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## **Jihad as liberation in the Qur'an**

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In order to find new ways to understand a concept - that of *jihad* - so widely discussed in literature, I will apply the Zahiri method of *bayan* (clear evidence) in analysing the Qur'anic pericope Q. 4:58-76. The passage is not commonly quoted in relation to *jihad*, but I will try to demonstrate that, if correctly intended, the *jihad* in the Qur'an can have a redeeming meaning. The logic of force in outstanding thinker like the Lebanese great *ayatollah* Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah is strictly connected with liberation of oppressed and vindication of rights.