

# HOW DID THE PROPHET ﷺ DEAL WITH THE MAN WHO REVEALED A MILITARY SECRET?

What would you expect from a commander who finds a soldier in his army attempting to reveal a critical military secret to their enemies, a secret that could destabilize the country and expose them to a great danger?

Before the conquest of Mecca, one of the Companions, named **Hatib bin Abi Balta'iah (may Allah be pleased with him)**, sent a letter to the polytheists of Mecca, informing them that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ had prepared an army to conquer the city. However, Allah Almighty frustrated this attempt and informed His Prophet ﷺ about it. The news did not reach Quraysh, and now you may breathe a sigh of relief. But what do you think the leader of the Muslims would do with the noble Companion Hatib bin Abi Balta'iah?

In most military systems, such a person would face a military trial and likely execution on charges of treason, among others. Indeed, some of the Companions suggested execution as a punishment, but what did the Prophet ﷺ do? He calmly asked him, "O Hatib, what is this?"

When the Prophet ﷺ knew of his excuse, he treated him with mercy and considered his faith as a reason for pardoning him. He said, **"Indeed, he participated in the Battle of Badr, and what do you know, perhaps Allah has looked upon the people of Badr and said, 'Do as you wish, for I have forgiven you.'"**

Moreover, Hatib was not ostracized from society; rather, the Prophet ﷺ later sent him as an ambassador of Islam to the ruler of the Copts in Egypt, Al-Muqawqis.

In Islam, you are given the chance to repent and correct your path. If you make a mistake, all your previous good deeds are not forgotten!