

# SELF-PROTECTION & the Rank of Martyrdom

Islam advocates tolerance and forgiveness in various verses of the Quran. In describing individuals of *Taqwa*, Allah Ta'ala states, **“They suppress their anger and forgive mankind. And Allah loves those who do good.”** (Surah 3, Verse 134)

While advising this approach in day to day life, Islam is not a pacifist religion that advocates remaining silent in the face of oppression and allowing others to trample one's rights.

Rather, Rasulullah ﷺ has promised *Shahaadah* and martyrdom for those who stand against oppression and injustice even at the cost of their lives.

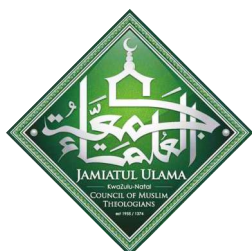
Rasulullah ﷺ has stated,

**“Whoever is killed in defence of his wealth is a Shaheed,  
whoever is killed in defence of his life is a Shaheed,  
whoever is killed in defence of his religion is a Shaheed,  
and whoever is killed in defence of his family is a Shaheed.”**

(Tirmizi)

Within the framework of the law, we as Muslims must endeavour to be champions of justice and fearless in combatting oppression. May Allah Ta'ala grant us safety and security and rid our society of all criminal elements, *Ameen*.

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