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Chapter Twenty-Four

On Mentioning the Search for Enemies After the Victory of *Tabkin Kwoto*

Then in the days when our armies became rested, I went out with a contingent in search of some of the people among the enemy forces. We traveled north until we dismounted not far from the place we had made the *hijra*, where we met some horsemen who had made a foray deep into the lands of the enemies. They informed us that the entire enemy forces had returned with their families and mounts carrying their livelihood with them and those they had become self deluded by the army accompanying them. They informed us that the distance between the enemy forces and us was a half a days journey. The next morning we mobilized the army and dispatched a raiding party to the lands of the enemies, where they successfully fought and seized what Allah had willed from war spoils. These forces of ours transported this newly attained revenue and journeyed with us returning to the place where we had made the *hijra*. We continued on our journey until we eventually dismounted not far from the enemy's forces. When they heard that our armies were close, they dispatched horsemen who returned speedily to the governor of Ghummi to inform him of the extent of our forces and their strength. He then ordered that they transfer from **Shimola**. They fled until they reached a place called **Kawta**. When the news reached us of their flight, I then returned with our forces well supplied from the spoils of war. During this return journey we encountered an enemy division at a place called **Ghundu**, who had originally set out from **Kebbi** and were from among those defeated at **Tabkin Kwoto** and were heading in the direction of their lands. We fought them with swords in singular contests and decimated them. We then journeyed on until we reached our lands with the praises of Allah and best of His assistance.



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