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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

...مَنْ قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ
فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا
النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ وَالْمُؤْمِنُ مَنْ
أَمِنَهُ النَّاسُ عَلَى دِمَائِهِمْ وَأَمْوَالِهِمْ.

EACH AND EVERY PERSON'S LIFE IS SACRED

Honorable Muslims!

The Almighty Allah (swt) has created human as the most honorable of all creation and assigned as the caliph of the earth. He (swt) has equipped human with superior capabilities and commanded them to lead a life in accordance with the consent of their Lord and as befits human dignity. He (swt) has advised them to always do good, nice, and beneficial deeds. He (swt) has prohibited all words and acts that may cast a shadow on human dignity.

Dear Believers!

One of the most important goals of our great religion, Islam, is to protect human life and keep it safe from all kinds of evil and attacks. According to our religion, every person's life is sacred and untouchable. In this respect, it is stated in the Holy Qur'an, "...Whoever takes a life—unless as a punishment for murder or mischief in the land—it will be as if they killed all of humanity. And whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity."¹

Dear Muslims!

We have countless brothers and sisters who spend their lives in the service of our sublime religion, Islam, our homeland, and our nation, in line with the principle of **خَيْرُ النَّاسِ أَنْفَعُهُمْ لِلنَّاسِ** "The best among You is the one who Benefits People."² How sad it is, however, to witness acts of violence against our valiant soldiers who defend our country, our law

enforcement officers who keep the peace in our society, the healthcare professionals to whom we entrust our lives as well as civilians and government officials who provide services to the nation. While no living being should be exposed to violence, it burns and tears our hearts when our brothers and sisters selflessly serving our great nation and country are subjected to injustices and acts of violence.

Dear Believers!

We are believers who believe in Allah (swt) and the Day of Judgment. As required by our faith, we are liable to reflect the Islamic morals on our life. Violence, mercilessness, hate, injustice, oppression, and attempts on one's life and property have no place in the life of a believer. The morality of a believer is based on love, respect, trust, and respect for the rights of others.

Dear Muslims!

Let us heed our Prophet's (saw) saying, "**You will not enter Paradise until you have faith and you will not have faith until you love each other.**"³, and always uphold love, compassion, and mercy.

Let us have as our principle the hadith **إِتَّقِ اللَّهَ**

حَيْثُمَا كُنْتَ "Fear Allah wherever you are."⁴, and

distance ourselves from errors, sins, and rebellion. Let us never resort to rudeness and violence regardless of the nature of our problems and troubles. Let us not abandon kindness and delicacy in our relations. Let us view the lives of others as sacred, just as we view our own life as untouchable. Let us not want for others that which we would not desire for ourselves. Let us stay away from all kinds of words and acts that target human dignity.

I would like to conclude this Friday's khutbah with our Prophet's (saw) following hadith, "**The Muslim is the one from whose tongue and hand the people are safe. And the believer is the one from whom the people's lives and wealth are safe.**"⁵

¹ Ma'idah, 5/32.

² Quda'i, Musnad al-Shihab, I, 365.

³ Muslim, Iman, 93.

⁴ Tirmidhi, Birr, 55.

⁵ Tirmidhi, Iman, 12.