

Q. Discuss the role of Holy prophet as a model for Military Strategist. -

## Introduction

The role of Holy prophet <sup>PBUH</sup> as a role model for a military strategist is utmost worthwhile of imitative. From the battle of Badr to the battle of Tabuk, it reflects sheer valour and determination of Holy prophet in tackling worrisome situations. In contemporary world, if the strategies approaches of Holy prophet <sup>PBUH</sup> are adopted it can lead to structured formation of war tactics. Be it the conquest of Makkah or the battle of Badr, the only thing prophet <sup>PBUH</sup> reflected was blind faith in Allah and his honed diplomatic skills.

## Role of prophet as a Military Strategist

Considering the idea of prophet <sup>PBUH</sup> about the wars was that they preferred

abolish the fitnah and mischief from society, ensuring brotherhood and peace.

### 3) To spread the message of Islam

Through his exemplary war tactics and skills he strived for the utmost spread of Islam. Through his kind and loving nature, he was far successful in excruciating this.

Following the same mantra, He was sent by Allah to Madinah to convey the message of Islam to the ignorant.

### 4) To spread peace and harmony among all.

Holy prophet  $\text{ﷺ}$  always schooled the message of brotherhood and to ensure harmony with all Muslims and even non Muslims. With that, His behaviour with them—minorities,

martyrism over turning the back to the enemies. He was not only righteous but a far-sighted military strategist.

## Objectives of warfare

- 1) To Eradicate the prevalent Persecution.

Prophet  $\text{ﷺ}$  always had the soft corner for the oppressed ones, without regards to the persecutors were muslims or not.

- 2) To eradicate Mischief and fitnah

With the motive of spreading Islam, he always paid heed to prevalent Jahlaliya and mischief among the people. Throughout his entire life, he has always strived to

truly depicted his pursuit for peace and harmony.

## An Insight to wars fought by Holy prophet ﷺ

### The Conquest of Makkah

Upon the breach of treaty of Hudaibiyah, the action taken by Holy prophet depicts his steadfastness and audacity with dealing spontaneous ~~and~~ mischiefs. He went to Khana e Kabach and demolished all the idols which were 300 in number. With these acts, it can be inferred what he anticipated at the time of Treaty of Hudaibiyah.

### The battle of Badr

The valor of Holy prophet ﷺ was evident in this battle as the score of muslims was 333 against the

warriors around 1000 in number.

## Score of battles fought by <sup>results</sup> Holy prophet

After the migration to Madina, from 622 to 632, he fought 27 battles that are known as ghazwaat.

The battles where Holy prophet was not present are known as Samiyah, which were 73 in number.

## Principles of warfare

### 1) Forbidden attacks by night

Prophet PBUH strongly commended all the warriors to abstain from attacking.

### 2) Forbid immolation of enemies

Being a prudent military strategist, he always thought for the persecution.

He strongly shunned the act of burning body of enemies.

### 3) Forbid the killing of envoys ✓

Prophet  $\text{ﷺ}$  strongly commanded to abstain from killing any diplomat of another state.

### 4) Forbid the killing of any pledged person. ✓

Do not kill a person who has a covenant with someone, and do not kill the captives.

(Hadith) ✓

### 5) Forbin the destruction of trees and animals ✓

As prophet  $\text{ﷺ}$  is known for his generosity, with that, he possessed the soft corner for animals and

Living things like trees and plants.

6) Forbidden the killing of Women and Children.

While dictating to the warriors, he strongly restricted all to abstain from making women or child captives.

## Qualities of Holy prophet

(restate the reading with peace form)

1) Blind faith in Allah

In the Battle of Badr, He was against 1000 with the force of only one third of the quraish. Yet still he had blind faith in Allah, holding the Quran and sword simultaneously.

2) Bravery

According to the words of Hazrat Ali as, Holy prophet was always the

closest to the enemy among us.

### 3) Love and affection ✓

The level of love and affection is evident as people - the warrior of holy prophet were ready to spare their life for them.

### 4) Military training before the war ✓

Holy prophet  $\text{PBUH}$  always was prudent and conscious in training the fighters.

### 5) Psychological tactics lowering the morale of enemy ✓

He used many of tactics which lowered the morale of Quraysh, resulting in their failure.

### 6) Army Division. ✓

He chose a warrior from each of



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tribe, showing his skills of military strategist.

Conclusion

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In Nutshell, from the battle of Badr to battle of Tabook, the life of Holy prophet is to take lesson from. His audacity and valor can be imitated in the present times and war strategies can be learned from the events of Islamic history.