

### The General Leadership of al-Qa'eda

# Burma Calling

All praise be to the One Who says, 'But if they seek your help in Religion, it is your duty to help them, except against a people with whom you have a treaty of mutual alliance, and Allah sees all that you do.' [72]

It is mentioned in the Hadeeth, 'Whoever helps a Muslim in a situation in which he is humiliated and his honor is violated, Allah will help him in a situation in which he would love to be helped.' (Narrated by Abu Dawood)

The crimes being committed in the Arakan province today with vindictive international blessing- murder, burning, ripping apart of bodies, destruction of homes with their occupants inside- are a continuation of a conspiracy hatched by the forces of International Disbelief against Islam and Muslims; a conspiracy marked by the usurpation of the rights of Muslims, occupation of their lands, defilement of their holy places, all under the guise of fighting terrorism!

The usage and espousal of the term 'the fight against terrorism' has become the latest trend which every ruler must keep up with as a pledge of allegiance and devotion to the powerful in the system- a sacrament of penance to secure remission of all his crimes and failings and to be rewarded perhaps with a noble prize for peace- a badge worn by every professional criminal and murderer.

The savage treatment meted out to our Muslim brothers in Arakan by the government of Myanmar under the guise of 'fighting rebels'- as the Saudi media loves to depict the situation- shall not pass without punishment, and the government of Myanmar shall be made to taste what our Muslim brothers have tasted in Arakan, with the permission of Allah.

Helping the Muslims of Arakan is a Shari'i obligation and a Religious necessity. Allah the Glorious says, 'And what is wrong with you that you fight not in the Cause of Allah, and for those weak, ill-treated and oppressed among men, women, and children, whose cry is: 'Our Lord! Rescue us from this town whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from You one who will protect, and raise for us from You one who will help.' [An-Nisa: 75]

It is mentioned in the Hadeeth that the Prophet (pbuh) said, 'A Muslim is a brother of a Muslim; he does not oppress him, nor betrays him. Whoever helps his brother in need, Allah will be sufficient to fulfill his needs, and whoever alleviates the suffering of a Muslim, Allah will alleviate his suffering on the Day of Judgment, and whoever covers up the weakness of a Muslim, Allah will cover up his sins on the Day of Judgment.' (Narrated by Bukhari and Muslim)

We call upon all Mujahid brothers in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and the Philippines to set out for Burma to help their Muslim brothers, and to make the necessary preparations- training and the like- to resist this oppression against their Muslim brothers, and to secure their rights, which will only be returned to them by use of force.

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The Muslim Ummah must come to the aide of their Muslim brothers in Arakan. The Muslims of Arakan are in need of every form of support- money, medicines, food, clothing, weapons- in addition to raising awareness about their plight and presenting it in the correct perspective so that the Ummah may recognize its enemy.

Allegiance to Muslims and supporting them is among the strongest bonds of faith. Allah the Glorious says, 'The Believers, men and women, are protectors of one another: they enjoin what is just, and forbid what is evil; they observe regular prayers, practice regular charity, and obey Allah and His Messenger. On them Allah will pour His mercy, for Allah is Exalted in power, Wise.' [At-Tauba: 71]

It is mentioned in the hadeeth on account of al-Nauman bin Basheer that the Prophet (pbuh) said, 'The parable of the believers in their mutual love, mercy and sympathy is that of a single body, if any part of the body falls ill, the entire body becomes restless and ill.'

Military support becomes necessary in such a situation. If the enemy attacks a Muslim land and the people of that land are unable to repel the aggression because of their weakness or numerical inferiority, the obligation turns from a general obligation to an individual obligation.

The scholars of the Hanafi madh'hab have opined that if the disbelievers attack a Muslim land, Jihad becomes a compulsory obligation on every individual of that land, and if the people of that land are unable to fulfill the obligation themselves, show negligence or disobey Allah in this regard, this obligation extends to those nearest to them, and it continues to extend in a circular manner until Jihad becomes obligatory on all Muslims in the East and the West.

It is therefore obligatory on Muslims all over the world to take urgent steps to rescue their brothers and spend in this cause their souls and wealth, for this is the greatest of virtues which brings man closer to Allah. O' Allah, be with our oppressed brothers in Arakan and all over the world. O' Allah, help them with Your Divine help, and give them victory over their enemies; You are the Powerful One, the Almighty! And our last prayer is that all praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

