The *Jihadists'* Reward

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"72 Virgins" is the reward promised to Islamists who become martyred in a Holy War (or "*Jihad*.") They are to receive their reward in Heaven (or "*Jannah.*") It has become a Shiite recruitment strategy.

Radical Islamic groups have employed this guarantee to recruit terrorists, as well as Shiite Islam's myrmidons. It is often used to explain the motives of those who engage in suicide attacks. Counterterrorism experts claim it is employed by many radical Islamic groups, including Hamas.

In the opening salvos of what President Trump has termed the "12-Day War," the Nation of Israel brilliantly and successfully eliminated Iran's political leadership, its military leadership, most of its intelligence and security capabilities, as well as the scientists who worked on its nuclear weapons program. Now, those martyrs who died in pursuit of Jihad may rightly claim their 72 virgins, just as they've been promised. (See below...)

72 Virgins, More or Less...









