

Moslem officer in Yün-nan province states that there are now seventy million Moslems in China.

In India, Islam has won a larger field and a greater number of adherents than in any other part of the world. India to-day has a larger Moslem population than that of Persia, Arabia, the Turkish Empire, and Egypt combined. The spread of Islam in India began with the sword, and there is little doubt that the condition of the country was favorable to the Saracen invaders. Nor were the Arabs slow to learn the facts. As early as 712 the Caliph Walid sent an army to avenge an outrage on an Arab vessel. Kasim, the Arab general, offered the Rajputs the alternative—Islam or tribute—and, having defeated them, he forcibly circumcised a number of Brahmans. This having failed to convert the people, he slew all males over seventeen years old and enslaved the rest. Al Hajaj, the governor of Chaldea, sent an expedition to Sind. Two fierce battles were fought by the army on its way up the Indus, and Multan surrendered after a long siege. So cruel were the conquerors that the Hindu king's sister called the women together and, "refusing to owe their lives to the vile 'cow-eaters' at the price of dishonor, they set their houses ablaze and perished in the flames."