

The Boycott

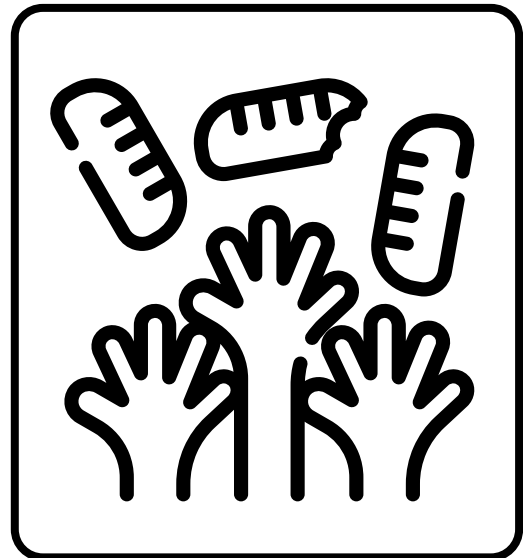
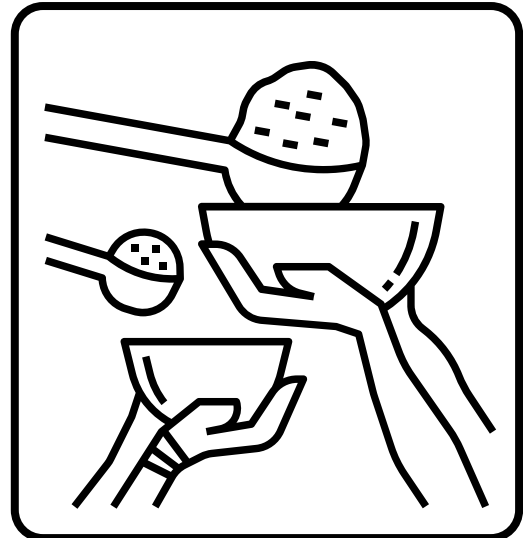
The leaders of Makkah didn't know what to do with Muhammad ﷺ and his religion, Muhammad's ﷺ power was increasing every day. His message was getting people's attention, and his followers were increasing one day after the other. A great warrior like Hamzah and a great man like Umar had accepted Islam.

The leaders of Quraysh had a new plan this time, they decided to start a full boycott. No one shall buy or sell anything from Muslims, no marriages or even mixing or talking to the Muslims and Banu Hashim. The reason for that was to starve the Muslims and subjugate them to the power of Quraysh. They wanted Muslims to give up their religion or die starving. Quraysh thought that Muslims would turn their backs on Islam and come to the leaders of Makkah to apologize and admit they were wrong by worshiping Allah alone and following Islam, but this did not happen. Muslims stuck to Islam and continued to love Allah and His Messenger. They were ready to sacrifice everything for the sake of Allah and to protect Islam. There is nothing in this world more important to Muslims than their religion (Islam).



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The boycott had become effective, nobody was buying or selling anything to the Muslims, nobody was even talking to them in Makkah. Abu Talib knew that this was a major step that Quraysh took against his nephew Muhammad ﷺ and the Muslims. The situation had escalated, and Abu Talib feared for the life of Muhammad ﷺ, that is why he decided to take Muhammad, the Muslims and Banu Hashim to the valley of Abu Talib at the outskirts of Makkah. Muhammad ﷺ would be safer there and Abu Talib would be able to protect Muhammad ﷺ better there. The Prophet ﷺ and his followers stayed in the valley of Abu Talib for three years. They ran out of food and stayed in a starvation until they ate the tree leaves and the skins of the dead animals. Muslims were getting weaker and weaker every day, but they endured for the sake of Allah and Islam. After three years of struggling, the Prophet ﷺ told his uncle that Allah sent insects and it destroyed the paper on which the terms of boycott were written. Abu Talib told the people of Makkah about that and when they found that what Muhammad ﷺ said was the truth, they still did not believe in him, but they ended the boycott.



Answer the Question

1- Why did the people of Makkah decide to boycott the Muslims?

2- How long did the boycott last?

3- What ended the boycott?

4- Whose idea was it to stay in the valley of Abu Talib?

5- How did the Muslims suffer from the boycott?

Choose the Correct Answer

Allah- Muslims - three - boycott - insects

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True or False

1. The Quraysh leaders boycotted the Muslims to force them to leave Makkah.
2. Abu Talib took the Prophet ﷺ and the Muslims to his valley for protection.
3. The boycott caused Muslims to eat leaves and animal skins.
4. The boycott lasted for four years.
5. The Prophet ﷺ said that Allah sent birds to destroy the boycott agreement.
6. The terms of the boycott were written on a paper hung inside the Ka'bah.
7. Hamzah and Umar accepting Islam weakened the power of the Quraysh leaders.
8. During the boycott, Quraysh continued to trade with the Muslims.
9. The Muslims gave up their religion due to extreme hardship.
10. The boycott ended after three years when Quraysh leaders checked the destroyed agreement.