

# **According to which religion and intellect is the attack on a school in Peshawar & killing more than 132 children justified?**

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The attack that was carried out yesterday, Tuesday, in which seven assailants wearing explosive belts attacked a school in the city of Peshawar, which resulted in the killing of more than 132 children, nine teaching staff and wounded tens of others; no doubt this is from people who are ruthless killers, those who shed blood and lack any mercy.<sup>1</sup>

This heinous act, and other similar acts of killing and destruction which occur in the Muslim lands, can never be attributed to rational thinking, never mind attributing it to Islaam. Islaam is innocent of such actions, just as the wolf was innocent from the blood of Yusuf ('alayhi as-Salaam).

The killing of Muslims and the killing of children is from the severest forms of falsehood and from the Major sins. Rather it is the greatest obstacle for Islaam and its teachings; it is an obstacle to people truly practising Islaam. [This level of extremism] far exceeds even what some of the enemies of Islaam have done to the Muslims in some countries.

A Muslim is Islamically forbidden to even frighten another Muslim, in fact even an animal may not be intimidated.

Abdullah bin Masood – (may Allah be pleased with him) said:

“We were with the Messenger of Allah (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam) on a journey, we passed by a tree in which there were two young birds of a red-bird, so we took them.

The [mother] bird then [flew] near to the Messenger of Allaah (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam) making a loud noise. So the Prophet (sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam) said, “*who has scared this red-bird by taking its young chicks?*”

We said: “*We have*”.

He replied: “*Return them both*”<sup>2</sup>

[If this is the case with birds] then how about the [killing of] innocent children regardless of whether they are Muslims or non-Muslims?

Where are those killers from the saying of Allaah (the Most High),

**{Whoever kills a believer intentionally – his recompense is Hell, wherein he will abide eternally, and Allah has become angry with him and has cursed him and has prepared for him a great punishment} [04:93]**

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<sup>1</sup> The death toll has now risen to 148 after the body of the school's head Tahira Qazi was also discovered.

<sup>2</sup> Narrated by Abdullah Ibn Mas'ood; Collected by al-Haakim in al-Mustadrak

May Allaah have mercy upon those who died, and may He give patience to their families. May He guide those who have gone astray from His slaves. Indeed we belong to Allaah and to Him we shall return.