

**MANAGING UNIVERSAL HUMANITY**  
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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

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

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

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

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Islam is prescribed with universal human values based on monotheism toward Allah the Almighty by building the belief that Allah the Almighty is the source of everything, i.e. the Giver of life, benefit and harm, sustenance, death, human destiny and others. The concept of universal humanity encourages its followers to interact with each other across skin color and race in accordance with what Allah the Almighty says in chapter 49 (surah al-Hujurat) verse 13:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقْوَىٰ إِنَّ اللَّهَ

عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ ﴿١٣﴾

**Which means:** “O humanity! Indeed, We created you from a male and a female, and made you into peoples and tribes so that you may get to know one another. Surely the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous among you. Allah is truly All-Knowing, All-Aware.”

Based on this verse, it is this universal value that make people unite and agree in facing humanitarian issues such as poverty, famine, oppression, tyranny, war, murder and so on.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

Today we observe many humanitarian issues around the world that really destroy our humanity. According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) report, until the middle of 2023, there are 110 million people displaced due to conflict, war, and oppression. A total of 62.5 million live in temporary settlements even in their own country, while another 36.4 million had to flee to other countries.

In Malaysia, there are 188,210 registered refugees and asylum seekers. Most of them are from the Rohingya ethnic group and there are also refugees from Syria, Yemen, Palestine, and others. Efforts to manage our Muslim brothers and sisters should be done systematically whether they are staying in our country with help and assistance based on the laws of the country, or as a transit to be sent home or to a third country.

This humanitarian crisis is actually a test for all of us. Allah the Almighty has stated that a Muslim should always be concerned about the welfare of others

especially his fellow Muslims. The Prophet (pbuh) said in the hadith narrated by Imam Muslim:

مَنْ نَفَّسَ عَنْ مُؤْمِنٍ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرْبِ الدُّنْيَا، نَفَّسَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرْبِ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ، وَمَنْ يَسَّرَ عَلَى مُعْسِرٍ، يَسَّرَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، وَمَنْ سَتَرَ مُسْلِمًا، سَتَرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، وَاللَّهُ فِي عَوْنِ الْعَبْدِ مَا كَانَ الْعَبْدُ فِي عَوْنِ أَخِيهِ

**Which means:** *“Whoever relieves the hardship of a believer in this world, Allah will relieve his hardship on the Day of Resurrection. Whoever helps ease one in difficulty, Allah will make it easy for him in this world and the Hereafter. Whoever conceals the faults of a Muslim, Allah will conceal his faults in this world and the Hereafter. Allah helps the servant as long as he helps his brother.”*

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

The humanitarian issue that is happening in Palestine today has shown how the whole world stands in solidarity with the Palestinian people who were massacred and killed by the tyrannical Zionist regime of Israel. Houses were destroyed, women and children were killed, public facilities such as schools, road infrastructure and business premises were destroyed. Even hospitals where patients receive treatment are bombed by the Zionists without feeling any guilt.

This humanitarian crisis has opened the eyes of the world to the brutality of Israel Zionist and its allies. The international community from various religions has protested on a large scale by holding street demonstrations expressing their feelings at major events such as the Qatar World Cup, the French Olympics, in convocation ceremonies at universities and others.

Nevertheless, what is sad is that there are Muslims themselves who do not care about this issue and act as if nothing happened. They are more excited to

welcome the arrival of Western artists, some of whom clearly support the Zionist actions. Some even make fun of the struggle of the Palestinian people.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

The issue of killing of Muslims in Palestine has raised awareness of the universality of human values, with people of various religious and ethnic backgrounds acting in solidarity with the Palestinian people. As Muslims who share the same faith as them, we need to continue to give solid support to the struggle of the Palestinian people. We need to continue to be proactive and concerned to defend their plight by showing our solidarity such as not buying products owned by companies with significant Israeli interests, expressing diplomatic objections and spreading Zionist tyranny through social media platforms and so on.

Muslims must unite to defend the rights of the Palestinian people by using various channels, whether political, legal, economic or social, until the tyranny of Israel's Zionists is stopped and they get retribution which commensurate with the crimes against humanity that they committed.

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

To this sermon, let us strongly support the plight of our Muslim brothers and sisters who are refugees, so that we can help them as best as possible to continue their lives based on the laws of the country. Efforts to help them in our country and their placement in third countries should be done in an organized manner. Let us also affirm that the Palestinian issue is a universal humanitarian issue that needs to be overcome together, regardless of religious and ethnic background. The seriousness of combatting this universal issue will reflect the strength and unity of Muslims and strengthen the Islamic brotherhood. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 23 (surah al-Mukminun) verse 52:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَإِنَّ هَذِهِ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا رَبُّكُمْ فَاتَّقُونِ ﴿٥٢﴾

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ  
الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

