



## Congratulations to the Islamic Ummah upon the Arrival of Blessed Eid Al-Adha

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Universe, and may prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah, our Prophet Muhammad, his family, his companions, and those who follow him to the Day of Judgment:

O Muslims everywhere, As-Salaamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuhu.

On this occasion of the arrival of blessed Eid al-Adha, your brothers in the Global Islamic Media Front are pleased to congratulate our beloved Islamic Ummah, and we say to them: May Allah accept from us and from you.

But even as we celebrate this blessed Eid, it is necessary for us to remind our Islamic Ummah that our oppressed Muslim brothers are suffering at the hands of the Crusaders and their apostate tyrannical lackeys, with innocent Muslims being captured, tortured, and killed without justice. We remind the Islamic Ummah that our patient Mujahideen brothers bear severe hardships and difficulties as they wage Jihad in the path of Allah. They have sacrificed everything in this world – their comfort, wealth, and lives - for the pleasure of Allah in order to seek His reward in the hereafter. The Almighty said:

﴿ الَّذِينَ أُخْرِجُوا مِنْ دِيَارِهِمْ بِغَيْرِ حَقٍّ إِلَّا أَنْ يَقُولُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ وَلَوْلَا دَفْعُ اللَّهِ النَّاسَ بَعْضَهُمْ بِبَعْضٍ لَهَدَمَتْ صَوَامِعُ وَبِيَعٌ وَصَلَوَاتٌ وَمَسَاجِدُ يُذَكَّرُ فِيهَا اسْمُ اللَّهِ كَثِيرًا وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ (40) الَّذِينَ إِنْ مَكَّنَّاهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَوُا الزَّكَاةَ وَأَمَرُوا بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَنَهَوْا عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَلِلَّهِ عَاقِبَةُ الْأُمُورِ (41) ﴾

“(They are) those who have been expelled from their homes in defiance of right,- (for no cause) except that they say, "our Lord is Allah". Did not Allah check one set of people by means of another, there would surely have been pulled down monasteries, churches,

synagogues, and mosques, in which the name of Allah is commemorated in abundant measure. Allah will certainly aid those who aid his (cause):- for verily Allah is full of Strength, Exalted in Might, (able to enforce His Will). (They are) those who, if We establish them in the land, establish regular prayer and give regular charity, enjoin the right and forbid wrong: with Allah rests the end (and decision) of (all) affairs.” (Al-Hajj: 40-41)

And the Almighty said:

﴿الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ أَعْظَمُ دَرَجَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ (20) يُبَشِّرُهُمْ رَبُّهُمْ بِرَحْمَةٍ مِنْهُ وَرِضْوَانٍ وَجَنَّاتٍ لَهُمْ فِيهَا نَعِيمٌ مُّقِيمٌ (21) خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ (22)﴾

“Those who believe, and suffer exile and strive with might and main, in Allah's cause, with their goods and their persons, have the highest rank in the sight of Allah: they are the people who will achieve (salvation). Their Lord doth give them glad tidings of a Mercy from Himself, of His good pleasure, and of gardens for them, wherein are delights that endure: They will dwell therein for ever. Verily in Allah's presence is a reward, the greatest (of all).” (At-Taubah: 20-22)

The Islamic Ummah must not forget the sacrifices of the Mujahideen who strive to implement the Shariah and make Allah's word supreme. It is through these sacrifices for Allah that our Ummah will be liberated. Remember the sacrifice of Ibrahim, may Allah's peace be upon him, and his reward from Allah the Almighty:

﴿فَلَمَّا بَلَغَ مَعَهُ السَّعْيَ قَالَ يَا بُنَيَّ إِنِّي أَرَى فِي الْمَنَامِ أَنِّي أَذْبَحُكَ فَانظُرْ مَاذَا تَرَى ۗ قَالَ يَا أَبَتِ افْعَلْ مَا تُؤْمَرُ ۖ سَتَجِدُنِي إِن شَاءَ اللَّهُ مِنَ الصَّابِرِينَ فَلَمَّا أَسْلَمَا وَتَلَّهُ لِلْجَبِينِ وَنَادَيْنَاهُ أَنْ يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ قَدْ صَدَّقْتَ الرُّؤْيَا ۗ إِنَّا كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ إِنَّ هَذَا لَهُوَ الْبَلَاءُ الْمُبِينُ وَفَدَيْنَاهُ بِذَبْحٍ عَظِيمٍ وَتَرَكَنَا عَلَيْهِ فِي الْآخِرِينَ سَلَامًا عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ كَذَلِكَ نَجْزِي الْمُحْسِنِينَ إِنَّهُ مِنْ عِبَادِنَا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾

“Then, when (the son) reached (the age of) (serious) work with him, he said: "O my son! I see in vision that I offer thee in sacrifice: Now see what is thy view!" (The son) said: "O my father! Do as thou art commanded: thou will find me, if Allah so wills one practising Patience and Constancy!" So when they had both submitted their wills (to Allah), and he had laid him prostrate on his forehead (for sacrifice), We called out to him "O Ibrahim! "Thou hast already fulfilled the vision!" - thus indeed do We reward those who do right. For this was obviously a trial- And We ransomed him with a momentous sacrifice: And We left (this blessing) for him among generations (to come) in later times: "Peace and salutation to Ibrahim!" Thus indeed do We reward those who do right. For he was one of our believing Servants.” (As-Saaffat: 102-111)

O Islamic Ummah! Follow the path of Ibrahim and Ismail, may Allah's peace be upon them. Sacrifice in the path of Allah whatever you can to support your religion, and support your Mujahideen brothers with prayers, wealth, statements, and souls. This is the path to the reward in the hereafter, as Allah the Almighty said:

﴿قُلْ مَتَاعُ الدُّنْيَا قَلِيلٌ وَالْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لِّمَنِ اتَّقَىٰ وَلَا تُظْلَمُونَ فَتِيلًا﴾

**“Say: "Short is the enjoyment of this world: the Hereafter is the best for those who do right: Never will ye be dealt with unjustly in the very least!"” (An-Nisa: 77)**

And our final prayer is praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Universe, and may Allah's prayers and peace be upon our Master Muhammad, his family, and his companions.

Was-Salaamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakaatuhu.

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