

AND THE LAST OF OUR SUPPLICATIONS IS THANKS BE TO ALLAH LORD OF THE TWO WORLDS.

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ON THEIR BEHALF:

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THE BOSNIA TRAGEDY AND THE DECEPTION OF THE SERVANT OF THE TWO MOSQUES

THANKS TO ALLAH AND PRAYERS AND MERCY UPON THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH AND THOSE THAT WERE RIGHTLY GUIDED BY HIS GUIDANCE.

IT IS NO LONGER HIDDEN THAT THE SAUDI REGIME PERSISTENTLY SOUGHT TO BLOCK ALL THE ABILITIES AND CAPABILITIES OF THE UMMAH BY PLACING CONTROL OVER IT. BUT THE REGIME WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH ITS UNJUST POLICIES; IT HAD TO GO FURTHER BY IMPOSING CONTROL ON THE MINDS AND POLITICS OF THE NATION. MOREOVER, THE REGIME SOUGHT TO IMPOSE ECONOMIC CONTROL. THIS RESULTED IN THE CLOSURE OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS THAT DELIVERED THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE BENEFACTORS FROM THIS COUNTRY TO ITS DESERVING LAWFUL OWNERS. THE REGIME REPLACED THESE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WITH ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT WERE SUPERVISED BY MEMBERS OF THE RULING FAMILY, SUCH AS PRINCE SULTAN AND PRINCE SALMAN. THIS REVEALED A SCHEME BY WHICH THEY MONOPOLIZED THE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT PREVENTED ISLAM AND THE MUSLIMS FROM BENEFITING FROM THEM. THE REGIME USED THE CONTRIBUTIONS THE SAME WAY IT USED THE MONEY OF THE AFGHANI MUJAHIDIN. THAT MONEY WAS USED TO PRESSURE THE MUJAHIDIN AND INFLUENCE THEIR POLICIES IN A WAY THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE INTERESTS OF THE WEST. SOMETIMES THESE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE USED FOR THE PRIVATE INTERESTS OF THE PRINCES.

DESPITE THE SCANDALS OF THE REGIME IN FINANCIAL MATTERS, PARTICULARLY IN HOW IT HANDLED CONTRIBUTIONS, THE REGIME STILL TRIES TO GRASP EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY OCCASION WHICH WOULD ALLOW IT TO REPEAT WHAT IT HAD DONE PREVIOUSLY. ALL OF THESE SCANDALS HAVE BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, BUT THE REGIME IGNORES THE LEVEL OF AWARENESS THAT THE NATION HAS ATTAINED. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL CRISES THAT HAVE SURROUNDED KING FAHD, SOME OF WHICH HAVE UNCOVERED HIS ANIMOSITY TOWARDS ISLAM AND THE MUSLIMS. HIS

OPPOSITION TO THE WILL OF ALLAH IS MADE CLEAR BY HIS USE OF THE LAWS OF POSITIVISM TO GOVERN THE KINGDOM, HIS LOYALTY TO THE INFIDELS, AND HIS ANIMOSITY TOWARD THE MUSLIMS, ESPECIALLY THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS, PREACHERS, AND REFORMERS AMONGST THEM. OTHER EXAMPLES OF PROBLEMS UNDER KING FAHD'S RULE INCLUDE THE HIGH PRICES, THE INCREASED TAXES AND DUTIES, THE SPREAD OF UNEMPLOYMENT, AND THE COLLAPSE OF THE NATION'S ECONOMY AFTER IT DROWNED IN A ROUGH SEA OF INTEREST DEBTS. ALL OF THIS HAS PULLED THE NATION INTO A REAL TRAGEDY THAT CONTINUES TO ESCALATE. THE KING IS ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE FROM THE INTERNAL FACTS BY DRAWING ATTENTION AWAY FROM HIS PROBLEMS TO THOSE GOING ON OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. HE IS CREATING A DIVERSION, TICKLING THE NATION'S EMOTIONS BY RAISING THE SHIRT OF THE SUPPORT FOR BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA AND ALL THE CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS PEOPLE.

OUR COMMENTS ON WHAT TRANSPIRED ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

FIRSTLY: FROM OUR PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, PARTICULARLY STATEMENT NUMBER 17, IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT THIS REGIME HAS DEVIATED FROM ISLAM, AND IT HAS COMMITTED APOSTASY. THE REGIME HAS DISAPPOINTED US IN ITS BIG CAUSES, ESPECIALLY THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE, WHICH IS THE MOTHER OF ISLAMIC CAUSES. THESE FACTS ARE SUFFICIENT TO REFUTE ANY LAWSUIT THE REGIME MIGHT RANT ABOUT ON BEHALF OF ITS ASPIRATION TO SERVE AND ACHIEVE VICTORY FOR THE BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA CAUSE. HOW CAN THIS REGIME BRING VICTORY TO ISLAM WHEN IT IS APOSTATE? HOW CAN VICTORY BE BROUGHT TO THE MUSLIMS BY A REGIME THAT CONSPIRES AGAINST THEIR CAUSES AND SUPPORTS THEIR ENEMIES, MAKING THE COUNTRY OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES A THEATER FOR PLUNDERING AND LOOTING?

WE HAVE NOT YET FORGOTTEN THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WERE COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE, WHICH AT THE END WERE GIVEN TO THE EXTORTIVE JEWS AS A TOKEN OF FRIENDSHIP AND AS A PRESENT OF CORDIALITY. IS THE BOSNIAN CAUSE GOING TO BE MORE IMPORTANT TO THIS REGIME THAN THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE? HOW ARE WE GOING TO BELIEVE THE REGIME WHEN IT SAYS THAT IT WILL SUPPORT ISLAM AND THE MUSLIMS IN BOSNIA, WHEN THE BEST OF THE SCHOLARS, THE PREACHERS OF THE NATION, AND THE CREAM OF ITS YOUTH REMAIN IN THE PRISONS OF THIS REGIME? (TN: THE AUTHOR QUOTES FROM THE HADITH, SAYING THAT IF SOMEONE BECAME MY GUARDIAN THEN I HAVE GIVEN HIM PERMISSION TO WAGE WAR).

SECONDLY: THE SPECIAL OFFICIAL RECORD OF THE BOSNIA CAUSE IS A BLACK RECORD FULL OF DECEIT AND DISAPPOINTMENTS AS SHOWN BY THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

1 - THE SAUDI REGIME HOSTED A BROAD ISLAMIC CONFERENCE TO SPECIFICALLY DISCUSS THE BOSNIAN CAUSE THREE YEARS AGO IN JEDDAH. AFTER EMPTY HEROIC SPEECHES, THE CONFERENCE DELEGATES GAVE THE UNITED NATIONS A LAST CHANCE TO SAVE THE SITUATION IN BOSNIA.

