



Life of Muhammad^{sa}

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MACHINATIONS OF ABU 'AMIR

When the Prophet (sa) went to Medina after the Hijra, Abu 'Amir escaped from Medina to Mecca.

We must now turn to the activities of one Abu 'Amir Madani. He belonged to the Khazraj tribe.

When at last Mecca also submitted to the growing influence of Islam, he began to hatch a new intrigue against Islam.

As he had been away for a long time and had altered his appearance and his dress, the people of Medina did not recognize him.

Only those hypocrites recognized him with whom he had relations in secret.

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He took the hypocrites of Medina into his confidence and with their concurrence planned to go to Syria...

...and provoke the Christian rulers and Christian Arabs into attacking Medina.

His colleagues, the hypocrites, were to spread rumours that Medina was going to be attacked by Syrian forces.

As a result of this dual plot 'Abu 'Amir hoped that Muslims and Syrian Christians would go to war.

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[or] Muslims would themselves be provoked into attacking Syria.

.. thus a war might start between Muslims and Syrians and Abu `Amir would have something to rejoice over.

Completing his plans, Abu `Amir went to Syria.

While the hypocrites at Medina—according to plan—began to spread rumours.....that caravans had been sighted which were coming to attack Medina.