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Ministry of Awqaf

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Precaution, Awareness and Being Ready as Elaborated in the Glorious Qu'ran

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book to His Prophet, **“You who believe, be on your guard.”** 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

When contemplating the Glorious Qur'an, one realizes that it is full of calling for awareness, vigilance and preparation. For example, the Qur'an warns people against the Wrath of the Almighty Allah and His Punishment. The Almighty Allah says, **“Remember that Allah knows what is in your souls, so be mindful of Him. Remember that Allah is most forgiving and forbearing.”** Allah also said, **“Allah warns you to beware of Him: the Final Return is to Allah.”** The Almighty Allah also warned us against violating the commands of His Messenger (PBUH), as He (Glory e o Him) said, **“Those who go against his order should beware lest a trial afflict them or they receive a painful punishment.”** Allah also warned against the hypocrites and their plots. The Almighty Allah said, **“When you see them [Prophet], their outward appearance pleases you; when they speak, you listen to what they say. But they are like propped-up timbers--they think every cry they hear is against them--and they are**

the enemy. Beware of them. May Allah confound them! How devious they are."

The Almighty Allah also warned us against the enemies who stand lurking to destroy us, and instructed us to be vigilant to their plans, and prepare to confront them. The Almighty Allah said, **"You who believe, be on your guard. March [to battle] in small groups or as one body."** Allah also said, **"The disbelievers would dearly like you to be heedless of your weapons and baggage, in order for them to take you in a single assault."** Allah also said, "Prepare whatever forces you [believers] can muster, including warhorses, to frighten off Allah's enemies and yours, and warn others unknown to you but known to Allah. Whatever you give in Allah's cause will be repaid to you in full, and you will not be wronged."

However, the caution that we must pay attention to is of two types: to beware of an apparent and known enemy, and the other is the followers of this enemy or those who belittle our power. The later form is more dangerous than the former one. No country has fallen or was defeated throughout history except that treachery and betrayal were among the most important factors and causes of its fall. This is what the Glorious Qur'an warned us against, as the Almighty Allah said, **"Allah knows exactly who among you hinder others, who [secretly] say to their brothers, 'Come and join us,' who hardly ever come out to fight; who begrudge you [believers] any help. When fear comes, you [Prophet] see them looking at you with eyes rolling like someone in their death throes; when fear has passed, they attack you with sharp tongues and begrudge you any good. Such men do not believe, and Allah brings their deeds to nothing- that is all too easy for Allah."** Allah said about the hypocrites, "Only those who do not have faith in Allah and the Last Day ask your permission to stay at home: they have doubt in their hearts and so they waver." Allah also said, **"They would only have given you trouble if they had gone out [to battle] with you: they would have scurried around, trying to sow discord among you, and some of you would willingly have**

listened to them- Allah knows exactly who does evil.” In addition, Allah said, “Those who were left behind were happy to stay behind when Allah’s Messenger set out; they hated the thought of striving in Allah’s way with their possessions and their persons. They said to one another, ‘Do not go [to war] in this heat.’ Say, ‘Hellfire is hotter.’ If only they understood. Let them laugh a little; they will weep a lot in return for what they have done. So [Prophet], if Allah brings you back to a group of them, who ask you for permission to go out [to battle], say, ‘You will never go out and fight an enemy with me: you chose to sit at home the first time, so remain with those who stay behind now.”

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:

There is no doubt that the unity of our national Arab ranks is the best deterrent to our enemy, as the Almighty Allah said, **“Hold fast to Allah’s rope all together; do not split into factions. Remember Allah’s favour to you: you were enemies and then He brought your hearts together and you became brothers by His grace; you were about to fall into a pit of Fire and He saved you from it- in this way Allah makes His revelations clear to you so that you may be rightly guided.”** Allah also said, **“Obey Allah and His Messenger, and do not quarrel with one another, or you may lose heart and your spirit may desert you. Be steadfast: Allah is with the steadfast.”** In another verse, Allah said, **“If you are suffering hardship, so are they, but you hope to receive something from Allah for which they cannot hope. Allah is all knowing and wise.”**

How much do we stick to the rope of Allah, the Almighty, and adhere to the unity of our national and Arab ranks in the face of the current challenges that threaten us all?!

We ask Allah to protect Egypt and raise its flag high among all countries of the world!