

## Declaration to the Egyptian Nation in Particular and to the Arab and Muslim Nations in General

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Now that the issue has become clear – the issue between us and our enemies – the British and their allies. And it has become clear to the enemies' children amongst us – those who have suckled the enemies' breast milk, and to the slaves of the enemies amongst us – those who have handed over their minds and souls to the enemies. