

Venerable Companion, Wathila Ibn al-Asqaa,

May Allah be Pleased with him,

Wathila Ibn¹ al-Asqaa Ibn Abdulozza Ibn Abdyalil al-Laithi al-Kinani, his nickname is Abu Shaddad, he is a companion from the people of Suffa². He was born in a district in Medina in 22 BH³. He embraced Islam before the Battle of Tabouk on 9AH, and he witnessed it with the Prophet (PBUH⁴). Further, he served him 3 years.

He witnessed the conquest of Damascus and Homs and lived in Basra, Palestine and Damascus and stopped at Jerusalem. He became blind in his old age, and he is the last companion in terms of death in Damascus. He narrated 26 Hadiths⁵ of the Prophet (PBUH), and Abu Idris al-Khoulani and others narrated from him.

One of his narrations to the Prophet (PBUH) is his saying, "One of the gravest lies is to trace the ancestry of a man to other than his father, or to claim that your eye saw what it did not see, or to ascribe to the Prophet (PBUH) what he did not say". Bukhari

He died in Damascus in 83AH at the age of 105 years old.

¹ Son of

² People of the Ledge: Ahl al-Suffa is a group of poor companions emigrated from Mecca and lived in the Prophetic Mosque in Medina as they had no other shelter.

³ Before Hegira: before the immigration into Medina.

⁴ Peace be upon him.

⁵ Prophet traditions.