

Battle of Khandaq 5th A.H

Battle of Khandaq is known as **Ahzaab**: Groups, Many groups from the different Arab tribes joined hand to destroy the Muslims.

Khandaq: Trench: A trench was dug around Madinah. When Nabi ﷺ came to Madinah, He made an agreement with the Jews so that they can be united. But quietly the Jews began plotting against the Muslims.

There were 3 groups of Jews: **Banu Qaynuqaa, Banu Nazeer and Banu Quraizah**. In **2nd A.H.** the **Banu Qaynuqa** broke their agreements and declared war, the Muslim banished them out of Madinah and they went to Syria. Then **Banu Nazeer** did the same thing and they were banished to Khaibar. Then Banu Quraizah joined the enemies in Battle of Khandaq (trench), this group hid themselves in their fort for **25 days**. Finally a decision was taken according to their Jewish law: a) those men who can fight will be killed. B) The women and children taken as slaves. C) The wealth will be distributed amongst the Muslims.

The Kuffaar of Makkah, all the Jews and Munafiqeen (Hypocrites) of Madinah got together against the Muslims. An **army of 10 000** marched to Madinah. Salmaan Farsi رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ suggested to Nabi ﷺ to dig a trench. Nabi ﷺ and 3000 Sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ began digging the trench. Each trench was **5 meters wide 5 meters deep, and 8 km long**. It took them **6 days** to complete the digging. When the army arrived they were shocked to see the trenches, so they laid Madinah in siege for 15 days until Allah send a Hurricane which began uprooting all the Kuffaar things. The Kuffaar began returning back defeated.

During these 15 days the Muslims were suffering from severe starvations that they began tying stones to their stomach. Nabi ﷺ had two stones tied to his stomach. The Kuffar realized that they cannot cross over, so they began shooting arrows and throwing stones, the Muslims shot back and it was so intense that **4 Salaah became Qadhaa**.