

# Jihad

***Jihad* can only be a struggle for social justice. It can never be a partisan struggle for power. There is no Qur'anic verse that can be used to justify war in the contemporary world. Self-defense can be legitimate, but Muslims cannot kill civilians or other Muslims. All modern weapons kill civilians as a matter of course. Talk of collateral damage is nonsense. So the armed struggle of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) is no longer available to us. Now, *jihad* has to be unarmed struggle.**

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