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The Guidance of the Prophet (PBUH) in Showing the Status of Martyrdom and Martyrs

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“And the martyrs with their Lord will have their reward and their light.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment.

The master of all humans, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) guided his nation to the highest ranks and noblest degrees. This was why the Prophet was keen to reveal the great status of martyrdom and its unique nobility. It goes without saying that martyrs are heroes who sacrifice themselves in full satisfaction, and in support of their religion and to preserve their homelands, and therefore they receive a great reward from Allah, the Lord of the World. Allah (Most High) said, **“And the martyrs with their Lord will have their reward and their light.”** Allah, the Almighty also said, **“Allah has purchased the persons and possessions of the believers in return for the Paradise- they fight in Allah’s way: they kill and are killed- this is a true promise given by Him in the Torah, the Gospel, and the Quran.”**

Martyrs are alive with their Lord Who gives them the best provision. They also remain alive in the memory of their nations and homelands. The Almighty Allah said, “[Prophet], **do not think of those who have been killed in Allah’s way as dead. They are alive with their Lord, well provided for, happy with what Allah has given them of His favour.**” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “Their spirits are in the crops of green birds. They go wherever they wish in Paradise and then return to lamps suspended from the Throne.”

It was due to the high rank of martyrdom, the Prophet (PBUH) hoped to be a martyr saying, “By Him in Whose Hands my life is! I would love to be martyred in Allah's Cause and then get resurrected and then get martyred, and then get resurrected again and then get martyred and then get resurrected again and then get martyred.” Also, the Prophet showed that martyrs hope to return to the worldlife in order to get the great status of being a martyr again and again. He (PBUH) said, “Nobody who enters Paradise likes to go back to the world even if he got everything on the earth, except a martyr who wishes to return to the world so that he may be martyred ten times because of the dignity he receives (from Allah).”

It is the guidance of our Prophet (peace be upon him) that he used to share the families of martyrs their feelings, and offer them both material and moral comfort, and inform them of the high degrees of martyrdom and martyrs . It was narrated that Jaber Ibn Abd Allah said: “The Messenger of

Allah (PBUH) met me and said to me: 'O Jabir! Why do I see you upset?' I said: 'O Messenger of Allah! My father was martyred, leaving my family and debt behind.' "He (PBUH) said: 'Shall I give you news of what your father met Allah with?' He said: "Of course O Messenger of Allah!" He said: 'Allah does not speak to anyone except from behind a veil, but He brought your father to speak to Him directly. He said: "[O My slave!] Do you wish that I give you anything?" He said: 'O Lord! Give me life so that I may fight for You a second time.' So the Lord [Blessed and Most High] said: 'It has been decreed by Me that they shall not return.'" He said: "So this Verse was revealed: Think not of those as dead who are killed in the way of Allah."

When Ja'far Ibn Abu Talib (may Allah be pleased with him) was martyred, the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) gave the family of Ja'far a three-days respite. He then came to them and said: "Do not weep for my brother after this day." He then said: "Call for me the children of my brother." He addressed them saying: "Muhammad looks like our uncle Abu Talib, and Abd Allah looks like me in my shape and manners. He then said: May Allah bless the family of Ja'far, and bless the trade of his son Abd Allah." Then, the wife of Ja'far came and mentioned to the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) that her children became orphans. He (PBUH) replied saying, "Poverty" is the thing you fear while I'm their guardian in the world and in the Hereafter?!"

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

It is a beautiful thing that the anniversary of victory of the 6th of October war coincides with the month of Rabi Al-Awwal, in which we celebrate the birth of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). It will be an opportunity to remind us of the guidance of our Prophet (PBUH) in honoring martyrs who sacrificed themselves in order to defend their faith, land and honor. This reminds us of the nobility and great status of those who spend their nights guarding and defending homelands. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "There are two eyes which will never be touched by hell, an eye which weeps from fear of Allah and an eye which spends the night on guard in Allah's path." He (PBUH) also said, "Shall I not tell you of a night better than *Laylat al-Qadr*? The one who keeps watch [at night] over the troops, in a land of fear (war) for that he may not return to his family."

However, we emphasize that being grateful to the sacrifices of our martyrs requires that each of us be a soldier of this country in his area of work, exert his full efforts in the service of this great country, and all of us should to stand united behind our army, police and other national institutions. We ask Allah to bless us with martyrdom for His sake, as the Prophet (PBUH) said, "He who asks Allah for martyrdom, Allah will raise him to the high status of the martyrs, even if he dies on his bed."

We ask Allah to protect our country Egypt, and all other countries of the world!