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A Message from the Oppressed

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﴿إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ ﴿١٠﴾﴾

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عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ سَلَّمْ) قَالَ:

"مَنْ نَفَّسَ عَنْ مُسْلِمٍ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرَبِ الدُّنْيَا نَفَّسَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرَبِ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ، وَمَنْ يَسَّرَ عَلَى مُعْسِرٍ يَسَّرَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، ..."

البخاري، كتاب الزكاة، ١٨

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

In the Quran, Allah (swt) says: **"The believers are but brothers."**[1] These words remind us of the rights we share through our faith and our duty to care about one another's troubles. Islam does not consider anyone superior because of their race, language, background or status. In the sight of Allah (swt), true honour lies in being mindful of Him. Today, the cries of our brothers and sisters facing war, oppression, poverty and forced displacement around the world call upon our conscience. From Palestine to Sudan, from Yemen to Syria, from Arakan to other lands where people suffer, their pain reminds us how much it matters to live as one ummah. We must see suffering far away as more than a news story. Those people have lives, joys and sorrows, just as we do.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Our promise as an ummah is more than an emotional attachment. Our beloved Prophet (saw) said: *"Whoever meets the needs of a fellow Muslim, Allah will meet their needs. Whoever relieves a Muslim of a hardship, Allah will relieve them of a hardship on the Day of Judgement."*[2] Being one ummah means upholding the rights of our brothers and sisters. The Messenger of Allah (saw) compared believers to a building whose parts support one another.[3] In another hadith, he described believers as one body in their mercy and compassion for one another.[4] We must therefore never become unconcerned to their suffering.

We must also guard against words of hatred and hostility and uphold justice and human dignity as we stand against oppression. Standing beside the oppressed, whatever their background, language or school of thought, is part of the mercy that Islam extends to all.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The message from lands suffering oppression reminds us to value our blessings and fulfil our responsibilities. As we sit down to eat in the peace of our homes, let us remember those who go hungry. As we live in safety, let us remember those forced to leave their homes. As we prepare our children for the future, let us remember children denied education and healthcare. We should pray for them, give financial and humanitarian aid as we are able and support those in need through trusted charities such as Hasene. We must also notice those in need around us, care about our neighbours' troubles, show kindness to orphans and look after the poor. Our sense of belonging to the ummah begins with noticing the needs of the person beside us.

Dear Jama'ah!

May Allah (swt) make us people who uphold justice, rather than remain silent in the face of oppression. May He grant us a world where wars and conflicts have ended, people live in safety and children are free from fear and worry. May He make us among His servants who help the oppressed, care for those in need and honour the rights of brotherhood.

O Allah! Help all the oppressed people of the world. Grant their hearts patience and peace. Make us among Your servants who remember their suffering and spread goodness through our actions, our words, our wealth and our prayers. Ameen.

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[1] Surah Al-Hujurat, 49:10
[2] Abu Dawud, Adab, 60
[3] Bukhari, Salat 88, Mazalim 5; Muslim, Birr 65
[4] Bukhari, Adab 27; Muslim, Birr 66