

Fighting the Entire Day with 60 Bullets!

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A beloved Mujahid brother, with whom I developed a deep and lasting friendship in the early days of my arrival in Khurasan, narrated a strange experience.

This incident occurred in the summer of 2012. On the tip-off of the presence of some leaders of the Mujahideen in a house in Miranshah, the Pakistan Army raided the house. Hearing the exchange of fire, some brothers present in the vicinity headed in the direction of this house. Among these four or five brothers was this brother as well. As he approached this place, he saw that several Army pickups and trucks had surrounded the house. Soldiers had arrested some innocent locals and were beating them as they frisked them away towards one of their trucks.

Despite their numerical inferiority, the brothers put their trust in Allah (swt) and opened fire on these army vehicles. This fight, which started early in the morning, continued till Asr. The Army called in helicopters and reserves from the Miranshah camp. Army posts present on the nearby hills started shelling the Mujahideen. However, Allah's help was with the Mujahideen and the Army had to suffer heavy losses at the hands of these few brothers. Around thirty soldiers were killed in this firefight. As night fell, the soldiers retreated towards a nearby post, leaving behind several vehicles, weapons and the dead body of the Colonel.

This brother was in the forefront of the battle that had waged the entire day. May Allah accept this deed from him! The brother told me, "At around Asr I recalled that I had only brought two magazines of my M-16 rifle with me (a magazine contains thirty bullets). When I opened the magazine I saw that there were still four or five bullets left in one of the magazines!" Even today, this brother expresses his amazement at the fact that despite firing endlessly from early morning till the evening, he did not run out of ammunition. This was indeed a special favour from Allah (swt) that the brother was able to fight the entire day with just two magazines.

"We are not a substitute for the Ummah, nor do we want to impose ourselves on the Ummah. Rather we are a part of the Ummah; in fact we consider ourselves its servants. We defend the Ummah with our lives, protect its sanctity with our blood, and defend its freedom with our souls. The Islamic State will be established- by the help and will of Allah- at the hands of the free, sincere and honourable Mujahideen. It will be established with their sacrifices, generosity, consent and collective choice."

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