



In the name Allah the Most Merciful and Compassionate

"Oh Our Brothers in ash Sham – Reconcile What Is Between Yourselves"

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Oh Muslim brothers everywhere, may Allah's peace and mercy and blessings be upon you

Thereafter

I address this speech of mine to our people and our brothers in ash Sham the land of ar Ribat and jihad, in the midst of these bloody epic battles, and the raging war, and the burning lava, which greatly pours upon them, from the fanatical Christian American-Russian alliance.

And I say to you: I hope you accept my brief speech from a brother to you, a Muslim who is tied to you in the brotherhood of Islam, without regard to any organizational gathering.

My dear brothers, verily this fierce war and severe hardship, which you are passing through, it is imperative upon you and upon us to resort to pray to Allah alone to provide for us a way out, as the Almighty said: (And how many a prophet with him fought many religious scholars, but they never lost assurance because of what afflicted them for the sake of Allah, nor did they become weak or submit. Verily Allah loves the steadfast. (146) And their words were not but that they said 'Our Lord forgive us of our sins and the excess from our affairs and firmly plant our feet and grant us victory over the disbelievers.' (147) So Allah gave them the reward of this world and the good reward of the Afterlife, and Allah loves the ones who do good.)

And may our Lord with His honour answer our prayer, and grant for us His victory, as our Lord, glorified and exalted is He, said to His prophet, may prayer and peace be upon him: (Oh you who have believed remember the favour of Allah upon you when armies came to attack you and we sent to them a wind and armies which you did not see. And verily, Allah is All-Seeing.(9) When they came to you from above and below you and when eyes moved (in fear) and hearts jumped into throats and you assumed assumptions about Allah) And also what He, glorified and exalted is He, said to him: (And remember when you were only a few and oppressed in the land and fearing that people might kidnap you, but He sheltered you and supported you with His victory and provided you with good tidings, so that you might be thankful.)

My Muslim and mujahidin brothers in ash Sham: I myself recommend to you two things and they are the introduction of victory, Allah permitting, and they both adhere to our creed (aqidah), and to insist on a firm determination not to retreat, do not give up the empowerment of administering Islam and Sharia in ash Sham, and do not transcend reference (Murja'iyah), and do not compete with the authority.

The second: To unite and agree and gather and merge and cooperate and stack together as one rank and this is the basis of victory and salvation, Allah permitting, and bury the reasons of disagreement, and gather everyone, to ascertain for you the words of truth of the Almighty: (And obey Allah and His prophet and do not dispute and lose courage because your strength would depart), and the word of the Almighty: (And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together)

Do not make yourselves a game in the hands of the so-called supporters, and they seek to make you a tool to achieve their ambitions or the ambitions of those who assist them, but united and come together, may Allah grant you sustenance from where you do not count.

The other thing which I would like to warn our brothers and our people in ash Sham about is that their battle is serious in its impact, but also serious in its language, and it is the battle of the heart of the Islamic and Arabic world, and it is a battle on the outskirts of Jerusalem (Bayt al Maqdis), and do not expect it to be anything but a long and cruel battle, the mujahidin must be patient with it, and do not rush for results, and do not cling to the ground, but all their concern is to weaken the enemy, so that he is exhausted by the multiplicity of strikes and the long attacks and the continuation of battles and bleeding of losses.

Settle yourselves into it being a battle which may last for many years and perhaps decades, and so you need unity with your brothers in ash Sham and in other lands of Islam, and to transform the issue of ash Sham to an issue of the entire Ummah, and if you unite then you will enter exhilaration, and you will renew the hope in the hearts of your Ummah, which will gather around you to support you and help you and provide for you, Allah permitting. And fear Allah and reconcile what is between yourselves.

Oh Allah support the Muslims in ash Sham, and unite their word, and heal between their hearts, and unite their ranks, and bring down for us and for them your victory and your conquest and your support.

And our last prayer is praise be to Allah the Lord of the Worlds, and Allah's prayer be upon our Master Muhammad and upon his family and his companions. And may Allah's peace and mercy and blessings be upon you.