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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَافَّةً وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطَوَاتِ
الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ.
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّلَامُ وَمِنْكَ السَّلَامُ تَبَارَكْتَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ
وَالْإِكْرَامِ.

WE CALL THE WORLD TO PEACE AND MODERATION

Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I have recited, our Lord Almighty (swt) states, **“O believers! Enter into Islam wholeheartedly and do not follow Satan’s footsteps. Surely he is your sworn enemy.”**¹

According to the hadith I have read, our Prophet (saw) would pray to Allah the Almighty at the end of the prayers he performed as follows: **“O Allah! You are al-Salam, from You is all peace. O Possessor of majesty and honor! Blessed are You.”**²

Dear Believers!

Our sublime religion, Islam, is a religion of peace and prosperity. One of the beautiful names of Allah is “al-Salam”. Our Lord (swt) is the ultimate source of peace and prosperity. It is He (swt) Who shows His servants the path of peace through Islam. Allah the Almighty has invited humanity to peace through all the messengers of mercy He has sent, starting from the Prophet Adam (as). Because where there is no peace, there is war. Where there is war, there is bloodshed, tears, and destroyed homes. There are orphaned children, shattered families, destroyed civilizations, and lost hopes.

Dear Muslims!

Those who embrace Islam are referred to as Muslims, symbolizing the guarantee of peace. A Muslim is the representative of our Lord’s name “al-Salam” in the world. A Muslim is someone who advocates for peace, instills trust in those around them, and fosters an environment of peace and brotherhood. Furthermore, a Muslim never tolerates oppression. They never support the oppressor. They do not remain insensitive to difficulties and suffering. They do not contribute even a single cent to those who support the bullets fired at the innocent and the bombs dropped on the oppressed. This attitude of the Muslim is expressed by the poet of our National Anthem as follows:

When I see someone else’s wound, I suffer a great hardship;

To end it, I’ll be whipped, I’ll be beaten.

I can’t say, “Never mind, just forget it!” I’ll mind.

I’ll crush, I’ll be crushed, I’ll uphold justice!

Dear Believers!

The Zionist oppressors, who want to turn our world into a place of fire, are raining bombs on Palestinian innocents, babies and women, first in Gaza and now in Rafah, where they forced them to migrate. Human rights are being burnt in the fire of oppression in the city of Rafah, which means “peace and prosperity”. Babies and children who cannot have enough of the scent of their mothers, and mothers who cannot get enough of the scent of their babies and children are being martyred. It is not just a city or a piece of land, but the dignity of humanity that is being violated in Gaza and Rafah in front of the eyes of the world. The inviolability of life, of property and of honor is being trampled underfoot. Even the provision of humanitarian assistance to the oppressed is being blocked. However, the oppression continues not only in Gaza and Rafah, but unfortunately in many parts of the world, especially in East Turkestan.

Dear Believers!

The murderers and their allies who spew death in Islamic lands with the rhetoric of “We will bring peace and democracy to the world” draw their power from the silence of the ‘ummah of Muhammad (saw). It is a pity that the fragmentation of the ‘ummah increases the recklessness of the oppressors day by day. Our world is in dire need of peace and moderation now more than ever. The path to achieving this goal lies in the solidarity of Muslims and the deepening of the bonds of brotherhood among them.

Dear Muslims!

Let us persevere in fulfilling our duties and responsibilities during this challenging and tumultuous period. Let us heed the commandment of Allah, **“وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا”** **“Hold firmly together to the rope of Allah and do not be divided.”**³ Let us be one heart and one voice against oppression. Let us keep our affection and brotherhood alive against the raving networks of murder. Let us persist in providing both material and moral support to our brothers and sisters. Let us remember that Allah (swt) but Allah will certainly perfect His light, and peace will prevail on earth.

Dear Muslims!

I pray to our Lord Almighty (swt) for the safe and swift rescue of our brothers trapped under earth in Erzincan. May Allah the Almighty treat our deceased brothers with mercy. May Allah grant patience to their families and our nation. May Allah protect our country, our nation and the Muslim world from all kinds of calamities, catastrophes and disasters.

¹ Baqarah, 2/208.

² Abu Dawud, Witr, 25.

³ Ali ‘Imran, 3/103.