

BLACK BANNERS FROM THE EAST

And the Prophet said (a large group of his companions was present):

"Lo, between you and the fitnah there is a gate which is shut. It shall surely break open to let the fitnah in to ravage you.... until people appear from the East; their garments black and their banners black. None of their banners shall suffer a setback. Verily, Allah shall extinguish the fitnah with them!"

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