Question 2342) - What should the ruler do if a people withdraw from the obedience of Islaam and overwhelm a region?

A: The ruler should call them to return and will attempt to answer their grievances. He will not commence hostilities until they do so first. Once they attack he should asunder. If they have a group they flee to, he should swiftly slay their wounded and pursue those who flee. If they do not have such if group, he should not kill their wounded nor pursue those who flee. Their children will not be captured and their wealth will not be plundered.

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