OTHERWISE, THE ISLAMIC WORLD, LED BY THE SAUDI REGIME (THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZER), WOULD INTERFERE. IN SPITE OF THIS, THE UNITED NATIONS PERSISTED ON ITS DEATHLY PLAN FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA. THE DECISIONS MADE IN THAT CONFERENCE WERE PLACED ON THE SHELVES OF FORGETFULNESS, BECAUSE IT WAS FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION ONLY. THIS LEFT THE MUSLIMS OF BOSNIA TO THEIR OWN FRIGHTFUL FATE, AND THEY SURRENDERED TO THE SERBIAN MONSTER TO BE DEVoured IN FRONT OF THE EYES AND EARS OF THE ENTIRE WORLD, FORBIDDEN FROM THE RIGHT OF LEGALLY DEFENDING THEMSELVES ACCORDING TO THE DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS!!

2 - WHEN THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRY TRIED TO RESPOND TO THE DISASTER OF THEIR BOSNIAN BRETHREN, THE REGIME PROCEEDED TO PUT ROAD BLOCKS IN FRONT OF THEM IN SEVERAL WAYS, SOME OF WHICH ARE:

(A) THE REGIME PROHIBITED THE TRAVEL OF SEVERAL INDEPENDENT LEADERSHIP PERSONALITIES THAT HAD INFLUENCE AND EFFECTIVENESS IN PURCHASING ARMS FOR THE MUJAHIDIN IN BOSNIA. THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO PRESSURE FROM THE WESTERN NATIONS THAT DID NOT WANT THE ARMS TO REACH THE MUSLIMS IN BOSNIA. HOWEVER, THOSE WHO SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE CLUTCHES OF THE REGIME AND JOINED THEIR BRETHREN IN BOSNIA IN THE DEFENSE OF THEIR RELIGION AND THEMSELVES WERE IMMEDIATELY ARRESTED UPON THEIR RETURN.

(B) THE REGIME DELIVERED SOME OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT WERE COLLECTED FOR THE BOSNIANS TO SOME CRUSADER ORGANIZATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER THE BEST OF CONDITIONS. THESE CONTRIBUTIONS WERE TO BE SHARED AMONG THE CROATIANS, THE SERBIANS, AND THE MUSLIMS, THAT IS BETWEEN THE VICTIM AND THE BUTCHER.

SUCH ACTIVITIES BECAME APPARENT TO THOSE WHO HAVE EYES THAT CAN SEE THAT THE REGIME'S PROPAGANDA OF SHOWING SUPPORT TO THE MUSLIMS IN BOSNIA WAS NOTHING MORE THAN CROCODILE TEARS AND DECEIT. THE REGIME WAS USING THIS SHOW OF SUPPORT TO RAISE THE VALUE OF ITS DECLINING POLITICAL STOCK DUE TO ALL THE CRISES SURROUNDING THE REGIME FROM THE INTERIOR AND THE EXTERIOR. HOWEVER, THE CITIZENS ARE NOT FOOLED ANYMORE BY SUCH OBVIOUS PLOYS. HOW CAN THEY ENTRUST THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MUSLIMS FROM THE OUTSIDE TO A REGIME THAT HAS BETRAYED THEIR TRUST WITH THE MONEY OF THE NATION FROM THE INSIDE?

THE PREVIOUS BETRAYALS AND TREACHERY OF THE REGIME HAVE CAUSED IT TO LOSE ALL CREDIBILITY IN THIS MATTER. THIS IS PART OF THE IMMEDIATE PUNISHMENT OF THIS PRACTICE IN THIS WORLD. (TN: THE AUTHOR QUOTES FROM THE HADITH, SAYING THAT EVERY TREACHERY WILL BE PUNISHED AT RESURRECTION DAY).

AS FOR THE BOSNIANS, THEY KNOW WHO THEIR REAL SUPPORTERS ARE IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA. THEIR REAL SUPPORTERS ARE THE CREAM OF THE CROP YOUTH WHO HAVE SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE GRASP OF THE RULING

REGIME, AND WHO MIXED THEIR BLOOD WITH THAT OF THE BOSNIANS. THE CHARITABLE BENEFACTORS WHO DELIVERED THE MONEY DIRECTLY TO THEM OR PLACED THE MONEY IN SAFE HANDS THAT DELIVERED IT TO THEM ALSO SUPPORT THE BOSNIANS. ROYAL REGIMES AND COERCIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE DISAPPOINTED THE BOSNIANS, AND THEIR HOPE REMAINS, AFTER ALLAH, IN THE ISLAMIC PEOPLE.

BEFORE THOSE MEASLY HANDOUTS WHICH THE REGIME MALICIOUSLY STOPPED, BOSNIA WAS IN NEED OF MEN AND ARMS, IN ORDER TO BREAK THE UNJUST SIEGE WHICH THE CRUSADER NATIONS HAD IMPOSED ON HER THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS. IT WAS LOW AND SHAMEFUL FOR THOSE WHO BRAG ABOUT PROTECTING ISLAM AND DEFENDING ITS PEOPLE, AND THE SAUDI RULING REGIME IS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS GROUP. NATIONS FROM FAR AWAY VOLUNTEERED TO UNDERTAKE THAT TASK AT A TIME WHEN THE OTHERS WERE ASCERTAINING THE NECESSITY OF COMPLYING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL DECISIONS!! IN ADDITION, CHRISTIAN CROATIA LIFTED THE SIEGE FROM THE MUSLIM JAYB-BIHATCH. THAT SIEGE LASTED FOR THREE YEARS (UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS!!) THIS REPRESENTS A BLACK SPOT OF SHAME ON THE FOREHEAD OF THE RULERS OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD, ESPECIALLY THE SERVANT OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES!! WITHOUT REGARD TO ITS OBJECTIVES, THAT CROATIAN ACTION HAS PRACTICALLY PROVEN THAT ANYONE WHO WANTS TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING AND POSSESSES THE POWER CAN DO IT, BUT THERE IS NO TRUE WILL OVER THERE.

THE BOSNIAN CAUSE, WITH ALL ITS BITTERNESS, CONTAINED GREAT LESSONS, AMONGST WHICH ARE THE FOLLOWING:

1 - IT UNCOVERED THE RULING REGIMES OF MUSLIM COUNTRIES AND EXPOSED THEM AS MERE TOOLS IN THE HANDS OF THE GREAT AND POWERFUL CRUSADERS. THOSE REGIMES DO NOT REPRESENT THEIR PEOPLE WHO SUPPORTED THE MUSLIMS OF BOSNIA.

2 - THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND EQUALITY SLOGANS THAT THE WEST RAISES ARE NOTHING BUT DEAD SLOGANS, WHEN IT COMES TO MUSLIM MATTERS.

3 - THE UNITED NATIONS IS NOTHING BUT A TOOL TO IMPLEMENT THE CRUSADERS' PLAN TO KILL THE CAUSES OF THE NATION OF ISLAM AND ITS PEOPLE.

4 - COMPLYING WITH THE ARTICLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS A JOINT PRACTICAL OPERATION TO CONSPIRE AGAINST MUSLIM CAUSES.

