



## The blood money of a Mu'āhad is half the blood money of a free Muslim

'Abdullāh ibn 'Amr (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "The blood money of a Mu'āhad (someone who lives in non-Muslim lands and is committed to a peace treaty with Muslims) is half the blood money of a free Muslim."

[Good hadith] [Narrated by Ibn Majah - Narrated by At-Termedhy - An-Nasaa'i - Narrated by Abu Daoud - Narrated by Ahmad]

The Prophet (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said that the blood money of a Jew or Christian is half the blood money of a free Muslim person. This applies to a Dhimmī, i.e. a non-Muslim who is given a promise of protection to live in Muslim lands in return for paying a tribute and abiding by the rules of Islam; a Mu'āhad; or a Musta'man, i.e. a disbeliever who enters the lands of Muslims under a pact of protection for trade or other purposes. All three categories are entitled to blood money because they share the status of having their blood protected. Their wounds are also to be compensated according to their blood money, just as the wounds of Muslims are compensated according to their blood money, since wounds are relevant to killing. The blood money of a non-Muslim man is fifty camels and of a non-Muslim woman is twenty five, for the blood money of women is half that of men. No blood money or legal retribution applies in the case of a belligerent non-Muslim who is at war with Muslims.

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