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I sincerely call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing out Allah taqwa of Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala by fulfilling all

of His Commands and leaving out all matters that He prohibited. May we be bestowed with 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 being is delivered.

On this noble day, I will expound on a khutbah.

titled... SUPPLICATION: THE SECRET WEAPON OF THE BELIEVER

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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 destroy ethnicity, 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 Mahmoud author, 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 dhikr sacred (remembrance of Allah)

echoing from the lips of Palestinians: the "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).

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:

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

That du'aa was then answered. Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had bestowed upon them a righteous child, Yahya Prophet 'Alayhissalaam, as a sign that nothing is

impossible for Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala when the servant has full and fully certainty 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':

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

Subhaanahu And Allah Wa Ta'aala then saved them from the severe inflicted punishment 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 mentioned in the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiyAllaahu 'anh, where he said:

"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.

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 sail across the to Mediterranean Sea. armed with shields that are greatly feared by the Zionists, namely courage, determination, and supplication.

world The entire 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 obstructing and 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 capable of changing the course of history.

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 be must by accompanied and efforts responsibility.

3. The Muslim ummah must rise from heedlessness and not allow the agony of the Palestinians to pass without any concern.

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

(Soorah Aal 'Imraan 3:200)

THE SECOND KHUTBAH

O Allah! Strengthen the 'ageedah of the Muslims upon the creed of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah, which is upon the path of

Prophet Muhammad and his Companions radiyAllaahu 'anhum. Spare us from all forms of bribery, 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



O Allah! Verily we beseech You with the splendor of Your Names, with Your lofty Attributes Most as The **Powerful** The and 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.

