

Q&A

Shari'ah Law: Its Mission and Global Strategy

What is Shari'ah or Shari'ah Islamic law?

Shari'ah is Islamic law and represents the traditional or "pure" normative interpretation of the Qur'an and teachings of Mohammed, as developed by Shari'ah scholars and jurists during Islam's early centuries. It has remained largely unchanged for over 1200 years and is practiced today in these areas:

- Saudi Arabia, Iran, Sudan
- Recognized as the supreme law of the land in almost all Arab regimes (although not always put into practice)
- Afghanistan and the Swat region of Pakistan, under Taliban control
- Parts of Nigeria, Indonesia, and Somalia
- As of January 2009, Hamas-controlled Gaza strip
- Al-Qaeda radicals practicing terrorism

How is Shari'ah related to Radical Islam?

Implementing Shari'ah is the agenda of what is often termed **Radical Islam** or **Political Islam**. Shari'ah Islam is a political movement much like communism, in that "true" Muslims are required to relinquish all control of personal, business, family, and religious life to the rulings of Shari'ah "authorities" (the *'ulema'* who act as legislators, judges, and law enforcement) in the service of this totalitarian political order. The goal is to wage Jihad (cultural, financial, or violent) to create a one world order, united under Islam, where Church and State are one.

Do all Muslims want to live under Shari'ah law?

No. Newspapers report bloody struggles in Turkey, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, Egypt, and

Jordan between secular liberty-minded Muslims and theocratic Shariah militants. However, as **Shari'ah Islam** expands its reach worldwide, polls suggest increasing support for enforcing strict application of Shari'ah law in Islamic countries: 65% of Egyptians, 76% of Pakistanis, and 49% of Indonesians (www.worldpublicopinion.org). Yet Shari'ah law silences nearly 750 million women and children.

What are examples of Shari'ah law?

The *Reliance of the Traveller, Classic Manual of Islamic Sacred Law* is the authoritative Sunni Shari'ah rulebook (available at www.Barnesandnoble.com).

- Offensive, military Jihad is a religious obligation.
- Inferior status for all non-Muslims ("*dhimma*").
- Capital punishment for slandering Islam.
- Capital punishment for apostasy (leaving Islam).
- Severe restrictions on women; beating disobedient women, polygamy, forced child marriage, and stoning of adulterers are permitted.
- Slavery is legal.
- Lying (*taqiyya*) to infidels is permitted.
- Capital punishment for homosexuals and lesbians.

Who is the Muslim Brotherhood?

The Muslim Brotherhood (MB) was formed in the 1920s by Shari'ah advocates to create a one-world nation-state under Shari'ah Islamic law. Today, they are in 70+ countries. The Brotherhood works hand-in-hand with the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), a 57-member Muslim-majority block in the UN. Their 1982 plan to infiltrate and conquer the West was discovered in Nov. 2001 (see Patrick Poole's article at www.frontpagemag.com).

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