

Imām al-Ājurī (360H) on the Khārijites and Takfīr of Rulers Through Faulty Interpretation of Verses

The Salafī scholar, Abu Bakr Muḥammad bin al-Ḥusayn al-Ājurī (360H) said: “From the ambiguous passages followed by the Ḥarūrītes [Khārijites] is the saying of Allāh (ﷻ): **“Whoever does not judge by what Allāh has revealed, such are the disbelievers.”** (5:44) and they read alongside this verse: **“Those who disbelieve equate others with their Lord.”** (6:1). So when they see the ruler judge with other than the truth, they say: ‘He has disbelieved. And whoever disbelieves has equated others with his Lord and has thus committed shirk (associationism). Thus, those rulers are mushriks.’ As a result, they revolt and do what you have seen, because they misinterpret this verse.”

Al-Sharīah (1413H). Riyāḍ: Maktabah Dār al-Salām. p. 37.

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