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THE DAY OF VICTORY, THE DAY OF UNITY



Let us altogether strive to increase our taqwa of Allah by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all His prohibitions. On this day,

let us rejoice and be thankful to Allah that by His Leave, He has willed for 'Eid al-Fitr to dawn upon us this year, a day of joyfulness for the believers for having successfully completed

the obligation of fasting throughout Ramadaan with perfection, successful overcoming the lustful desire, training the soul by staying away from vile and evil deeds, while

righteous increasing deeds. It is our sincere hope that may the arrival of 'Eid al-Fitr bringabout barakah (blessings) and rahmah (mercy) upon ourselves, our families, the society, and the Nation.

The 'Eid al-Fitr khutbah this time is titled:



Today are bring commanded to happiness to our family members and also the poor, needy, and unfortunate ones by providing and aid assistance according to

our level best, helping our Muslim brethren whom were recently afflicted with the floods, and we are to seek forgiveness and forgive one another. The wife and the husband, the children and the parents, the young and the old, so on and so forth with friends colleagues and irrespective of color and creed, regardless of rank and degree.

That the Muslims are enjoined to forgive one another.

Today, those that were patient in completing their fasting with firm *imaan* (faith), earnestly

hoping for forgiveness from Allah, as well as indulging in righteous deeds throughout this Ramadaan, Allah will bestow upon them the best of rewards that are multiplied manifold.

Allah has promised in verse 60 of soorah ar-Rahmaan:

"Is the reward for good [anything] but good?"

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After one full month of ʻibaadah performing (worship), training to adorn ourselves with the traits of mahmoodah (praiseworthy), the heart and the soul becomes cleansed so let us

preserve them and do not get them tainted anymore with heinous deeds such as spreading false negative allegations, propaganda, publicizing bad news, hurling accusations, spreading

fitnah through media outlet, envious, seeking revenge, feud, enmity between communities, backbiting, cursing and insulting others, exposing and shaming others, negative assumption

upon other Muslims, and deluded with selfwhile righteousness deeming others wrong.

All of these dispraised traits are truly detrimental to the religion, people, and

the nation, whereby the ummah will be cursed by Allah, His Messenger, and the society. These blameworthy traits are diseases that can destroy the Muslim ummah, eliminate the rightful

guidance, divide the Muslim ummah, which in the end leads to destruction and incurs the wrath of Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala. Allah mentions in verse 19 of soorah an-Noor, which means:

"Indeed, those who like that immorality should be spread [or publicized] among those who have believed will have a painful punishment in this world and the Hereafter. And Allah knows and you do not know."

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One matter that must be touched upon on this glorious day of 'Eid is the issue of disunity and discord within the Muslim ummah that continues to persist. Considering the need and importance of

unity, unification, and brotherhood in preserving the dignity of the Muslim ummah, then it behooves the Muslims to return to the authentic teachings of al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah, which

command to always all disputes, abandon divisions, arguments, enmity, and envy. Let us unite under the kalimah (statement) of Tayyibah (good), which is the

kalimah of Shahaadah (testimony of faith):

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهُ إِلَّا اللهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُوْلُ اللهِ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ مُحَمَّدًا رَسُوْلُ اللهِ

Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala mentions in verse 46 of soorah al-Anfaal, which means:

"And obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not dispute and [thus] lose courage and [then] your strength would depart; and be patient. Indeed, Allah is with the patient."

Let us return to the Truth and firmly cling upon the authentic teachings of al-Islam, let us form an usrah (group), family, and ukhuwwah (brotherhood) purely for the sake of Allah. Let us revive the

spirit of helping one another, mutual aiding on the basis of having the taqwa of Allah. Let us remain united in Amr bil Ma'roof wan Nahy 'anil Munkar (enjoining good and forbidding evil).

Take heed of the second verse of soorah al-Maa'idah, which means:

"And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression."

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اللهُ أَكْبَرُ

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After fasting for an entire month, now is the time for us celebrate the day of *'Eid*. What is important is

to ensure that the purpose and hikmah (wisdom) in fulfilling the month-long 'ibaadah of fasting to continue in leaving profound effect in our lives. That is to shape ourselves and our

personalities unto becoming believers that are muttaqoon, which is in accordance with the teachings of al-Qur'an so that we will truly attain true taqwa.

With 'Eid al-Fitr upon us, it does not mean that we are now free and no longer bounded by any rules and life discipline, but instead it is the time for us to endure life challenges in proving the

extent of our abilities in fulfilling our duties and responsibilities after the month-long training throughout Ramadaan. Now is the time for us to witness the Muslim ummah put into practice

the taqwa that was built throughout Ramadaan. After the Muslims have indulged in 'ibaadah and devotion for one month throughout Ramadaan in purifying themselves, now let us rise and invite

mankind to practice the teachings of Islam with diligence, ikhlaas (sincerity) and sabr (patience). May Allah grant success and victory upon the Muslim ummah.

May this Ramadaan become successful curing the spirituality of our hearts, rectifying our thoughts that have strayed, reviving our dead hearts, and illuminate the darkened

soul. May this Ramadaan become successful purifying our senses, lowering gaze, our protecting bodily our limbs, and weaken the shaytaan.

