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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلُ: وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ
دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ¹

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى
آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى : يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.²

Dear blessed Muslims,

I sincerely call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing out
taqwa of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by fulfilling all of His Commands
and leaving out all matters that He prohibited. May we be bestowed with

¹ al-Baqarah 2:186.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.

happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter. Fellow audience is reminded not to speak and fiddle with the cellular phone while the *khutbah* is being delivered.

On this noble day, I will expound on a *khutbah* titled "**SUPPLICATION: THE SECRET WEAPON OF THE BELIEVER.**"

Blessed Friday audience,

Today, the land of Palestine is still drenched in blood. Its children are martyred in their mothers' arms. Children crying over their father's demise. Homes are demolished, *masaajid* became target, and hospitals are besieged without mercy. Gaza, dubbed as the world's largest open-air prison, has now become witness to non-stop aggression for the past 70 years.

Since 1948, the people of Palestine have been expelled from their own homeland through the Nakba tragedy, followed by a series of Zionist occupation who seized land after land, from al-Quds, Hebron, until Gaza. They had to endure a new colonial project that intends to eliminate ethnicity, destroy humanity, and desecrate the sanctity of Islam.

How terrible was the torture afflicted upon them, so much so that it was described by Palestinian poet and author, Mahmoud Darwish, in his poetry:

"A person can only be born in one place. However, he may "die" several times elsewhere: in the exiles and prisons, and in a homeland transformed by occupation and oppression into a nightmare."

However, O Muslims, behind the ruins of buildings and the silence of the night that was rained down by hundreds of bullets, there was still sacred *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah) echoing from the lips of the Palestinians:

"HasbunAllaahu wa ni'mal wakeel." (Sufficient for us is Allah, and [He is] the best Disposer of affairs). They do not possess jet fighters or sophisticated modern weapons, but they possess weapons that cannot be defeated by any superpower in the world, namely *du'aa* (prayer or supplication).

Dear esteemed audience,

Du'aa is the main center of *'ibaadah* (worship). Even greater than that, it is the key to all good and deterrent to all evil. It serves as the link between the servant and his or her Creator, a place where all hope is restored when there is no more way ahead.

Let us observe how Prophet Zakariyya *'Alayhissalaam* beseeched Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* so that he is bestowed with a righteous offspring, while his wife is barren, and they are both in their old age. In a situation that is deemed as impossible from the human perspective, he kept on supplicating with full certainty, as mentioned in verse 38 of Soorah Aal 'Imraan:

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ ذُرِّيَّةً طَيِّبَةً إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ.

"My Lord, grant me from Yourself a good offspring. Indeed, You are the Hearer of supplication."

That *du'aa* was then answered. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* had bestowed upon them a righteous child, Prophet Yahya *'Alayhissalaam*, as a sign that nothing is impossible for Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* when the servant has full certainty and fully submits. Similarly with Prophet Loot *'Alayhissalaam*, when his people were immersed in disobedience and no longer heed to his *da'wah* call. Enduring the agony with his *da'wah* efforts being neglected by his people, he raised up his hands and plead for protection

from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as mentioned in verse 169 of Soorah ash-Shu'araa':

رَبِّ نَجِّنِي وَأَهْلِي مِمَّا يَعْمَلُونَ

"My Lord, save me and my family from [the consequence of] what they do."

And Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* then saved them from the severe punishment inflicted upon his people. Such is *du'aa*, the silent weapon that severs all worldly arrogance.

Therefore, we should never belittle the power of *du'aa*, and do not quickly give up if we do not see desirable results. Indeed, delay does not mean rejection. At times, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* delays answering *du'aa* in order to grant something better than what we supplicated for.

Rasulullah ﷺ mentioned in the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh*, where he ﷺ said:

مَا مِنْ مُؤْمِنٍ يَنْصِبُ وَجْهَهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ يَسْأَلُهُ مَسْأَلَةً إِلَّا
أَعْطَاهُ إِيَّاهَا، إِمَّا عَجَلَهَا لَهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا، وَإِمَّا ذَخَرَهَا لَهُ فِي
الْآخِرَةِ، مَا لَمْ يَعْجَلْ. قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، وَمَا عَجَلَتْهُ؟
قَالَ: يَقُولُ: دَعَوْتُ وَدَعَوْتُ وَلَا أَرَاهُ يُسْتَجَابُ لِي.

"No believer turns his face to Allah and asks Him for something but that He gives it to him, either by giving it to him sooner in this world or

storing it up for him in the Hereafter, as long as he does not try to make it come quickly." They asked, "Messenger of Allah, what does 'making it come quickly' mean?" He said, "He says, 'I asked and asked and do not think that I will be answered'".

(al-Bukhaari)

It is what it is, fellow congregation. If our brethren out there never cease to supplicate even from under the rubble of buildings, amidst the cries of children, with full certainty that their *du'aa* will not be rendered in vain by The Almighty, All Hearing, then why do we easily complain about our own prayers?

Hence, do not quit from making *du'aa* for our brethren in Palestine, for *du'aa* is a sign that we earnestly still believe, still hoping, and still living within the love and mercy of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Noble Muslims,

Now the world has awakened from its long slumber. From *Nusantara* (Malay Archipelago) to Europe, from Africa to America, millions of people transcending race and religion have risen. They are no longer willing to remain silent in the wake of grave oppression that strangles humanity. They carried the banner of solidarity, demanding justice for the Palestinians who have been persecuted without mercy.

At the same time, brave volunteers and humanitarian activists from all over the globe had risen and gathered to sail across the Mediterranean Sea, armed with shields that are greatly feared by the Zionists, namely courage, determination, and supplication.

The entire world witnessed that these activists and volunteers had sailed for the purpose of sending food to the hungry, caring for the wounded, and

restoring the dignity that was robbed. The cowardly act by Israeli Zionists in unlawfully intercepting and obstructing humanitarian mission on international waters is clearly a blatant crime. It is a clear violation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) 1982, which is international law that guarantees freedom to sail for humanitarian mission vessels.

Hence, let us continue to make *du'aa*. Do not allow this oppression to break our spirit and hope. Continue to have full reliance upon Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, the One Who is All Hearing of His servants' pleading, for sincere *du'aa* from the heart of a believer is sharper than a weapon and it is capable of changing the course of history.

Dear beloved audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us derive lessons that can be taken as guidance in our lives, namely:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that *du'aa* is the most potent weapon for the believers. It is not merely utterances upon the tongue, but a sign of dependence and strength of the soul.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must comprehend that supplication is never an excuse for one to remain idle, but it is a call for action. *Du'aa* that is sincere must be accompanied by efforts and responsibility.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must rise from heedlessness and not allow the agony of the Palestinians to pass without any concern.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ
تُفْلِحُونَ.

"O you who have believed, persevere and endure and remain stationed and fear Allah that you may be successful."

(Soorah Aal 'Imraan 3:200)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ
مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ الشَّرِيعَةَ، هَدَى لِلنَّاسِ وَرَحْمَةً،
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ
فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.
إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.³
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ.

³ al-Ahzaab 33:56.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.
اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَذِلَّ الشِّرْكَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ،
وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ، وَاجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا مُطْمَئِنًّا وَسَائِرَ
بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ وَفِّقْ أَيْمَةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
لِمَا فِيهِ صَلَاحُ الْبِلَادِ وَالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ
عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةَ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمَدَانِيَّةَ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ

وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah! Strengthen the 'aqeedah of the Muslims upon the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, which is upon the path of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and his Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum*. Spare us from all forms of bribery and abuse of power, as well as misguidance, shirk and superstition, and protect us from *fitan* that can harm the union and unity of the Muslim *ummah*.

O Allah! Bestow peace and prosperity upon our state and nation. Protect us from all forms of disaster, *fitnah* and calamities. Bestow upon us leaders that have utmost integrity, firmness, and courage in upholding the Truth according to Your *Sharee'ah*.

O Allah! We humbly beg you to aid our Muslim brethren in Palestine for they are fighting against hunger, with lack of clean water supply, enduring life stress and very critical health problems.

O Allah! Verily we beseech You with the splendor of Your Names, with Your lofty Attributes as The Most Powerful and The Protector. Save the team of nine volunteers that were recently detained by the Israeli Zionist army.

O Allah! Facilitate their release and return them safely to their homeland.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا.⁴

⁴ al-Furqaan 25:74.

رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.⁵
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ.⁶
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُواهُ عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.

⁵ al-Baqarah:3 201.

⁶ an-Nahl 16:90.