WE ARE NOT IN NEED OF ANY ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS ON WHAT THE SAUDI REGIME HAS COMMITTED AGAINST THE CAUSES OF ISLAM AND MUSLIMS IN GENERAL, AND THE DISAPPOINTING ROLE THEY PLAYED IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA IN PARTICULAR. BASED ON WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED, AT THIS TIME WE ARE URGING MUSLIMS TO CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TO SUPPORT THEIR BRETHREN IN PALESTINE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, AND ELSEWHERE. WE ARE DRAWING THEIR ATTENTION TO THE RISK OF

FORWARDING THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE RULING REGIMES¹ AND ITS ORGANIZATIONS. WE ARE ADVISING THEM TO DELIVER THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE OR THROUGH SAFE HANDS OF INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND SOCIETIES THAT ARE TRUSTED, SUCH AS THE CHARITABLE SOCIETIES IN QATAR, KUWAIT, SUDAN, YEMEN, AND JORDAN. WE ARE ADVISING THEM TO BE CAREFUL THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS STAY FAR FROM THE PURSUIT OF THE SERVANT OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES AND HIS AGENTS, AND TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY WILL REACH THE PEOPLE IT IS INTENDED FOR. THEY MUST BE SURE THAT THE MONEY DOES NOT FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE SHAMELESS MEMBERS OF THE SAUDI FAMILY. ALLAH PROHIBITED THEM FROM BEING IN CONTROL OF THEIR PRIVATE WEALTH AND THE WEALTH OF THE MUSLIMS. (TN: THE AUTHOR QUOTES THE QURAN TO PROVE HIS POINT, SAYING THAT ONE SHOULD NOT GIVE MONEY TO THE SHAMELESS). CONTRIBUTIONS ARE A FORM OF TRUST, AND ALLAH ORDERS EVERYONE TO ENSURE THAT THESE CONTRIBUTIONS GO TO THEIR LAWFUL OWNERS. THE SAUDI REGIME IS MOST DEFINITELY NOT THE RIGHTFUL OWNER OF THIS MONEY. IF IT WAS, THE REGIME'S ACCOUNTS IN THE WEST WOULD NOT HAVE SWELLED WITH THE STOLEN MONEY OF THE NATION. THE AMOUNT IN POSSESSION OF THE KINGS IS ESTIMATED AT FORTY BILLION (40,000,000,000) DOLLARS. IF THIS AMOUNT WERE TO BE RETURNED TO THE NATION, IT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THE POOR IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA, IN BOSNIA, AND ALL THE OTHER ISLAMIC CAUSES.

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND OUR BRETHREN, THE MOSQUE PREACHERS, NOT TO BE DANGEROUSLY SWEEPED AWAY BEHIND THE PREVIOUS PLANS OF THE REGIME. WE REMIND THEM NOT TO BE DECEIVED BY THE REGIME, AND NOT TO HELP IT TO SUCK MORE WEALTH OUT OF MUSLIMS, SINCE THIS MONEY IS BEING SPENT ILLEGALLY. WE URGE THEM NOT TO BE HELD CAPTIVE BY THE INFORMATION DIRECTIVES OF THE REGIME, WHICH MAKE THE COUNTRY LOSE BALANCE IN DEALING WITH ITS DIFFERENT CAUSES BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY. (TN: THE AUTHOR QUOTES FROM THE HADITH, SAYING THAT ANYONE WHO WISHES A TYRANT TO STAY IN POWER IS DISOBEYING ALLAH ON THIS EARTH).

FINALLY, WE BESEECH ALLAH TO DRIVE AWAY THE SUFFERING OF THIS NATION AND REMOVE ITS WORRIES AND SADNESS. WE BESEECH ALLAH TO LET THE CREAM OF THE CROP TAKE CARE OF IT, AND TO DO AWAY WITH ITS EVIL ONES, SUCH AS KING FAHD AND THE OPPRESSORS FROM HIS FAMILY. FOR YOU ARE THE PROTECTOR AND YOU ARE MOST CAPABLE. THE LAST OF OUR SUPPLICATION IS THAT WE THANK ALLAH, LORD OF THE TWO WORLDS.

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THE SAUDI REGIME AND THE REPEATED TRAGEDIES OF THE PILGRIMS

THANKS TO ALLAH, LORD OF THE TWO WORLDS. PRAYERS AND PEACE UPON THE MOST NOBLE OF PROPHETS AND MESSENGERS, OUR PROPHET MUHAMMAD, AND UPON HIS DISCIPLES AND ALL HIS FOLLOWERS:

IT HAS BECOME FAMILIAR, WELL KNOWN, AND CUSTOMARY THAT EVERY YEAR THE PILGRIMS TO THE SACRED HOUSE OF ALLAH ARE FACED WITH CATASTROPHES AND TRAGEDIES THAT CLAIM THOUSANDS. HUNDREDS OF THOSE PILGRIMS ARE HURT OR KILLED, AND THERE IS NO MIGHT OR POWER EXCEPT WITH ALLAH.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TREND, A HUGE FIRE ERUPTED ON TUESDAY THE EIGHTH DAY OF PILGRIMAGE OF THIS YEAR, IN THE CAMPS OF THE PILGRIMS. THE FIRE ENGULFED SEVENTY THOUSAND TENTS, LEAVING TWO THOUSAND DEAD AND WOUNDED, ACCORDING TO THE SAUDI REGIME. THE FINAL COUNT COULD BE A LOT HIGHER.

WITH THAT, A RENEWED PICTURE OF THE SEASONAL TRAGEDY OF EACH PILGRIMAGE YEAR COMES TO MIND. IT CARRIES WITH IT IMAGES OF TERROR THAT ARE REPRESENTED BY THE SCATTERED BODIES OF THE DEAD AND THE WOUNDED AT MUNA CAMPS ONCE, AT JAMARAT ANOTHER TIME, AND AT AL-MU'ISAM TUNNEL OR OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE HOLY CITY.

IF WE LOOK INTO THE DIRECT CAUSES OF THESE ACCIDENTS, WE WILL FIND SEVERAL REASONS. ONE REASON IS THE LIMITED SPACE IN PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE PILGRIMS, WHICH LEADS TO OVER CROWDEDNESS. THIS HUSTLE AND BUSTLE IS WHAT OCCURRED AT JAMARAT SEVERAL TIMES. THE OTHER REASON IS THE LACK OF SECURITY PROCEDURES OR THE BAD HANDLING OF EVENTS, AS WAS THE CASE IN THE PILGRIMAGE YEAR 1407H AND AT AL-MU'ISAM TUNNEL FOLLOWING THAT. ANOTHER REASON FOR THESE ACCIDENTS IS OVERALL NEGLIGENCE OF THE SAFETY OF THE PILGRIMS AND FAILURE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS FOR THEIR SAFETY. THIS NEGLIGENCE IS THE CAUSE OF MOST OF THE REPETITIVE FIRES IN THE TENTS OF THE PILGRIMS.

ANOTHER CAUSE IS THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PILGRIMS. HOWEVER, ACCIDENTS COULD BE AVOIDED BY TAKING THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS AND ELIMINATING THE OTHER CAUSES. LARGE GATHERINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE ENTIRE WORLD. SOME ARE OFFICIALLY SPONSORED BY THE GOVERNMENT, SUCH AS SPORTING EVENTS. OTHERS ARE SPONSORED BY UNOFFICIAL GROUPS THAT DO NOT HAVE ONE TENTH OF ONE TENTH OF THE CAPABILITIES OF THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT, AND YET WE NEVER SEE OR HEAR ABOUT ACCIDENTS SIMILAR TO THE CATASTROPHES AND TRAGEDIES THAT TAKE PLACE ALMOST EVERY PILGRIMAGE YEAR.

WE HAVE LISTED THE MOST IMPORTANT DIRECT CAUSES FOR THE INCIDENTS AND THE TRAGEDIES THAT OCCUR EVERY PILGRIMAGE YEAR. ALL OF THESE REASONS POINT TO ONE BASIC PRINCIPAL CAUSE WHICH THE NATION OF ISLAM HAS GENERALLY BEEN PLAGUED WITH, ESPECIALLY THE LAND OF THE TWO MOSQUES. THIS REASON IS THE DOMINANCE OF THE RULERS AND PRINCES OF THE SAUDI FAMILY ON THIS HOLY LAND. WE ARE REFERRING TO THEIR DESPOTISM IN ALL MATTERS AND THEIR INSENSITIVITY TO THE FEELINGS OF ONE BILLION MUSLIMS IN THE FIVE CONTINENTS WHO FACE THE HOLY HOUSE OF ALLAH AND HIS PEACEFUL CITY WITH THEIR HEARTS AND THEIR FACES FIVE TIMES A DAY.

IF WE LOOK AT ALL THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED CAUSES, WE WILL FIND THAT GETTING RID OF THEM IS AN ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS REGIME THAT RULES THE LAND. ITS PRINCES MONOPOLIZE FOR THEMSELVES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL ITS AFFAIRS, WHETHER SMALL OR LARGE, AND THEY MONOPOLIZE THE PILGRIMAGE AFFAIRS IN PARTICULAR.

SUFFICIENTLY EQUIPPING THE FACILITIES, MAINTAINING THEM IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER, AND GETTING THEM READY FOR THE NEEDS OF THE PILGRIMS IS AN ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RULERS OF THE LAND. THEY HAVE ENORMOUS RESOURCES AND HUGE BUDGETS THROUGH THE VIRTUE OF ALLAH.

THERE IS NO INTERCESSION FOR THOSE WHO BUILT THE FACILITIES AND OFFERED THE VARIOUS SERVICES THAT ARE ACCOMPANIED BY HARM, HYPOCRISY AND REPUTATION. THESE FACILITIES AND THE SERVICES, THROUGH TESTS AND INCIDENTS, HAVE PROVEN THAT THEY DO NOT MEET THE REQUIRED SUFFICIENT STANDARDS. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT ON THEM DOES NOT COMPARE TO WHAT THE PRINCES AND THE RULERS OF THE SAUDI FAMILY SPEND ON THEIR PALACES, THEIR PLEASURES, AND THEIR APPETITES ON THE INSIDE AND THE OUTSIDE. IN ADDITION, AMERICA AND ITS ALLIES STEAL AND LOOT FROM THE WEALTH AND RICHES OF THIS COUNTRY, EVEN THOUGH THEIR WEEKLY INCOME EXCEEDS WHAT THE PILGRIMAGE FACILITIES COLLECTIVELY NEED FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR.

TAKING THE REQUIRED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AND DEALING APPROPRIATELY WITH THESE INCIDENTS IS PART OF THE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE WHO ARE STILL FILLING THE WORLD WITH THEIR BOASTING ABOUT THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND THEIR SECURITY CAPABILITIES.

GETTING RID OF THE NEGLIGENCE WHICH WAS THE CAUSE OF SEVERAL OF THE FIRES IN THE PILGRIMS' CAMPS IS ALSO PART OF THAT RESPONSIBILITY. THE FIRES COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED AND THEIR EFFECTS MINIMIZED IN ANY NUMBER OF WAYS. PEOPLE OFFERED THEIR OPINIONS AND ADVICE AS POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS, BUT THE RULERS THREW THEM (TN: THE SOLUTIONS) ACROSS THE WALL.

THE PROBLEM IS NOT IN THE ABILITY TO FIND SOLUTIONS THAT WILL

SPARE THE GUESTS OF THE MOST MERCIFUL AND THE PILGRIMS TO HIS ANCIENT HOUSE THESE TRAGEDIES AND CATASTROPHES THAT THEY ARE EXPOSED TO EVERY YEAR. NOR IS THE PROBLEM THE APPLICATION OF THOSE EASY SOLUTIONS WHICH WERE PRESENTED TO THE RULING REGIME A LONG TIME AGO. THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE SOLUTIONS IS NOTHING WORTH MENTIONING COMPARED TO THE MONEY THEY SPEND ON INTELLIGENCE AND SPYING ON THE PILGRIMS. THIS SURVEILLANCE ANNOYS THE PILGRIMS AND TRIES TO EMPTY THE PILGRIMAGE OF ITS CONTEXT AND MEANING. CAN ANYONE BELIEVE THAT THIS REGIME WITH ALL ITS PALACES AND HOUSES IS COMPETING WITH THE PILGRIMS FOR HOLY SITES? CAN ANYONE BELIEVE THAT THIS REGIME THAT SPENDS BILLIONS IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE LODGING FOR THE PILGRIMS, SPARING THEM THE DANGER OF THE REPETITIVE FIRES? CAN ANYONE BELIEVE THAT THIS REGIME CANNOT PROVIDE THE PILGRIMS WITH SAFETY SO THAT THEY CAN PERFORM THEIR PILGRIMAGE?

THE TRUTH IS THAT PROVIDING COMFORTABLE FACILITIES FOR THE PILGRIMS AND GIVING THEM PEACE OF MIND DOES NOT PRESENT A PROBLEM. THE PROBLEM IS IN THE SAUDI REGIME THAT WANTS TO MONOPOLIZE EACH OF THESE MATTERS FOR ITS PRINCES, WITHOUT TASKING ITSELF TO COMPLY WITH THE SIMPLEST BASICS OF THIS RESPONSIBILITY. CAN ANYONE IMAGINE OR FATHOM IN ANY RELIGION, SECT, OR SYSTEM OF LAW, THAT THESE TRAGEDIES ARE REPEATED EVERY YEAR WITHOUT ANYONE BEING ASKED OR TRIED OR FIRED, AND WITHOUT DETERMINING WHOSE SHORTCOMING WAS THE CAUSE?

THESE TRAGEDIES CONTINUE, PLAYING WITH THE MINDS OF THE MUSLIMS AND NUMBING THEIR FEELINGS. PEOPLE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY CONTINUE WITHOUT ANY QUESTIONS BEING ASKED, AND THEY DO NOT TAKE SUFFICIENT ACTIONS TO STOP THE REPETITION OF SUCH TRAGEDIES. THEY ARE STUPIDLY SATISFIED IN OFFERING COLD CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND GOVERNMENTS OF THE VICTIMS FROM THE GUESTS OF THE MOST MERCIFUL. THIS IS NEGLIGENCE, WITHOUT CARING ABOUT THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF GUESTS OF THE MOST MERCIFUL AND THE PILGRIMS OF HIS HOUSE. ALL OF THIS IS DONE AT A TIME WHEN THE SAUDI REGIME IS PAYING UNUSUAL ATTENTION TO THE LIVES OF THE ENEMIES OF THE NATION, BOTH JEWS AND CHRISTIANS. AFTER THE DEATH OF SIXTY OCCUPYING JEWS IN PALESTINE, THE REGIME HASTENED TO GO TO THE SHARM AL-SHAYKH CONFERENCE TO OFFER ITS CONDOLENCES TO A BAND OF OCCUPYING ZIONISTS IN PALESTINE. THE REGIME HAS SHOWN FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS THEM, AND IT HAS ENDORSED THE DECISIONS OF THE CONFERENCE TO CONDEMN JIHAD AND THE MUJAHIDIN. THE REGIME IS MAKING A BIG DEAL ABOUT THE KILLING OF A HANDFUL OF AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL. TO SATISFY THE AMERICANS, THE REGIME OFFERED THE HEADS OF A GROUP OF PURE YOUTH WHO ARE ZEALOUS ABOUT THEIR BELIEF, THEIR COUNTRY, AND THEIR NATION. THE REGIME ALSO PUT THOUSANDS IN PRISON AND REMOVED HIGH RANKING MILITARY LEADERS WHO WERE ACCUSED OF NOT DOING ENOUGH TO PROTECT THE OCCUPYING AMERICANS. EIGHTY-ONE PRECAUTIONARY STEPS WERE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE REPETITION OF THOSE INCIDENTS. THE AMERICAN

GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IN COOPERATION WITH THE SAUDI REGIME, SEVENTY-NINE OF THOSE STEPS WERE IMPLEMENTED.

SINCE WHEN ARE A HANDFUL OF DEFILED JEWISH SOULS AND THE CONQUERING AMERICANS MORE PRECIOUS THAN THOUSANDS OF GUESTS OF THE MOST MERCIFUL AND THE PILGRIMS OF HIS ANCIENT HOUSE? THOSE PILGRIMS CAME FROM EVERYWHERE AND EVERY DIRECTION, BEARING THE PAINS OF TRAVEL AND BURDEN THEMSELVES. THOSE PILGRIMS HAVE PAID THE HIGH COSTS, AND THEY HAVE ENDURED ALL KINDS OF INSULTS FROM DEGRADATION, DISCRIMINATION, BIAS, AND ANNOYANCE THAT THE SAUDI REGIME IMPOSES ON THEM. THEY BEAR ALL OF THIS FOR THE SAKE OF PERFORMING THIS DUTY, THIS GREAT PILLAR FROM THE PILLARS OF ISLAM. AFTER ALL OF THIS, THEY FIND THEMSELVES AS FUEL FOR A FIRE THAT WAS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE AND LACK OF CARING OF THIS REGIME FOR THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF VICTIMS, AND THE REGIME'S INDIFFERENCE TO THE FEELINGS OF DOUBLE THAT NUMBER OF WIDOWS, ORPHANS, AND CHILDREN. FAMILIES JOYFULLY AWAITED THE RETURN OF THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS FROM THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME, AND INSTEAD, THEY RECEIVED MOTIONLESS BODIES IN A BIG INTERNATIONAL FUNERAL. AND THAT WAS ONLY IF THEY WERE LUCKY ENOUGH TO RECEIVE THE BODY AT ALL. IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, THE SAUDI REGIME HAS KEPT THE BODIES AS AUTOPSY MATERIALS. THE REGIME OFTEN KEEPS THE BODIES OF THE PILGRIMS THAT DIE IN PILGRIMAGE INCIDENTS WHEN IT DOES NOT FIND ANYONE CLAIMING THEIR BODIES. THESE BODIES BECOME MATERIAL FOR EXPERIMENTATION BY PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS OF MEDICAL UNIVERSITIES (AND THERE IS NO POWER OR FORCE EXCEPT WITH ALLAH).

AT THIS TIME, WE OFFER OUR DEEP CONDOLENCES TO THE NATION OF ISLAM IN GENERAL, AND TO THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS IN PARTICULAR. WE CONFIRM THE RIGHT OF THOSE PEOPLE TO ASK FOR JUST COMPENSATION THAT IS PROPORTIONATE TO THE ENORMITY OF THE CRIME AND THE HORRIBLNESS OF THE HARMS TO WHICH THEY WERE EXPOSED.

WE CONFIRM THE INNOCENCE OF THE COUNTRYMEN OF THE BEHAVIOR OF THE REGIME. THIS REGIME IS A STRANGER TO OUR RELIGION, OUR CUSTOMS, AND OUR GOOD CHARACTER. AS THE MEN OF THE RELIGION HAVE POINTED OUT, THIS REGIME HAS LOST ITS LEGITIMACY. WE CHARGE THE REGIME WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE REPETITIVE AND RENEWED TRAGEDIES DURING ALMOST EVERY PILGRIMAGE SEASON. THE EXPENSES FOR PROVIDING SAFETY TO THE GUESTS OF THE MOST MERCIFUL AND WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THEIR COMFORT AND SAFETY IS THE ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS REGIME. THE REGIME HAS FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCES AND SECURITY. HOWEVER, MAYBE ITS EXCUSE FOR NEGLECTING ITS SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY WAS THAT IT WAS BUSY CHASING THE PREACHERS, THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS, AND THOSE WHO ARE WORKING FOR ISLAM AND FIGHTING THEM AND LOCKING THEM UP BY THE THOUSANDS IN THEIR PRISONS. OR MAYBE THE REGIME WAS BUSY PROTECTING THE OCCUPYING AMERICAN FORCES AND THEIR BASES THAT HAVE BECOME EXPOSED TO THE RESENTMENT OF THE MUSLIMS. THE MUSLIMS BECAME RESENTFUL AFTER THEIR HOLY PLACES WERE OCCUPIED,

THE WEALTH OF THEIR COUNTRY WAS STOLEN, AND THEIR RICHES WERE PILLAGED. PERHAPS THE REGIME'S EXCUSE FOR NEGLECTING ITS FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY IS THAT IT EXHAUSTED ITS BUDGET BY SPENDING ON THE COMMUNISTS IN YEMEN, THE CHRISTIANS IN THE SOUTH OF SUDAN, AND THE TYRANTS IN EGYPT, ALGERIA, ELSEWHERE.

(TN: THE AUTHOR QUOTES FROM THE HADITH, AND THE GIST IS THAT WHAT PEOPLE PERCEIVED FROM THE WORDS OF THE FIRST PROPHECY IS THAT IF YOU ARE NOT ASHAMED, THEN DO WHAT YOU WANT).

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THANKS TO ALLAH, AND PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH AND UPON HIS DISCIPLES AND THOSE ENLIGHTENED BY HIS GUIDANCE.

THE SAUDI REGIME DEVOTED ITSELF TO GOING TO EXTREMES IN FIGHTING ISLAM AND ITS PEOPLE, AND IT PROCEEDED TO DISTORT AND CHASE THE TRUTHFUL RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS AND THE FAITHFUL PREACHERS. THE REGIME WAS BRILLIANT IN DOING THAT BECAUSE OF ITS DEEP-ROOTED HATE AND ANIMOSITY TOWARDS ISLAM. BY VIRTUE OF ITS IMPORTED FOREIGN EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD, IT WAS ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE EXPERIENCES OF THE ALLIED TYRANNICAL REGIMES.

THE LATEST THING THAT THIS REGIME ACCOMPLISHED IN THIS RESPECT WAS THAT IT DEFILED THE SANCTITY AND THE DIGNITY OF A GROUP OF ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS AND GUESTS OF THE MOST MERCIFUL FROM THE MUSLIM NATION OF PAKISTAN. THESE SCHOLARS WERE ARRESTED DURING THEIR STAY IN THE COUNTRY TO PERFORM THE RITUALS OF PILGRIMAGE AND MINI PILGRIMAGE. THEY WERE EXPOSED TO HARASSMENT, AND PURSUIT AND ARREST BY THE SAUDI INTELLIGENCE FOR THE FOLLOWING CHARGE: THAT SOME OF THEM GAVE A FATWA, LIKE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS OF RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS IN PAKISTAN DID, IN WHICH THEY SAID THAT THE AMERICANS MUST BE FORCED OUT OF THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES. THESE SCHOLARS MADE THESE STATEMENTS IN ORDER TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE COVENANT THAT ALLAH ACCEPTED FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS, PLEDGING THAT THEY WOULD SHOW THE TRUTH TO THE PEOPLE AND NOT KEEP IT A SECRET FROM THEM. THIS IS THE TRUTH OF THIS CAUSE. THE PROPHET, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, POINTED THIS OUT BY SAYING, "FORCE OUT THE INFIDELS FROM THE ARABIAN PENINSULA."

THESE FATWAS, SIGNED BY SOME OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS, DID NOT

MENTION ANYTHING NEGATIVE ABOUT THE SAUDI REGIME, NOR DID THEY INTERCEDE FOR THE REGIME. THIS IS DESPITE THE FACT THAT THIS REGIME IS THE FIRST ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OCCUPATION OF THE CRUSADERS IN THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES. THE REGION HAD NOT WITNESSED ANYTHING SIMILAR TO THIS OCCUPATION EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER ISLAM.

THE ARREST OF THOSE SCHOLARS, WHO CAME TO PERFORM THE RITUALS OF THE PILGRIMAGE AND THE MINI PILGRIMAGE IN THE HOLY LAND OF ALLAH DURING HIS HOLY MONTH, CONFIRMS THAT THIS REGIME IS FIGHTING THE WORD OF TRUTH AND THOSE THAT DECLARE IT. THIS INCLUDED THE PREACHERS OF ALLAH AND THOSE WHO WORK FOR ISLAM. THIS REGIME DOES NOT SEEM TO BE SATISFIED WITH WHAT IT IS DOING AGAINST THE CITIZENS OF THE NATION THAT IS UNDER ITS RULES OF REPRESSION AND COERCIVENESS. THE REGIME IS SEEKING TO GENERALIZE THESE RULES ON ALL THAT DECLARE THE TRUTH, THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS OF ISLAM AND ITS PREACHERS WHEREVER THEY ARE.

FOR THE SAKE OF THIS MORE UNIVERSAL GOAL, THE REGIME DOES NOT REFRAIN FROM USING THE MEANEST METHODS AND MOST VILE WAYS, WAYS THAT NO RELIGION CAN DETER AND NO CREATURE CAN STOP. PREVIOUSLY, THE REGIME TERMINATED THE CONTRACTS OF SEVERAL SELECT GROUPS OF PROFESSORS AND DOCTORS FROM THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE NATION, IN A LOWLY AND MEAN WAY. THE REGIME ORDERED THEIR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER, AFTER IT FAILED TO BUY THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS AND THEIR LOYALTY. THERE WAS NO INTERCESSION FOR THEM AFTER SPENDING THE BLOSSOM OF THEIR LIVES SPREADING KNOWLEDGE IN THE SERVICE OF THE NATION.

TODAY, THE REGIME CONTINUES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS DOMINANCE OVER THE LAND OF THE HOLY TWO MOSQUES, MAKING IT A POLICE TRAP FOR ANYONE WHO ISSUES A SHARI'A FATWA, OR ANYONE WHO MAKES A STATEMENT THAT DOES NOT SUIT THE REGIME'S TASTE OR ITS MOOD, OR ANYONE WHO ANNOYS THE AMERICAN MASTERS, THE OCCUPIERS OF THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES.

WITH THE REGIME'S LOWLY EXPLOITATION, ITS DOMINANCE OVER THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES, AND ALL OF THE HARM THAT IT HAS INFLICTED ON THE MUSLIMS, THIS REGIME EMPHASIZES AN IMPORTANT TRUTH. THAT TRUTH IS THAT THIS STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE REGIME AND ISLAM AND THE MUSLIMS EXCEEDS THE NARROW BORDERS FOR THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES, TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRE NATION OF ISLAM. EACH MUSLIM ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH MUST FACE IT (TN: THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES) WITH HIS HEART AND HIS MIND FIVE TIMES IN HIS PRAYERS. ALSO, EVERY MUSLIM BY SHARI'A MUST PERSONALLY GO TO IT HIMSELF TO PERFORM THE PILGRIMAGE OBLIGATION WHICH IS THE FIFTH PILLAR OF ISLAM.

THIS COUNTRY HAS TWO PILLARS OF THIS RELIGION. THERE IS NO WAY THAT A NATION THAT HAS IN EXCESS OF ONE AND ONE QUARTER BILLION PEOPLE CAN REMAIN SILENT ABOUT THE OCCUPATION AND OPPRESSION AND

WHAT THE GUESTS OF THE MOST MERCIFUL SUFFER FROM IN TERMS OF INSULTS, HUMILIATION, LACK OF ATTENTION, AND NEGLIGENCE. THE GUESTS OF THE MOST MERCIFUL ARE OFFERED BY THIS REGIME AS FUEL TO THE FIRES THAT TAKE PLACE DURING THE PILGRIMAGE ALMOST EVERY YEAR. THIS REGIME LEADS THE CREAM OF WHAT IS LEFT TO PRISONS AND DUNGEONS, ONLY BECAUSE THEY ISSUED A FATWA SHOWING THE TRUTH, WHICH ALLAH HAS ORDERED THEM TO DO. THE UMMAH HAS NOT MOVED AGAINST THIS SITUATION AND THESE ACTIONS. SO WHEN IS THE UMMAH GOING TO ACT?

THE SAUDI REGIME, BY MOVING TO ARREST THOSE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS, REMINDS THE UMMAH OF WHAT THE REGIME HAD DONE IN PREVIOUS DAYS, WHEN THEY ARRESTED THE CREAM OF THE NATION, ITS RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS, AND ITS SONS LIKE SHAYKH SAFR AL-((HAWALY)) AND SHAYKH SALMAN AL-(('AWDAH)), AND THEIR BRETHREN, WHO ARE STATIONED AT THE MOUTHS OF THE TRUTH, AND WHO ARE STEADFAST IN THE TYRANTS' PRISONS. THESE SCHOLARS ARE LOFTY MOUNTAINS THAT SHATTERED IN THEIR HARDNESS ON THE TRUTH. THEY HAVE STOOD AGAINST ALL MANNERS OF SEDUCTION, ALLUREMENT, AWAKENING OF DESIRE, AND TERROR. THOSE HEROES REVIVED THE NATION'S FAITH FROM DEATH, STIRRED THE SENSE OF HONOR, AND EXPEDITED THE SPIRIT OF REFUSAL AND RESISTANCE TO FALSEHOOD. WE BESEECH ALLAH TO CONFIRM THEM AND US IN THE TRUTH AND TO BRING RELIEF TO ALL.

IF THE SAUDI REGIME THINKS THAT THESE ACTIONS CAN HIDE THE TRUTH FROM THE NATION, OR THAT THESE ACTIONS WILL ACQUIRE PRESTIGE FOR THE REGIME, IT IS FANTASIZING... WORDS AND SUPPLICATIONS DO NOT WIN FRIENDS WHEN THAT FRIENDSHIP CAUSES HURT AND WHEN THEY WATER ITS TREE WITH THEIR SWEAT AND BLOOD.

NOTHING SETS THE LEADERS OF THE NATION APART AS MUCH AS THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS, THE ORDEALS, AND THE PRISONS AND DETENTION CAMPS. THE REGIME, WITH ITS SINFUL ACTIONS AGAINST THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS, IS WORKING TO SPREAD AND DEEPEN THE ISLAMIC VIEW THAT THEY ARE PROCLAIMING. IT IS WORKING ON PRESENTING MATURE LEADERS FOR THE NATION, GRADUATES FROM THE SCHOOL OF YUSIF, PEACE BE UPON HIM.

EVEN IF THE SAUDI REGIME ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CRIMES THAT THEY HAVE COMMITTED AGAINST ISLAM AND ITS SCHOLARS, WE STILL CANNOT EXCUSE SOME OF THE GROUPS FROM RESPONSIBILITY. WE CANNOT EXCUSE THE SCHOLARS AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF HIGH STANDING WHO COULD HAVE ASSISTED AND DEFENDED THE VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE WITH A STATEMENT OF TRUTH ABOUT THEM. HELPING A BROTHER MUSLIM IS AN OBLIGATION. (TN: THE AUTHOR QUOTES SEVERAL OF THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHET TO PROVE HIS POINT, SAYING THAT A MUSLIM IS THE BROTHER OF A MUSLIM. HE DOES NOT DO HIS BROTHER INJUSTICE, AND HE DOES NOT DELIVER HIS BROTHER TO THE ENEMY. HE DOES NOT BETRAY HIS BROTHER, HE DOES NOT LIE TO HIS BROTHER, AND HE DOES NOT LET HIS BROTHER DOWN).

THE POLICE FORCE CAN DO A LOT TO HELP THEIR SCHOLARS AND SHAYKHS AND LIFT THE OPPRESSION FROM THEM. IF THEY CANNOT ACCOMPLISH THIS ENTIRE DUTY, THEY SHOULD AT LEAST STOP THEMSELVES FROM BEING THE HAND OF VIOLENCE THAT THE SAUDI REGIME USES TO FIGHT THE CHOSEN PEOPLE OF ALLAH AND BECOME THEIR ENEMY. (TN: THE AUTHOR QUOTES FROM THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHET, SAYING THAT HE WHO MAKES ENEMIES WITH THE CHOSEN PEOPLE OF ALLAH, THEN I ALLOW HIM TO GO TO WAR). WE REMIND THEM OF THE STRONG THREAT TO THOSE WHO DO HARM TO THE BELIEVERS, MEN AND WOMEN. (TN: THE AUTHOR QUOTES FROM THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHET, SAYING THAT THOSE WHO HURT THE BELIEVERS HAVE COMMITTED A GRAVE SIN).

WE CAN MANAGE HERE WITHOUT THE PROTEST AGAINST OBEYING THE RULER, BECAUSE THE SAUDI REGIME IS NOT A LEGITIMATE RULER. IT IS ILLEGITIMATE DUE TO ITS SINS AGAINST ISLAM, SUCH AS RULING CONTRARY TO WHAT ALLAH HAS REVEALED, FIGHTING ISLAM AND THE MUSLIMS, AND ALLEGIANCE TO THE INFIDELS AND THEIR COUNTRIES. WE HAVE DETAILED ALL OF THESE SINS AND MENTIONED ALL THE PROOFS FROM THE HOLY BOOK AND SUNNA AND THE SAYINGS OF THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS OF THE NATION IN OUR PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, SPECIFICALLY STATEMENT NUMBER SEVENTEEN.

EVEN IF WE ACT ON THE SUPPOSITION OF THE LEGITIMACY OF THIS REGIME, THERE IS STILL NO OBEDIENCE TO A CREATURE THAT IS IN DISOBEDIENCE OF THE CREATOR. (TN: THE AUTHOR QUOTES FROM THE PROPHET'S SAYINGS, NARRATED BY AHMED, SAYING THAT THE RULER IS WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE TRUTH).

THE MUSLIMS IN PAKISTAN, AND THOSE WHO ARE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS AMONGST THEM, MUST UNDERTAKE THEIR SHARI'A DUTY CONCERNING THIS CAUSE, BY PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE OPPRESSED AND ARMOR AGAINST THE OPPRESSORS. THESE CRIMES AGAINST THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS WHO ARE THE INHERITORS OF THE PROPHETS, PEACE BE UPON THEM, SHALL NOT BE REPEATED.

THIS IS WHAT WE WANTED TO STATE ON THIS OCCASION, AND ALLAH SAYS THAT TRUTH IS WHAT LEADS THE WAY.

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SUPPORTING THE FATWA BY THE AFGHANI RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS OF EJECTING THE AMERICAN FORCES FROM THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES

THANKS BE TO ALLAH WHO MADE IN THE TRUTH AND ITS DISCLOSURE THE

DESTRUCTION OF FALSEHOOD AND ITS FOLLOWERS. PRAYERS AND PEACE BE UPON OUR PROPHET MUHAMMAD WHO SAID THAT WE SHOULD EJECT THE INFIDELS FROM THE ARAB PENINSULA, AS NARRATED BY BUKHARI.

THE NATION OF ISLAM IS STILL FACED WITH THE CASE OF THE INVASION OF THE AMERICAN FORCES INTO THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES. THE REACTION IS ESCALATING AND DEEPENING, AND ITS ROOTS ARE WIDENING AND SPREADING. THE LATEST EVIDENCE OF THIS REACTION IS THE GREAT FATWA THAT WAS ISSUED BY THE UNITED RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS OF AFGHANISTAN, STRESSING THE NECESSITY OF EJECTING THE AMERICAN FORCES FROM THE ARAB PENINSULA AND THE LAND OF THE HOLY TWO MOSQUES. THIS FATWA INCLUDED THE ABSOLUTE SHARI'A PROOFS SHOWING THAT THE ENTRANCE OF THESE FORCES INTO THIS COUNTRY IS FORBIDDEN, AND THAT THEIR EJECTION IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EJECTING THEM AND DECLARING JIHAD AGAINST THE AMERICAN OCCUPIERS OF THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES LIES WITH THE ENTIRE NATION OF ISLAM, AND IT IS NOT ONLY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA AND THE LAND OF THE TWO HOLY MOSQUES.

THIS FATWA FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS OF AFGHANISTAN, WHICH CALLS FOR THE EJECTION OF THE AMERICAN FORCES FROM THE LAND OF THE HOLY TWO MOSQUES, IS THE SAME FATWA THAT THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS AND THE TRUTHFUL STUDENTS OF RELIGION ISSUED EIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN THESE FORCES ENTERED THE COUNTRY. AT THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE WHO WROTE THE FATWA WERE SHAYKH SALMAN AL-(('AWDAH)) AND SHAYKH SAFR AL-((HAWALI)). THEY AND THEIR BRETHREN BROKE OUT THE TRUTH, AT A TIME WHEN OTHERS WERE TALKING FALSELY AND INFLUENCING OTHERS TO DEVIATE FROM THE TRUTH. THEY HAVE WILLINGLY PAID THE PRICE OF THEIR TRUTHFULNESS. THE SAUDI REGIME THREW THEM INTO THE DARKNESS OF PRISONS, AN ACT INTENDED TO WIPE OUT THE TRUTH AND TO HIDE THE FACTS FROM THE NATION. MOTIVATED BY DECEPTION, FRAUD, AROUSAL OF INTEREST, AND TERRORISM, ANOTHER FATWA WAS ISSUED BY SOME OF THE REGIME'S RELIGIOUS ENTOURAGE DECLARING THE LEGALITY OF SUMMONING THOSE FORCES, UNDER THE PRETENSE OF GETTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE INFIDELS. THE FALSEHOOD OF THIS PRETENSE HAS BEEN UNCOVERED BY THE EVENTS THAT FOLLOWED. THE TRUTHFULNESS OF WHAT THE ARRESTED SHAYKHS WERE CALLING FOR BECAME APPARENT TO EVERYONE. THESE FORCES WERE FORCES OF FLAGRANT OCCUPATION, NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS. ALLAH - GLORY BE TO HIM - WANTED NOTHING BUT TO UNCOVER THE CONSPIRACY OF THE SAUDI REGIME AND THE OTHER CONSPIRATORS AROUND IT. THE TRUTH WILL APPEAR EVEN IF THE INFIDELS HATE IT.

ALLAH HAS PREORDAINED THAT THE TRUTH WOULD COME OUT IN THIS MATTER AND THAT MANY WOULD STAND UP, MANY TIMES MORE THAN WHAT THE SAUDI REGIME HAS THROWN IN PRISON. THE CIRCLE OF INTEREST IN THIS MATTER BY THE NATION OF ISLAM IS STILL GROWING DAY BY DAY, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE ARABIAN PENINSULA.

THE LAST HOMILY OF THE IMAM OF THE PROPHET'S HOLY MOSQUE WAS NOTHING BUT A MODEL FOR EXPRESSING THE LEVEL OF REJECTION THAT THE NATIONS FEELS ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF THE INFIDELS. IN HIS HOMILY, THE IMAM OF THE MOSQUE DISPLAYED THE TRUTH ABOUT THE RELIGIOUS ANIMOSITY OF THE AMERICANS TOWARDS THE MUSLIMS, THE LEVEL OF INFLUENCE OF THE JEWS IN AMERICA, THE REFUSAL OF THE MUSLIMS TO THE PRESENCE OF THE AMERICAN FORCES, AND THE NECESSITY OF FORCING THEM OUT. THE IMAM SAID, "SERVANTS OF ALLAH, THE ANIMOSITY IS RELIGIOUS AND AMERICA IS NOT IN COMMAND OF ANYTHING, BECAUSE SHE IS TOTALLY SUBMISSIVE TO THE JEWS WHO LEAD HER ANYWHERE THEY WANT. THE MUSLIMS DO NOT BY ANY MEANS ACCEPT ITS MILITARY PRESENCE OR THE PRESENCE OF ANY OTHER INFIDEL COUNTRY." (TN: AUTHOR QUOTES FROM THE SAYINGS OF THE PROPHET TO PROVE HIS POINT, SAYING THAT THERE CANNOT BE TWO RELIGIONS IN THE ARAB PENINSULA). THE PROPHET'S LAST WISH, MAY ALLAH'S PRAYERS AND PEACE BE UPON HIM, IS TO DRIVE THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS OUT OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA, AND THIS MUST BE ACTED ON.

REGARDING THE ALLEGATIONS THAT THESE FORCES CAME FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES TO HELP THE INHABITANTS OF THE REGION, HE SAID, "THE SECURITY OF THE REGION IS FOR THE NATIONS OF THE REGION, AND THAT THIS IS THEIR RIGHT. THE BIG COUNTRIES ARE THE CAUSE OF PROBLEMS AND INSTABILITY IN THE REGION, AND THEY ARE THE ONES THAT CREATE THE INCIDENTS. THEY SHOW UP EVERY TIME THERE IS AN INCIDENT UNDER THE PRETENSE THAT THEY WILL IMPROVE THE SITUATION AND ELIMINATE THE DANGER, YET THEY ARE THE BIGGEST DANGER OF ALL. HOW CAN THE FOX BE THE SHEPPARD FOR THE SHEEP?"

WE HAVE BACKED THE FATWAS OF THE IMPRISONED SHAYKHS BEFORE, AND WE HAVE WARNED ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THE EXISTENCE OF THESE FATWAS. IF WE WANT THIS FATWA THAT HAS NO DUST ON IT TODAY, WE INVITE EVERYONE TO CONFORM AND EXECUTE THIS FATWA, BECAUSE BEFORE IT IS NOT JUST A FATWA FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOLARS OF THE NATION, IT IS A BEQUEST FROM THE MESSENGER OF ALLAH. MAY ALLAH'S PRAYERS AND PEACE BE UPON HIM, WHERE HE SAID ON HIS DEATHBED, "DRIVE THE POLYTHEISTS OUT OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA," NARRATED BY AL-BUKHARI.

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