

Muhammad abolished blood vengeance

(revenge or retaliation) and vendetta (blood feud or dispute). At his farewell address he declared: "Every right arising out of homicide (murder) in pre-Islamic days is henceforth waived and the first such right that I waive is that arising from the murder of Rabi'ah (a relative of Muhammad)."

(Tirmithi, 5/167, 3087. Ibn-Majeh, 4/243, 3055)