

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Condolences from Hizb ut Tahrir, to the Martyrs of the Earthquakes, that Afflicted Turkey and Syria

(Translated)

﴿الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ * أُولَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِنْ رَبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ﴾

“Who, when faced with a disaster, say, “Surely to Allah we belong, and to Him we will all return.” They are the ones who will receive Allah’s blessings and mercy. And it is they who are rightly guided.” [TMQ Surah 2:156-157]

To the dear brothers and sisters, to the Da’wah carriers in Turkey and Syria, and to the Da’wah carriers in general...

To the patient and constant families in Turkey and Syria, and to the Islamic Ummah in general...

Hizb ut Tahrir offers condolences to the martyrs of the earthquakes that afflicted both Turkey and Syria. Hizb ut Tahrir asks Allah (swt) to record them, with Him, as martyrs of the Aakhirah (Hereafter), confirming the agreed upon hadith, on the authority of Abu Hurairah (ra), that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said, «الشُّهَدَاءُ خَمْسَةٌ... The martyrs are of five kinds: the one who dies of plague, one who dies of stomach disease, one who drowns, one who dies under debris, and one who dies in the way of Allah Almighty.” [Bukhari and Muslim]. The crushed means the one who dies under the rubble of demolition.

We pray to Allah, the Blessed and Most High, to grant a speedy recovery to the wounded and the afflicted, such that it is a speedy and complete recovery, that leaves no trace of injury or disease behind.

We ask Allah (swt) that those who survived the calamity, go on to live a good life, spending it in obedience to Allah (swt) and in obedience to His Messenger (saw), from the bounty and grace of Allah.

The calamity of this earthquake revealed that Islam is constant in the depths of Muslims. When they were rescuing their brothers from under the rubble, the Muslims chanted takbeer. The takbeer did not cease upon their tongues, particularly when they were saving an infant, whose mother had given birth to her, and then died under the rubble, in Gaziantep, in Afrin District ... or while they were trying to get a woman out from under the demolished building in Jindires, the woman asked for her head to be covered, before being taken out, so that her hair will not be exposed... or when the one who called out from under the rubble in the city of Kahramanmaraş to get him out, first asked for water for wudu (ablution) before Salah, so that he does not miss the time of prayer... And during all of that, the takbeer resounded, Allahu Akbar... Allahu Akbar... Allahu Akbar.

The believer is not like other people, for he knows that the Decree (Qadaa') of Allah (swt) is final and he knows the Decree came to pass because of a wisdom that Allah (swt) Alone knows. Therefore, the believer is patient with what afflicts him, seeking the Pleasure (Ridwaan) of his Lord (swt), as the Messenger of Allah (saw) said, narrated by Suhaib (ra), «عَجَبًا لِأَمْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِ إِنَّ أَمْرَهُ كُلَّهُ خَيْرٌ وَلَيْسَ ذَلِكَ لِأَحَدٍ إِلَّا لِلْمُؤْمِنِ إِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ» **“Strange are the ways of a believer for there is good in every affair of his and this is not the case with anyone else except in the case of a believer for if he has an occasion to feel delight, he thanks (Allah), thus there is a good for him in it, and if he gets into trouble and shows resignation (and endures it patiently), there is a good for him in it.”** [Muslim]

Calamities appear and fall upon Muslim countries. No country of ours is devoid of afflictions: earthquakes and floods, drought and barrenness, wars and fighting, poverty and hunger... Although the known natural disasters are within the domain of divine Decree (Qadaa'), taking the necessary precautions and proper care for Muslims, without negligence, is obligatory for the state that takes care of their affairs. If the Muslims had a Khilafah (Caliphate) State, it would unify them and their affairs. It would console them in their misfortunes. It would lift their burdens and take care of their affairs. It would take their hands to all that is good. It would have discharged its duty, with no need for the aid of other than the Muslims.

May Allah (swt) have mercy on our dead. May Allah (swt) heal our wounded. May Allah (swt) be the Guardian of the survivors of this calamity. We conclude with that which we began with... Allah (swt) said, ﴿الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمْ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ﴾ * **“Who, when faced with a disaster, say, “Surely to Allah we belong, and to Him we will all return.” They are the ones who will receive Allah’s blessings and mercy. And it is they who are rightly guided.”** [TMQ Surah 2:156-157]. Surely, to Allah we belong, and to Him we will all return.

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