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[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Ibn Majah - An-Nasaa'i - Narrated by Abu Daoud]

This Hadīth shows that anyone who is killed among people who were throwing objects at each other, or killed in ambiguous circumstances due to crowd or the like, and the killer is unknown, then the blood money will be like that of accidental murder, to be reimbursed by the Muslim treasury. However, in case of intentional killing, legal retribution is due. Anyone who prevents the guardians of the killed person from taking retribution, after having demanded it, has exposed himself to divine curse. Allah will not accept his repentance, religious duties, or voluntary good deeds, due to the gravity of his crime.

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