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Shawwaal is a month for us to develop ourselves and build a society that is oriented towards imaan, sacrifice, and of hearts transparency that were practiced throughout Ramadaan,

while its success has been celebrated with the arrival of Shawwaal. At this juncture, the heart and the soul are purified from stain and sin, cleansed by the 'ibaadah of fasting and its requirements along with

solid *imaan* and the sacrifices of the body and the soul.

We truly hope that the 'ibaadah of Ramadaan will leave a good impact

within ourselves and akhlaaq our (character). May it serve as remedy for the ailment that we are suffering from. May the hikmah from the

'ibaadah of fasting during the day and reviving the night with qiyaam and other 'ibaadah yield taqwa that is lasting.

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Ramadaan has shaken and awaken this ummah in wading through the challenges and obstacles in its journey, with sacrifices made for Ramadaan. Therefore, do we neglect our religious

after practices Ramadaan? Do we want to strip off Islamic shakhsiyah (personality) from ourselves? As we bid farewell to Ramadaan, are we truly impatient in parting ways

with Ramadaan, yearning to be liberated from the prohibitions when fasting? If that is the case, then attaining such profound impact from Ramadaan would be farfetched for us.

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There are many impacts left by Ramadaan within the hearts of the righteous of the past. They were truly saddened to part with Ramadaan. May the Muslim ummah remain in the same state

as they were in the month of Ramadaan. That is to become individuals that are noble and not wretched, immersed in devotion to Allah, not becoming slaves of the nafs (desire) and

shahwah (lust) that leads to evil. They are dignified and obedient to Allah, upholding the commands of Allah, firm in their imaan and solid in their yaqeen (certainty) and adherence to Allah.

If the Muslims remain istiqaamah (steadfast) in this condition during Ramadaan and outside of it, definitely we will become an ummah that is strong and dignified. Definitely calls towards

jaahiliyyah (ignorance) and destruction will be unable to seep into Muslim societies, and malaise such as definitely disunity, inferiority, and conflicts within the society will not exist.

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As Muslims, let us not strive for taqwa only in Ramadaan by leaving out sinning and diligently disobedience, performing salaah (prayer) and congregational prayer,

and mutual aiding among fellow Muslims. However, such virtuous state would end once Ramadaan ends. Let us not be cognizant of Allah Ta'aala only during the month of Ramadaan, only to be

Allah mindful in Ramadaan. Once we Ramadaan ends, would return to committing sins and disobedience, drowning in the pool of lust.

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To end this 'Eid al-Fitr let sermon, altogether ponder and derive lessons as guidance in our lives. Among them:

1. The Muslim ummah must be joyful and thankful for the coming of Shawwaal, which barakah brings (blessings) and rahmah (mercy).

2. The Muslim ummah must realize that slandering, hurling accusation, and negative assumption are dangerous and vile traits that will incur the wrath and punishment of Allah in the Hereafter.

3. The Muslim ummah are reminded to not take the teachings of Islam lightly with the ending of Ramadaan and beginning of Shawwaal such as leaving the salaah, uncovering the 'awrah, and committing evil deeds.

"Say, "My Lord has only forbidden immoralities what is apparent of them and what is concealed - and sin, and oppression without right, and that you

associate with Allah that for which He has not sent down authority, and that you say about Allah that which you do not know.""

(Soorah al-A'raaf 7:33)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

Right after this sermon is over, let us altogether greet one another and shake musaafahah hands, (shaking hands) and forgiving one another with

the touching of the cheeks take the ruling of permissible because of not having seen each other for a long while or 'widaa' (farewell) or having

returned from a journey or due to a long wait or having been cured from illness or saved from danger.

My sincere view on this morning of 'Eid is that it is better if we mu'aanagah (embrace) with one another while forgiving and seeking forgiveness, so that all of

our wrongdoings would fall off as soon as we part ways. Rasulullah would hug Sayyiduna Ja'far upon his return from Habshah and kiss him between the eyes.

When returning to your homes, please take a different route so that you will encounter more Muslims and shake their hands. Let us celebrate this

'Eid by visiting one another strengthen and silaaturrahm (ties of kinship). Also, supplicate for the guests that came to visit us at home and those that hosted us.

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Dearest audience, let us send salawaat (blessings) upon Prophet Muhammad for Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had

commanded it upon us, mentioned in verse 56 of soorah al-Ahzaab:

اللهُ أَكْبَرُ ، اللهُ أَكْبَرُ ، اللهُ أَكْبَرُ ، لا إِلَهُ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَاللهُ أَكْبَرُ، الله أكبر وسِّ الْحَمْدُ

تَقبّل الله مِنّا وَمِنكُمْ صَالِحَ الأعمال مِنَ الْعَائِدِيْنِ وَالْفَائِزِيْنَ، وَكُلُّ مِنَ الْعَائِدِيْنِ وَالْفَائِزِيْنَ، وَكُلُّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بِخَيْرٍ عَامٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بِخَيْرٍ

