

Hijackings, Kidnappings, and Bombings

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He (Shaykh 'Abd al-Azīz Ibn Bāz) said – may Allāh have mercy on him:

All praise is due to Allāh. May prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allāh, his family, his companions, and whoever follows his guidance.

It is well-known to anyone with the slightest amount of common sense that hijacking planes and kidnapping embassy officials and similar acts are some of the greatest universal crimes that result in nothing but widespread corruption and destruction. They place such extreme hardships and injuries upon innocent people, the extent of which only Allāh knows.

Likewise, it is also well-known that the evil and harm of such crimes don't affect one specific country or group. Rather, the dangers affect the whole world over. No doubt, whenever crimes are of this nature, it becomes obligatory upon the governments and other responsible authorities, such as the scholars and others, to give them the highest of concern and attention and to expend all possible efforts in preventing their evils and in eradicating them.²

¹ This fatwā was taken from a book called "Al-Fatāwā Ash-Shar'iyyah fī Al-Qadhāyā Al-'Asriyyah," a collection of various rulings by Muhammad Ibn Fahd Al-Husayn.

² Majmū' al-Fatāwā wal-Maqālāt (1/276).