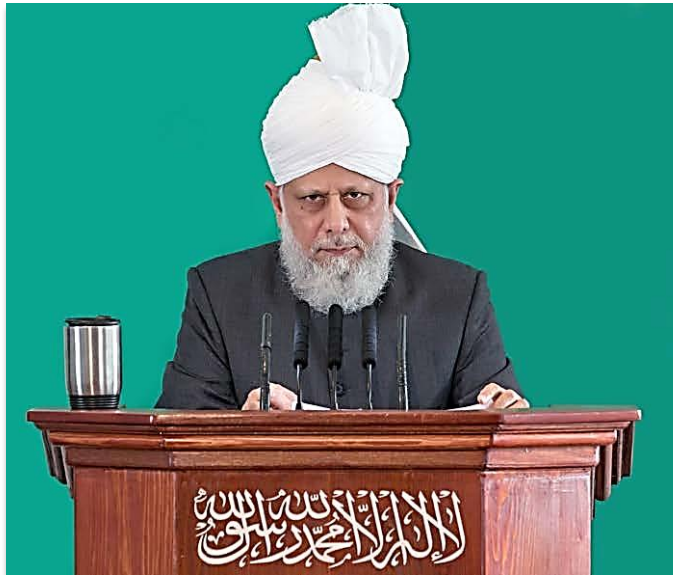
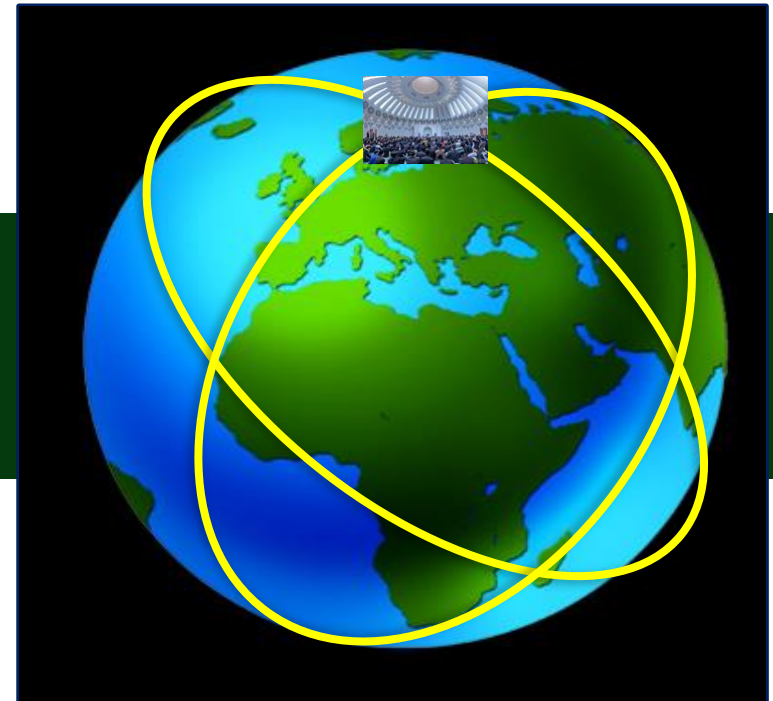


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His Hazrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmud Ahmad (ra), the Second Caliph who wrote about the factors leading to the Battle of Uhud, stemming from the defeat suffered by the Makkans and Badr. Upon learning that the Makkans had prepared an army of about 3,000 soldiers, the Holy Prophet (sa) consulted in Madinah as to what should be done. The Holy Prophet's (sa) own opinion was that they should remain in Madinah and weather any attack from there.

However, young men who had not participated in the Battle of Badr were eager to go out and fight, and so recommended that the Muslims army should leave Madinah and meet the Makkan army in the battlefield. The Holy Prophet (sa) also related a dream in which he saw a cow being slaughtered, which he took to mean that some of his Companions would be martyred. He also saw the tip of his sword breaking, which he interpreted to mean either those close to him enduring loss, or that he himself would endure some injury.

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The Holy Prophet (sa) also saw that he placed his hand in armour, which he took to mean that it would be better for them to remain in Madinah.

However, since the explanation of this dream had not been revealed and was the Holy Prophet's (sa) own interpretation,...

...he accepted the opinion of the majority and agreed to set out from Madinah with the Muslim army.

Advice of The Holy Prophet (sa) and Preparation for the Battle

Before departing, the Holy Prophet (sa) advised the companions that if they remained patient, then they would attain victory. Thereafter, the Holy Prophet (sa) instructed the Muslims to prepare for battle, and the Holy Prophet (sa) also made his preparations. When the Holy Prophet (sa) came out wearing two layers of armour, with his sword hanging on his back. The Holy Prophet (sa) rode his horse named Saqab. Upon emerging from his home, the Holy Prophet (sa) was informed that Malik bin Amr Najjari had passed away.

Hence, before departing for Uhud, the Holy Prophet (sa) led his funeral prayer.

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Consultation and Decision for Battle

His Holiness (aba) said that before departing, the people went to the Holy Prophet (sa) and said that their intention had not been to oppose his opinion, and if he felt that they should remain in Madinah then they would remain in Madinah.

The Holy Prophet (sa) responded that it did not behove of a prophet to remove his armour until God had decided between him and the enemy, in other words until there was a battle.

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The Three Flags of the Muslims

His Holiness (aba) said that the Holy Prophet (sa) had three flags prepared; one was given to Usaid bin Hudair (ra), another was given to Habbad bin Mundhir (ra) and the third was given to Hazrat Ali (ra).

The Holy Prophet (sa) mounted his horse and set out. It is recorded that on that day the Muslims had two horses, one belonging to the Holy Prophet (sa) and the other belonging to Hazrat Burdhah (ra).

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The Passion of Young Men to Join the Muslim Army

His Holiness (aba) said that upon reaching a place called Shaikhain, the Holy Prophet (sa) halted in order to inspect the army. If the Holy Prophet (sa) determined someone was under the age of 14 or 15, he sent them back to Madinah.

It is recorded that there were 17 such eager youngsters who were sent back. One of the youngsters was named Rafi, and it was pointed out to the Holy Prophet (sa) that he was a skilled archer, and so the Holy Prophet (sa) permitted him to remain with the army. However, Samurah, another youngster, spoke up saying that he was stronger than Rafi. The Holy Prophet (sa) said that the two should have a wrestling bout, and so they did in which Samurah was victorious. As a result, the Holy Prophet (sa) allowed both Rafi and Samuarh to remain with the Muslim army.

Chief of the Hypocrites Betrayed the Muslims

The following day, on the 15th of Shawwal 3 A.H. or the 31st of March 624 A.D. on Saturday, before dawn, the Muslim army marched forward and offering their Salat en-route, reached the foot of mount Uhud at the start of the morning.

It was on this occasion that the evil 'Abdullah bin Ubayy bin Sulul, chief of the hypocrites betrayed the Muslims, and separating himself along with 300 followers, returned to Madinah saying,

“Muhammad (sa) did not pay heed to my advice, and being swayed by inexperienced youngsters has come out of Madinah. Hence, I cannot remain with him and fight.”

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**The Holy Prophet (sa) Addresses the
Muslims on the Mountain of Uhud**

His Holiness (aba) said that upon arriving at Uhud, the Holy prophet (sa) arranged the army in a manner whereby the Uhud mountain was towards the rear

and the Muslims were facing in the direction of Madinah. On this occasion, the Holy Prophet (sa) addressed the Muslims as they stared down the Makkans.

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Begum wife of
the late Abdul
Hakim Akmal
who was a
missionary. She
was the
granddaughter
of companions
of the Promised
Messiah (as)

Master Abdul
Majid who was a
life-devotee and
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