

Q The main purpose of Gihazwat-e-Nabwi was to establish peace. Explain.

### Introduction

Islam derives from the word "SLM" which means peace. The Prophet PBUH always preached peacefully. The teachings during Makkan period and Medinan period advocates peaceful resolve throughout the journey of spreading the message of Allah. The main purpose of Gihazwat-e-Nabwi is demonstrated by the character of Prophet PBUH during these wars. All these wars highlight those examples and demonstration that showcase the purpose of these wars was to establish peace.

Establishment of Peace: Main Purpose of Gihazwat-e-Nabwi

1) In the way of Allah  
Prophet PBUH changed  
the course of warfare by  
making it the purpose to spread  
the message of Allah.

"Fight against in the cause  
of Allah 'only' against those  
who wage war against  
you, but do not exceed  
the limits. Allah does  
not like transgressors"  
(Al-Baqarah 2:190)

Try to add  
the Arabic  
of quranic  
ayats

2) To protect oppressed from cruel  
These Ghazwat were fought  
to protect the oppressed from  
cruel rulers. This highlights the  
meaning of Islam where peace is  
mandatory to make just and equitable  
society.

"What is it with you?  
You do not fight for

the oppressed men, women  
and children who cry  
out"

(An-Nisa 4:75)

### 3) Advocating peaceful measures during wars

Prophet PBUH always advocated  
peaceful measures when commanding  
a war or appointing a commander.  
Sulaima ibn-e-Buraida narrates that  
Hazrat Muhammad PBUH while  
appointing a commander for army  
recommends that:

"Let your invasion be in the  
name of Allah and for His sake.  
Fight against those who disbelieve  
in Allah. Invade but do not plunder.  
Do not deform a corpse or dead  
body"

### 4) Inclination toward treaties

Prophet PBUH always tried to

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resolve the conflict through peaceful measures. He always preferred treaties over wars which result in the loss of lives. For instance, Treaty of Huddaibiyah with Quraysh was a landmark agreement to establish peace. Although it resulted in harsh terms for Muslims but later it turned into manifest of victory.

### 5) Minimal Intensity

Hazzat Muhammad PBUH altered the objectives of war and emphasized tolerance and forgiveness through practical examples. Montgomery Watt in his book Muhammad at Medina writes that the intensity of wars fought by and under the command of Prophet PBUH was the least in history as only 1258 casualties happened during 100 wars from migration of Medina till his death. Thus, it highlights

that the main purpose of Jihad was only to establish peace.

Use specific and self explanatory headings

### 6) Principles of warfare

Holy Prophet PBUH emphasized strict principles during the time of warfare. Holy Prophet PBUH said:

"Do not kill any old person, or any children or any women"

Not only this, he also emphasized the importance of treaty by declaring:

"Whoever killed a person having a treaty with the Muslims, shall not smell the smell of Paradise though its smell is perceived from a distance of forty years"

### 7) Coexistence with non-Muslims

Holy Prophet PBUH upon the migration of Medina effected an

agreement between the tribes of Aws and Khazraj and between Muslims and Jews. This agreement is known as "Mithaq-e-Madina". This highlights that people from different religion can live effectively and peacefully together. While this agreement was not signed during Ahzab but it emphasized that all tribes will protect each other in the time of conflict.

8) Tolerance and Forgiveness to make peace: Example of Makkah

After the conquest of Makkah, the Holy Prophet PBUH inquired Quraysh and said

"There is no reproach against you today. God will forgive you. He is the most Merciful and most Compassionate"

(Surah Yunus 12:92)

Add more arguments. A 20 marks answer should have around 15 subheadings

The character of Holy Prophet PBUH itself highlights that all Ghazwat were fought only to establish peace and spread the message of Allah. No single war was fought for any personal gains by Muslims.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the objectives of Ghazwat-e-Nabwi are evident that it clearly demonstrate its purpose was to establish peace in Jand. By spreading the message of Allah and inclining towards the peaceful measures, Holy Prophet PBUH is known to be a peacemaker. Conquest of Makkah, Treaty of Hudaibiya and Mithaq-e-Madina are the examples that describe the purpose of Ghazwat-e-Nabwi.

Karen Armstrong in her book "Muhammad: The Prophet of our Time" said that Islam is a religion of peace and its Prophet preached Tolerance and Co-existence.