

## SERMON WITH THE ROHINGYA MUSLIMS

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ  
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this world and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Among the highly emphasized morality of muslims is to do good to others. This is the essence of the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) as contained in the last sermon (Wada').

Islam is the savior of all human beings who are mistreated, even though they are not Muslims. For example, during the liberation of al-Aqsa, Saiyidina Umar al-Khattab allowed the Christians and Jews who had been driven out of Palestine to return to al-Quds. Similarly, the oppressed Jews in Europe were also saved by the Ottoman Islamic government.

The Islamic government has always extended help and defend anyone who is mistreated what more to assist muslim brothers who face oppression and cruelty.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 8 (surah al-Anfal) verse 72:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَإِنْ أَسْتَضَرُّوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ فَعَلَيْكُمْ النُّصْرُ إِلَّا عَلَى قَوْمٍ بَيْنَكُمْ وَبَيْنَهُمْ مِيثَاقٌ وَاللَّهُ  
بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ

Which means: *And if they seek help of you for the religion, then you must help, except against a people between yourselves and whom is a treaty. And Allah is Seeing of what you do.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Recently, the United Nations issued a formal statement on concerns over oppression committed by the Myanmar military junta against Rohingya Muslims in the Arakan region, or the Rakhine land. It was reported that 125,000 Rohingya Muslims were evicted and became refugees.

History has noted that Rohingya Muslims are locals in the Rakhine region. In 2013, the world confirmed that Rohingya Muslims are indigenous Indo-Arya descendants who embraced Islam since the early 8th century AD. They also inherit mixed Arabs, Persian, Bengali and Mughal bloodline based on historical studies.

Unfortunately Rohingya Muslims have been suppressed by the Myanmar government for hundreds of years. Their right to become citizens has been denied. They are mistreated by the authorities and many have fled their homeland to become refugees.

The time has come for us to think deeply about how far we; as individuals and Muslim society, give response to the misfortune that our brother are facing. How many of us are concerned about this issue? Even non-Muslims in the West are greatly concerned about this crisis.

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) mentioned in a hadith narrated by al\_Bukhari which means : “A Muslim is a brother of another Muslim, so he should not oppress him, nor should he hand him over to an oppressor. Whoever fulfilled the needs of his brother, Allah will fulfill his needs; whoever brought his (Muslim) brother out of a discomfort, Allah will bring him out of the discomforts of the Day of Resurrection, and whoever screened a Muslim, Allah will screen him on the Day of Resurrection .”{Book 43, Volume 3, Number 622: Sahih Buhari}

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Dear brothers and sisters,

All Muslims today, express disappointment over the tyranny committed by Myanmar against Muslims in Rohingya. Regardless of race, skin colour and religion, we condemn such a country which allow its people to commit this barbaric act. Let us as believers and a caring society extend aid to our oppressed muslim brothers.

It is indeed very sad that there are a small number of Malaysians, who not only disregard this issue, but also take pride in this irresponsible behavior. The Rohinyas are our muslim brothers and Islam is a religion of mercy to all people.

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وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ إِلَّا تَفْعَلُوهُ تَكُنْ فِتْنَةٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادٌ  
كَبِيرٌ

Which means: *And those who disbelieved are allies of one another. If you do not do so, there will be fitnah on earth and great corruption.*

بَارِكْ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَتَفَعَّلِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ  
الْحَكِيْمِ، وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ  
الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ  
الْمُسْتَغْفِرِيْنَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِيْنَ.