

PROPHET MUHAMMAD AS A

MILITARY STRATEGIST

INTRODUCTION

Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H. delivered the divine message of Allah among all Human being. His teaching is a guidance for every aspect of life. Prophet was an exceptional leader who showed his wisdom, courage and compassion. Being a military leader, he fought with strategies ~~with~~ ^{having} minimum casualties. In the short span of time, he conquered Arabian Peninsula and made a stable government. Prophet Muhammad was a genius military commander of his time, mastering all the situations through divine assistance. He became a role model as a military leader by altering the doctrine of warfare, ~~pre~~ ^{pre}-combat directive through diplomatic tactics and forgiveness over vengeance.

give the main heading first and relate your headings to the qs statement.

(ii) SHIFTING DOCTRINE OF WAR

The Prophet Muhammad altered the war tactics. Before Islam, War in Arabs

Fought for the purposes of tribal conflicts, plunderings, robbing, killing and tyranny. Their aim was winning over each other. After Prophet, war in Islam is Jihad, which purposes to save fight against sinful deeds for the purification of the land of Allah. These war of self-defence is but limited in nature. The objectives of sacred war which are deduced from the Holy Quranic

- (i) To fight against aggression and save Islamic lands.
- (ii) To eradicate mischief and Fitnah.
- (iii) To eliminate the oppression and tyranny.
- (iv) To remove hindrance in the way of Islam.

III Pre-Combat Directives

The Prophet was the Patron of all human being. He though taught to live in peace and bring peace. Before any invasion he used to instruct strictly:

وَلَا يَقْرَبُوا مَنْ قَاتَلَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فِي سَبِيلِهِ

"let your invasion be in the name of Allah, for the sake of Allah. Fight against those who disbelieve in Allah."

In the battlefield by night, he never invaded enemy till mooning. He also prohibited to hurt children, women,

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non-combat and envoys, as he said;
one reference is enough for a single argument.

لَا تُحْمِلُ عَلَى جُنُاحِكَمْ وَلَا تُتَعَذِّلُ عَنْ حَقِّكَمْ

وَلَا تُقْتَلُ عَنْ يَقِنَّكَمْ

"Donot kill a wounded person, nor run after fleeing person, nor kill a captive."

(iv) STRATEGIC ALLIANCE FOR PEACE AND STABILITY

To prevent war, Prophet set a political alliance that played an important role. After migration to Madina, Prophet made a written agreement between Muslim and Jewish tribe - Banu Qaynuqqa, Banu Nadir and Banu Quraiza. It connected all in the single Constitution where they ended their tribal conflicts and created social harmony and gave authority to Prophet over Madina. Resultantly, it became the foundation of Islamic state.

(v) INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND SURVEILLANCE NETWORK

Espionage is very important for war strategy that helps to obtain enemy movement secretly. For the importance of espionage, the Prophet sent his two followers, Basbas ibn Amr and Adiy ibn Abi Zaghba, before the battle of Badr. They secretly observed the Quraish Camp near the well of Badr as it allowed to help Prophet made ^{realistic} strategy against enemy. While Prophet commanded his Companions to the Patrol the surrounding of Madinah for protection.

add and highlight references/examples against these arguments.

(vi) WINNING TACTICS AT

BATTLE FIELDS

The Prophet always adopted on the battle field ground. On the ^{Charwa} Badr, he used many effective measures. Although, he had short Army, he along with army did not allow to access of water because he choose the position near the water well at Badr. He settled his army in an organized way strategically and prayed for success in the divine war. His calm leadership and skilled tactical led clear victory over large number of ~~for~~ army of Quraish.

(VII) CONSULTATION IN MILITARY

DECISION-MAKING

Prophet Muhammad always used to consult among his Companions. In 6 hijri when 10 thousand army of Quraish was coming to march Mading. He consulted his companions about defend Mading. Hazrat Salman Farsi advised digging a trench, Persian tactic which was unfamiliar to Arab. Prophet accepted his proposal, and started to dig a trench along with his followers. This strategic consultation helped Muslim to save Mading.

