

Military Coups and Revolts against the Rulers

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[Qaamoos al-Bid'ah, p. 767.]

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Shaykh al-Albaanee (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ): “And this shows how to attain salvation from the oppression of the rulers, those who are, ‘... **from our own people, and speak our language,**’¹—and it is by the Muslims repenting to their Lord and correcting their 'Aqeedah, and raising themselves and their families on the correct Islaam, implementing the Most High’s statement, [**Indeed, Allaah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves,**]² and one of the present day callers alluded to that, saying, ‘Establish the state of Islaam in your hearts, it will be established for you in your lands.’

And the way to achieve this salvation [from them] is not through what some people imagine [to be the solution]—i.e., through uprisings against the rulers with weapons, using military coups to do so, for along with the fact that they are a present day innovation, they also go against the narrations in the Legislation which order one to change oneself. Thus the foundation must be corrected in order for it to be built upon, [**Allaah will certainly help those who stand up for Him. Allaah is truly All-Powerful, Almighty.**]³

¹ It was narrated from Hudhaifah bin Yaman that the Messenger of Allaah (ﷺ) said:

“There will be callers at the gates of Hell; whoever responds to them they throw them into it.” I said: “O Messenger of Allaah, describe them to us.” He said: “They will be from our people, speaking our language.” I said: “What do you command me to do, if I live to see that?” He said: “Adhere to the main body of the Muslims and their leader. If there is no such body and no leader, then withdraw from all their groups, even if you bite onto the trunk of a tree until death finds you in that state.” [Saheeh, Sunan Ibn Maajah 3979]

² [Soorah ar-Ra'd 13:11]

³ [Soorah al-Hajj 22:40]