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Q3: What is the ruling on saluting the flag, honoring officers, and shaving beards when in the army?

A: Saluting the flag is not permissible; it is a Bid`ah (rejected innovation in religion) and the Prophet (peace be upon him) said: [\(He who innovates things in our affairs for which there is no valid \(reason\) \(commits sin\) and these are to be rejected. \)](#) (Related by Al-Bukhari and Muslim). However, honoring officers, or any body else, by paying them their due respect without being excessive is permissible.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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