

Question 2283) - What is the ruling of Jihad in Shari'ah?

A: It is Fard 'alal Kifayah. if a group of Muslims establish it, the obligation is lifted from the rest. If none establish it, all Muslims are sinners for abandoning it. Jihad is not a duty upon minors, slaves, females, blind men, cripples and those with lost limbs. However, if the enemy assaults a particular city of the Muslims, Jihad becomes Fard upon every individual Muslim. It becomes their duty to repel the enemy. A woman will in those circumstances go for battle without her husband's permission and a slave will fight without his owner's permission.

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