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Martyr's Day and the History of the Great Martyrs

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book to His Prophet, **“There are men among the believers who honoured their pledge to Allah: some of them have fulfilled it by death, and some are still waiting. They have not changed in the least.”** 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.

It goes without saying that the Martyr's Day is a great day in the history of our dear homeland, on which we remember the great martyrs who sacrificed themselves for the sake of the Almighty Allah and in defense of their homeland and our honor. They have moved to the greatest life in which they enjoy the grace of the Lord of the worlds, as the Almighty Allah said, **“Do not say that those who are killed in Allah’s cause are dead; they are alive, though you do not realize it.”** The Almighty Allah also said, **“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 favor; rejoicing that for those they have left behind who have yet to join them there is no fear, nor will they grieve."

The Almighty Allah honors martyrs with great grants and generous gifts. He (Glory be to Him) has promised them Paradise as a reward for what the sacrifice they have done for His cause. The Almighty Allah says, **"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 Qur'an. Who could be more faithful to his promise than Allah? So be happy with the bargain you have made: that is the supreme triumph."** Allah also said, **"And the martyrs, with their Lord, will have their reward and their light."** In addition, martyrs will be in the company of Prophets, the righteous people and the truthful omes, as the Almighty Allah said, **"Whoever obeys Allah and the Messenger will be among those He has blessed: the Messengers, the truthful, the martyrs, and the righteous- what excellent companions these are!"**

It is for the sake of this divine dignity of the martyrs and for great reward that Allah has promised martyrs with, we find our Prophet (PBUH) wish to get martyrdom for the sake of Allah, the Almighty, when He (PBUH) said, **"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."** The Prophet (PBUH) told us that

one who gets martyred for the sake of Allah wishes to return to the world life to get martyred again and again, as 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)."

History has recorded with all dignity the heroic actions of the great martyrs such as our master Hamza Ibn Abdul Muttalib, our master Ja'far Ibn Abu Talib, our master Mus'ab Ibn 'Umair, our master Abdullah Ibn Rawaha, our master Hanzla Ibn Abu 'Amer, our master 'Umair Ibn Hamam, and others (may Allah be pleased with them all).

Among those great martyrs is our master 'Amr Ibn al-Jamouh (may Allah be pleased with him), who was one of special abilities, as he had severe lameness. He had four sons who were fighting with our Prophet (PBUH) in the Battle of Uhud. He wanted to participate in the battle, but his four sons said, "Allah has excused you, and we will be instead of you." 'Amr said to the Prophet, "O Messenger of Allah, my sons do not allow me to go out for fighting with you, but I hope that I will be martyred and I hope that I will walk in the Paradise with this lame leg."! He was martyred in the battle, and the Prophet passed and said, "It is like I'm looking to you walking in the Paradise with your leg."

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:

The heroic actions of the great martyrs in the glorious history of our nation are witnessed in every generation. History does not forget the sacrifices of the heroes of our brave armed forces who set the best examples of heroism and sacrifice in their defense of the homeland. They have revived in us the spirit of dignity, honesty, and pride, and could preserve Egypt's status and strength. Those heroes include: Abd al-Moneim Riyad, Ahmed Badawi, Ahmed Hamdi, Ibrahim al-Rifai, Ismail Imam, Ahmed al-Mansi, Khaled Maghrabi, and Ahmed al-Shabrawi. We cannot also forget the martyrs from brave police men, including: Nabil Farraj, Muhammad Mabrouk, Islam Mashhour, Umar al-Qadi, Majid Abdel Raziq, and others who have recorded their names in letters of light in the great record of heroic martyrs of our brave armed forces and the great national police throughout our great Egyptian history.

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 Egypt and raise its flag high among all countries
of the world!

We ask Allah to have mercy on our martyrs and accept them among
Prophets and the righteous people with His Generosity!