

In the name of Allah most Gracious Most Merciful

Oppression and the end of the oppressor.

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Dear brothers in faith,

Today's talk is about oppression which Allah Has made prohibited for Himself, and made it prohibited to His slaves. The messenger ppbu told us that Allah said: **{My slaves, I have made oppression prohibited to Myself, and I have made it prohibited for you. So do not practice injustice or oppression against each other}**. Oppression here refers to doing things the wrong way. Oppression is considered to be one of the greater sins. All faiths and religions including Islam have condemned oppression and injustice throughout history. The messenger ppbu said: **{fear or avoid oppression, for oppression is darkness on the day of resurrection}**.

Allah, as well as prohibiting oppression to Himself and to His slaves, He also promised to revenge for the victim from the aggressor. Allah says: **{By all My dignity, I will make you victorious, even if after a while}**.

The messenger ppbu told us that towards the end of this life it will fill up with oppression and injustice. Today we witness with our own eyes the truth in his words. Oppression has spread out among the people. Oppression happens in blood, money and honor. Oppression has become so common that it has almost become the norm.

This world has become a world ruled by the law of jungle, and policies of threats and terrorism, and the language of challenges, and fear, and self interests, and the single pole systems, and the one man rule. A world led by policies of where one deals with others the way a master deals with slaves, and a leader with those who are led. Policies based on interests rather than on values, policies which do not rule with equality, and do not practice justice, and only deal with partiality and with multiple standards.

It is a clear image with well defined dimensions clearly denied and detested by every free individual. Today the mask has fallen off another face which used to falsely talk of freedom, justice and equality, and human rights. Where are the human rights in the face of what is happening today to our brothers in Egypt, the heroic and faithful Egypt. Egypt where oppression is being carried out in a controlled and calculated manner by militia belonging to the oppressive government and oppressive ruler. This ruler who has been rejected clearly by the people of Egypt. We can barely hear out of embarrassment the minimum of condemnation from some of the western governments. They have no value or meaning for justice. They talk of freedom but they do not accept for our people. They call for democracy but they find it too much for our nations. They have double standards and they use two different scales. But, times go round. Islam is awakening in the hearts of its children to breathe life into this nation. This nation is the best nation brought out to humanity, giving guidance, putting right, and steers in the good direction, command the

good and deters against evil. It takes its place amongst the nations of the world.

Dear Muslims, times are of two types, sweet and sour, or times of difficulties and times of ease and serenity. Every difficulty and crises will be followed by prosperity. And every distress shall be followed with peace. Even the sun disappears only to come out again. Allah has days which will take revenge from an aggressor and from an antagonist. And this who knows Allah in prosperity, Allah will know him/her in difficulties. Allah says: **﴿O you who believe! If you help Allah, He will help you and will make your foothold firm (7) And that who disbelieve, misery is for them, and He will make their actions vain (8) That is because they hated that which Allah has revealed, therefore He makes their actions fruitless (9) Have they not travelled in the land to see the nature of the consequence for those who were before them? Allah wiped them out. And for the disbelievers there will be the like thereof (10) That is because Allah is patron of those who believe, and because the disbelievers have no patron (11)﴾** 47:7-11.

Dear Muslims, support and help your faith and your brothers and sisters in Egypt, just as Allah Has made it your duty to do so. And some of the ways in which you can help them are:

Prayers (Duaa):

It is our brothers' right in Egypt upon us that we should diligently say prayers for them so that Allah will clear their distress and takes them out of their calamity, and support them against their enemy and the enemy of Allah. We must not forget about this form of worship which many people do. Let us not forget a time for prayer for them; in submission to Allah in between our endless talking about the events and constantly following up the news and watching the TV. Prayer time is easily forgotten.

Making Duaa (a prayer) is a great form of worship, which has a great status, and it is one of the best acts of worship. It is one of the worships which that give a greater status to Allah. Allah says: **{And your Lord has said: Pray unto Me and I will hear your prayer. Those who scorn My worship, they will enter hell, disgraced}** 40:60. A man once asked the messenger ppbu: "Is Allah near by so we talk to Him or far away so we shout when calling Him?". The messenger ppbu went silent until Allah brought down His verse: **﴿And when My servants question you concerning Me, then surely I am close. I answer the prayer of the suppliant when he calls unto Me. So let them hear My call and let them trust in Me, in order that they may be led aright. (186)﴾** 2:186.

On the night of the battle of Ahzab and at Badr when the messenger ppbu went out to meet the disbelievers, and while his people were asleep he spent the night in prayers making supplications to Allah. Despite the fact that Allah promised him victory, he still remained up in the darkness of the night asking and crying to Allah, and begging Allah with a humble

heart and an open hand. When the morning broke on that day, the day of the battle of Badr, the messenger ppbu looked at the enemies, the disbelievers. They were over a thousand, and his followers were three hundred and nineteen men. The messenger ppbu faced the Qiblah (direction of prayer towards Mekka) and put his hands up and started calling his God saying: **Dear God, fulfill your promise to me. Dear God bring me what you promised. God, if this Muslim gang is defeated then you won't be worshiped in the land.** He kept on calling his God with his hands up until his rope fell off his shoulders. AboBakr picked up his rope and came behind him and said: "O messenger of Allah, enough calling your God, He will fulfill His promise to you". Allah says: ﴿**When you sought help of your Lord and He answered you (saying): I will help you with a thousand of the angels, rank on rank**﴾ 8:9. Many people of faith and others have reported that at difficult and rough times they truly made refuge to Allah and made prayers and problems were lifted off them. It is at times like these that a Muslim ought to take refuge to Allah with prayer (duaa). Allah loves those who insist when they make a prayer to Him. The messenger ppbu said: {**Allah loves those who keep insisting when they make duaa (prayer)**}. And he also said: {**this who does not ask Allah, then Allah will be angry with him**}

Remember, that in the face of this disaster, it is necessary for a Muslim to remember Allah's wisdom in the way He runs events. Allah gives time to the oppressor but He takes him at the end in a painful manner. The messenger ppbu said: {**Allah gives time to an oppressor so when He**}

takes him, he will not escape Him}, then the messenger ppbu read: ﴿ Even thus is the grasp of your Lord when He grasps the townships while they are doing wrong. Lo! His grasp is painful, very strong.﴾ 11:102.

At last, we say to our brothers in Egypt what Allah says: ﴿ If you have received a blow, the other people have received a blow the like thereof. These are (only) the alterations and changes which We cause to follow one another for mankind, to the end that Allah may know those who believe and may choose witnesses from among you; and Allah does not love oppressors or wrong-doers. (140) And that Allah may prove those who believe, and may blight the disbelievers. (141) Or did you deem that you would enter paradise while yet Allah does not know those of you who really strive, nor knows those (of you) who are steadfast or patient?﴾ 3:140-142. I would say to our enduring, patient and striving brothers in Egypt, who unite in their call for the oppressor to leave. I say to them: remain patient, at the end winning is always for those who are God fearing, and for those who endure and face up. Allah says: ﴿Or did you think that you will enter paradise while yet there has not come unto you the like of (that which came to) those who passed away before you? Affliction and adversity befell them, they were shaken as with earthquake, till the messenger (of Allah) and those who believed along with him said: When does Allah's help come? Now surely Allah's help is near.﴾ 2:214. ﴿Allah's help is near﴾ ﴿Allah's help is near﴾.