

Abū al-Ḥusayn al-Malṭiyy al-Shāfiʿiyy (377H) on Khārijite Movements

Abū al-Ḥusayn Muḥammad bin Aḥmad bin ʿAbd al-Raḥmān al-Malṭiyy al-Shāfiʿiyy wrote in his work, “al-Tanbīh wal-Radd”, under the section pertaining to the Khārijites:

“As for the first sect of the Khārijites, they are the Muḥakkimah, those who would depart with their swords to the markets, gather the people together whilst they were heedless [of who they were] and starting calling out, ‘Judgement belongs to none but Allāh’. They would drop their swords upon whomever they met amongst the people and would not cease fighting until they were killed... The people were very scared of them and were undergoing trial... As for the fourth sect of the Khārijites, they are the Najadiyyah, the associates of Najdah al-Ḥarūrī. He appeared from the mountainous regions of ʿAmmān and began to kill children, take women captive, spill blood and make permissible private-parts [for intercourse] and [appropriation] of wealth. He would excommunicate the Salaf (predecessors) and the Khalaf (later ones).”

Al-Tanbīh wal-Radd ʿalā Ahl al-Ahwāʾ wal-Bidaʾ (1994), Ramādī Lil-Nashr, p. 62, 67. Translated by Abu ʿIyaad Amjad Rafīq ♦ kharijites.com ♦ @abuiyaadsp
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