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When Muslim marched, al-Mukhtar was at a village called Khatwaniyya₁. He came accompanied by his supporters raising a green standard while 'Abdullah Ibn al-Harith was raising a red one. Having planted his standard at the door of 'Amr Ibn Harith's house, he said, "I want to stop 'Amr."²

It became obvious to them that both Muslim and Hani had been killed, and it was suggested to them that they would feel more secure in the company of 'Amr Ibn Harith, and so they did. Ibn Harith testified that they had both avoided Muslim Ibn 'Aqil... Ibn Ziyad ordered them jailed after having reviled al–Mukhtar and hit his face with a lance, gouging one of his eyes. 3 They remained in prison till Imam al–Husayn, peace be upon him, was martyred.4

Ibn Ziyad ordered Muhammad Ibn al-Ash'ath5, Shabth Ibn Rab'i, al-Qa'qa' Ibn Shawr al-Thuhli6, Hijar Ibn Abjar7, Shimr Thul-Jawshan, and 'Amr Ibn Harith to surrender and to discourage people from rebelling8. A number of men, who were controlled by fear, responded positively to his call in addition to others who coveted rich rewards and were thus deceived, whereas those whose conscience was pure went underground, waiting for an opportunity to launch an attack on the camp of falsehood.

- 1. al-Balathiri, Ansab al-Ashraf, Vol. 5, p. 214. On p. 449, Vol. 3, of his encyclopaedia titled Mu'jam al-Buldan, Yaqut al-Hamawi says it is one of the suburbs of Babylon, Iraq.
- 2. al-Tabari, Tarikh, Vol. 6, p. 215.
- 3. According to p. 253 of his Al-Ma'arif, Ibn Qutaybah, in a chapter dealing with those with deformities, and also on p. 303 of Ibn Habib's Mahbar, 'Ubaydullah Ibn Ziyad hit al-Mukhtar on the face with his whip, causing him to lose the vision from one of his eyes.
- 4. al-Balathiri, Ansab al-Ashraf, Vol. 5, p. 215.
- 5. According to p. 331, Vol. 1, of Khalifah's Tabaqat, Muhammad Ibn al-Ash'ath is the son of Qays; his mother is Umm Farwah daughter of Abu Quhafah. He and Mis'ab were killed in 67 A.H./686 A.D. during al-Mukhtar's uprising. This is also stated on p. 206, Part 2, Vol. 2, of Al-Jarh wal-Ta'dil.
- <u>6.</u> On p. 328, Vol. 1, of Khalifah's Tabaqat, his full name is given as al–Qa'qa' Ibn Shawr Ibn al–Nu'man Ibn Ghanal Ibn Harithah Ibn Abbad Ibn Imri'ul–Qays Ibn 'Amr Ibn Shayban Ibn Thuhl, a resident of Kufa. This is also stated on p. 137, Vol. 3, of Al–Jarh wal–Ta'dil.
- 7. On p. 84, Vol. 6, of al-Tabari's Tarikh, the author indicates that he was Christian, and that he died in 40 A.H./661 A.D.
- 8. Ibn al-Athir, Al-Kamil, Vol. 4, p. 12.

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