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Power of Homelands

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“Help one another to do what is right and good; do not help one another towards sin and hostility. Be mindful of Allah, for His punishment is severe.”** 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 interests of the homelands represent a core objective of religions. Moreover, enhancing the foundations of these interests is an indispensable religious and national duty for individuals and nations. Homeland is considered one of the six major principles that the Islamic Shari’ah has fostered and protected with due means. As much as a person believes in the rights of his homeland, the strength of his loyalty to it, and his willingness to sacrifice himself for its sake, the strength of the homeland will grow stronger. Also, as much as a person shows lack of such loyalty and sacrifices, the weakness of the homeland and its fall will be inevitable. The strength of a homeland leads to the strength of its citizens, and the weakness of a homeland leads to the weakness of its children.

However, enhancing the power of homelands is not an easy or simple duty. Rather, it is a difficult and very complex process that requires strong will, hard work, and deep insight in all fields that enhance the strength of the homelands and maintain their security and stability. The ability to read the reality and understand its challenges is a key component in his regard.

Homelands shall not get strength without knowledge, hard work, sincere effort and diligence. The Islamic Shari'ah came to encourage knowledge, work and mastery of action. The Almighty Allah said, "**Say, 'Lord, increase me in knowledge!'**" The Prophet (PBUH) said, "Allah makes the way to Paradise easy for him who treads the path in search of knowledge." The Almighty Allah said, "It is He who has made the earth manageable for you- So, travel its regions; eat His provision- and to Him you will be resurrected." The Prophet (PBUH) also said, "Verily Allah loves for you to perfect a good deed when you perform it." A poet once said:

By science and money people build their kingship,
No kingship was built on ignorance and negligence

In addition to science and hard work, it is necessary to strengthen the spirit of loyalty and belonging to the homeland, and to give precedence to the public interests over private and personal ones, away from all forms of individualism, selfishness and passivity. The Prophet (PBUH) gave us a

wonderful example for the compassion among the nation, saying, “The believers in their mutual kindness, compassion and sympathy are just like one body. When one of the limbs suffers, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever.” It is also said, “He who lives just for his own interests, deserves not to be a human.”

It goes without saying that the preservation of the blessing of security is the core of the preservation of homelands and preservation of their stability. Security is one of the greatest blessings that the Almighty Allah has blessed His servants with, as Allah, the Most High, says, “**[He did this] to make the Quraysh feel secure. Secure in their winter and summer journey. So let them worship the Lord of this House; Who provides them with food to ward off hunger, safety to ward off fear.**” Allah (Glory be to Him) also said, “**Have We not established for them a secure sanctuary where every kind of produce is brought, as a provision from Us? But most of them do not comprehend.**” In another verse, Allah (Glory be to Him) said, “**Welcome to Egypt: you will all be safe here, Allah willing.**” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “Whosoever begins the day feeling family security and good health; and possessing provision for his day, then as if he possessed the whole world.” Once security is achieved, provision will be secured and nation shall prosper. On the other hand, if security is lacking all good things will disappear too.

In addition, there is no strength for a homeland without values and morals. Homelands that do not have morals and values as one of the pillars of their strength carry the factors of their weakness and fall down, and their fate is to disappear and vanish.

Our religion is a religion of values and morals, and the mission of our Prophet (PBUH) had the ultimate goal of perfecting morals, as our Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "I was sent to perfect good manners."

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 homeland is the responsibility of all of us before Allah, the Almighty, and before ourselves. Any homelands need all its citizens, as a homeland is a gift for all of them; it cannot advance or prosper by only some of them. All Citizens are on the same ship, and they all must work together in solidarity to survive. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "The likeness of the man who observes the limits prescribed by Allah and that of the man who transgresses them is like the people who get on board a ship after casting lots. Some of them are in its lower deck and some of them in its upper (part). Those who are in its lower (part), when they require water, go

to the occupants of the upper deck, and say to them: “If we make a hole in the bottom of the ship, we shall not harm you.” If they (the occupants of the upper deck) leave them to carry out their design, they all will be drowned. But if they do not let them go ahead (with their plan), all of them will remain safe.”

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