

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS: HE WHO DIES WITHOUT A BAYA'A

The saying of the Messenger of Allah (SAW): "He who dies without a Baya'a (pledge of allegiance) in his neck, he would die a death of Jahilyya." means that he dies like the death of the people of Jahilyya, i.e. in a state other than that of Islam.

The Hadith is general and it applies to all Muslims all over the world as long as they do not have a Khalifa, and would continue until a Khalifa takes office. He who dies before a Khalifa were appointed, he would die the death of Jahilyya unless he seriously and actively works towards establishing the Khilafa. Only then his death would not be that of Jahilyya. As for he who died and had not worked towards establishing a Khalifa, he would be sinful, i.e. as if he died in a state other than Islam, however, he would die as Muslim, not a Kafir, though he would be sinful. Thus the sin is expressed by the death of Jahilyya.

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