(VIII) ROLE OF SECRECY IN

MILITARY PLANNING

Prophet made a highly confidential mission to conquer Makkah. Later, it was informed to trusted Companions. When Hazib ibn Abi Balta informed Quraish about this secret through letter. Prophet, through divine revelation, ordered Hazrat Ali to interpret it and instructed the Army to march quietly. This secret mission led to bloodless conquer of Makkah.

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ix. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

TACTICS

Prophet Muhammad always used psychological tactics to break the hegemony of enemy. Before During the Conquest of Makkah, he surrounded the city with 10000 soldiers, where he ordered to fire across the Hill. When Quraish saw and assumed a large army has attacked, they became confused. Subsequently, Prophet announced amnesty for everyone and avoid resistance. This psychological pressure led a bloodless victory of Islam.

x. MANAGING RESOURCES FOR

MILITARY SUCCESS

During the Tabuk expedition in 9 hijri, Prophet led a long military campaign. He ordered his followers to donate. Although every companion donated generously, providing camel, weapon and food during the water scarcity, heat and long distance, Prophet shared equally among the soldiers. Fair distribution motivated army to complete the mission.

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xi. HUMANITY TOWARD WAR OF PRISONERS AND CIVILIAN

The Holy Prophet treated the prisoners very well and advised followers to treat them gently. During the Battle of Badr, he showed remarkable kindness towards Prisoners of War. Seventy prisoners were captured and hand over to the followers of Prophet. As they ~~feel~~ treated them, treated them mildly. He prohibited to kill them or disrespecting them. If they can be free by paying ransom, accepting Islam, or teaching the children of poor muslim. Such kind of human being promoted Islamic values of peace and harmony in War.

xii. DIPLOMATIC CONFLICT RESOLUTION:-

Prophet fought wars only for the sake of Allah, and saving the Islamic lands and people from theagan. He used to prioritize the defensive treaties rather than direct conflict. After six (6) Hijri, Prophet signed a ten-year peace agreement called Treaty of Hudaibiya with the Quraish. Despite some terms and conditions of this treaty was favourable to infidels, treaty forbade both side from direct conflicts.

and provided a chance to preach Islam peacefully. Such diplomatic approach of prophet underscored to avoid direct conflict. This approach led to Muslim influence and contributed to peaceful conquest of Makkah.

III. VALOR ON THE BATTLEFIELD

Prophet took personally part in the battle, leading from the front. Although, he became injured, broke his tools, in the battle of Uhud, he fought courageously along with his companion. His presence in at the battlefield increased the moral of his followers. The Prophet's bravery inspired followers to remain steadfast in the difficult situations.

XIV. DELEGATION OF COMMAND

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DISTRIBUTED LEADERSHIP

Prophet Muhammad P.B.U.H often delegate the military command to his trustworthy fellowship, believing in shared leadership. In the Battle of Mutah, Prophet appointed Zaid bin Haris, along with Jafir bin Abi Talib and Abdullah bin Rawahh, as

a military commander. When all three commanders marched, Prophet gave responsibility of Command to Khalid bin Waleed who led the army. This distribution of delegation of Command ensured continuity discipline and strategic flexibility in the battle field.

XV. FORGIVENESS OVER VENGEANCE

Prophet always stressed on forgiveness rather than revenge. After the conquest of Makkah, Prophet announced public amnesty, forgive all his enemies, and allowed everyone to return to their home safely. Although he absolved Ummah bint Utba who desecrated the martyred ^{corpse} of Uncle of Prophet, Harat Hanz by seeking her father's death revenge. This kind of forgiveness rather than punishment would heal the society, and fostering unity.

XVI. CONCLUSION :-

The military leadership of Prophet was a timeless example of strategic brilliance, compassion and ethical conduct. Through his campaigns, he underscored that true strength lies not in victory, but in wisdom, mercy and justice. His approach to warfare was marked by meticulous planning, adaptability and a deep commitment to welfare.

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of both civilians and soldiers. By stressing forgiveness, reconciliation and unity, he laid the foundation of stable society. The lessons derived from his leadership still inspire leaders and individuals alike, guiding them about leadership qualities, diplomacy, and resolve conflict peacefully.

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