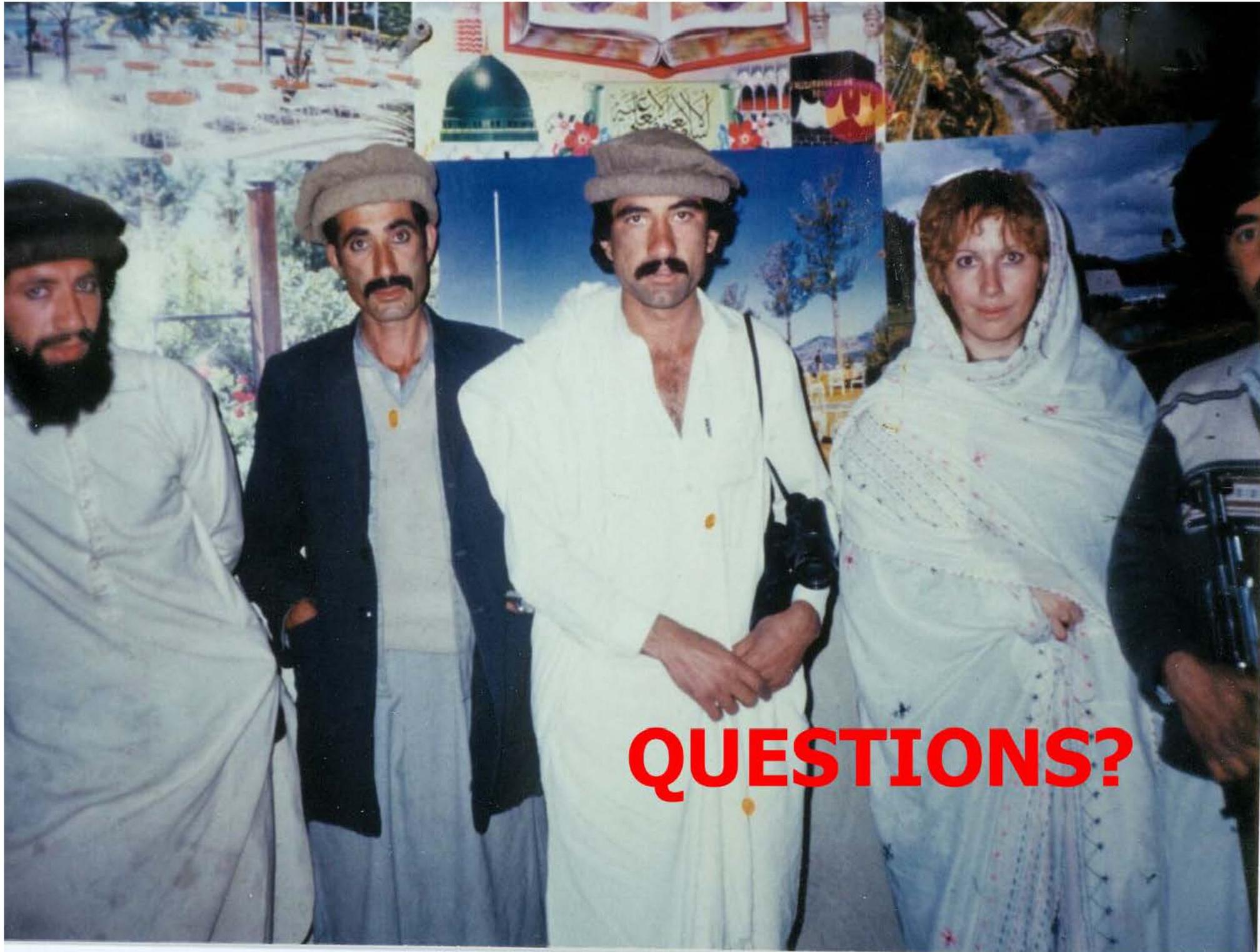


**OUR RESPONSE TO DATE...**

# CONCLUDING REMARKS ON “JIHAD” TODAY...

- **Battle of Ideas & Minds**
- **Control of Message/ Discourse = Edge/ Initiative**
- **Ulema/Scholar/Mullahs are a**
- **BIG part of the problem =**
- **Absence of Ethics/Morality & Emphasis on Violence in all forms as “Jihad”**
- **How “Victory” Might be Achieved: Restoration of a Caliphate or Reformation or Destruction/Warfare**





**QUESTIONS?**