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Jābir ibn ‘Abdullah (may Allah be pleased with him and his father) reported: We were on an expedition when a man from the Muhājirīn (Emigrants) shoved a man from the Ansār (Supporters). The Ansāri cried: O Ansār, help! And the Muhājiri cried: O Muhājirīn, help! Allah made His Messenger (ﷺ) hear this. He asked: "What is this?" They said: A man from the Muhājirīn shoved a man from the Ansār, and the Ansāri called: O Ansār! and the Muhājiri called: O Muhājirīn! The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "Leave it, for it is disgraceful." Jābir said: The Ansār were more numerous when the Prophet (ﷺ) arrived (in Madīnah), but later the Muhājirīn increased. Then ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Ubayy said: Have they really done this? By Allah, when we return to Madīnah, the mightier will surely expel the weaker from it. ‘Umar ibn al-Khattāb (may Allah be pleased with him) said: O Messenger of Allah, let me strike the neck of this hypocrite. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: "Leave him, so that people will not say that Muhammad kills his Companions."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Bukhari & Muslim]

The Prophet (ﷺ) was traveling on an expedition with his Companions from the Muhājirīn and the Ansār (may Allah be pleased with them). A man from the Muhājirīn struck the back of a man from the Ansār with his hand. The Ansāri cried: Help me, O Ansār! and the Muhājiri cried: Help me, O Muhājirīn! The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) heard this and said: What is this? They said: A man from the Muhājirīn struck the back of a man from the Ansār with his hand. The Ansāri said: Help me, O Ansār! and the Muhājiri said: Help me, O Muhājirīn! The Prophet (ﷺ) said: Abandon this pre-Islamic practice, for it is vile, detestable, and harmful. It is when a man, if overpowered by his opponent, calls upon his tribe, and they rush to his aid—whether he is the oppressor or the oppressed—out of ignorance and tribalism. Jābir said: The Ansār were more numerous when the Prophet (ﷺ) first arrived in Madīnah as an emigrant, but later the Muhājirīn increased in number. The chief of hypocrisy, ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Ubay ibn Salūl, said: Has the matter really reached this extent?! By Allah, when we return to Madīnah, the mightier ones—meaning himself and his followers—will surely expel the weaker ones—meaning the Prophet (ﷺ) and his followers—from Madīnah. ‘Umar ibn al-Khattāb (may Allah be pleased with him) said: Let me, O Messenger of Allah, strike the neck of this hypocrite. The Prophet (ﷺ) said: Leave him, so that people will not say that Muhammad kills his followers—even those who only outwardly appear to be among them.

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