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## Hijri New Year 1444

﴿ وَالْعَصْرُ ﴿١﴾ إِنَّ الْإِنْسَانَ لَفِي خُسْرٍ ﴿٢﴾ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ وَتَوَّصُوا بِالحَقِّ وَتَوَّصُوا بِالصَّبْرِ ﴿٣﴾ ﴾  
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ

﴿ الْمُسْلِمُ مَنْ سَلِمَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ مِنْ لِسَانِهِ وَيَدِهِ، وَالْمُهَاجِرُ مَنْ هَجَرَ مَا نَهَى اللَّهُ عَنْهُ ﴾

### Dear Brothers and Sisters!

As of this evening, we will have reached the 1444th anniversary of the Hijri calendar, which is based on the migration from Mecca to Medina. We pray that the Hijri New Year will bring blessings to the entire Islamic world, and that we see the days when the oppressed and distressed geographies attain peace and well-being.

In the Islamic tradition, New Year's Eve is not celebrated in the style of those belonging to other faiths and cultures, and forms of entertainment that Allah (swt) would not be pleased with are not resorted to. We celebrate this in accordance with the formality befitting a Muslim. Muslims consider it their duty to praise Allah (swt), for the blessing bestowed upon them. We should also be grateful for the blessings given to us and use our time productively, knowing the value of time. We know, **“He whose two days are equal, is a loser.”** So, it is our duty to improve our spiritual world with each passing day.

### Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Allah (swt) swears by time in Surah Al-Asr, based on the importance of time in the Qur'an, which will continue to be the guide of believers until the Day of Judgment: **“By the passage of time! Surely humanity is in grave loss, except those who have faith, do good, and urge each other to the truth, and urge each other to perseverance.”**<sup>1</sup> This verse states that those who live the life bestowed by Allah (swt), ignoring His orders and prohibitions, are at a loss. Those who know the value of time are those who are determined to fulfill the duties that Allah (swt) desires of us. May Allah (swt) include us in the group of servants who always take themselves into account and increase their faith. May Allah

(swt) make us one of the believers who believe and live in Islam, which is not limited to time and sheds light on all ages, revealed by Allah (swt), who rules over time.

### Dear Jama'ah!

The migration of our Prophet (saw) from Mecca to Medina was accepted as a milestone, that is, birth and resurrection, during the caliphate of Umar (r.a.). This shows us that the emigration of the Messenger of Allah (saw) and his companions is of great importance for the history of Islam. The word Hijra is mostly used in the sense of **“migrating from one place to another”**. However, the actual meaning of the word is **“a person's separation from anything physically, verbally or in the heart”**. When we consider the emigration from its spiritual dimension, the emigration of the believers always continues. Migration from evil to good must be continuous in every phase of our lives. Fulfilling Allah's orders and abandoning His prohibitions is a journey of emigration that will not end until the Day of Judgment. Rasulullah (saw) has said; **“A Muslim is the one who avoids harming Muslims with his tongue and hands. And a Muhajir (emigrant) is the one who gives up (abandons) all what Allah has forbidden.”**<sup>2</sup>

### Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Every year, a Muslim takes themselves to account, makes their plans and leads their life with the aim of being a servant of Allah (swt). On the New Year of the Hijri calendar, we should contemplate the migration from Mecca to Medina, and spread our wings to the refugees who migrate today, just like the Ansar. Let's not forget that the real immigrants are the believers who abandon bad and ugly deeds for the sake of Allah (swt).

May Allah (swt) make us amongst those who know the value of their time and dedicate their lives given by Allah (swt) to His way. Ameen!



<sup>1</sup> Surah Al-Asr, 103:1-3

<sup>2</sup> Buhârî, Îmân, 4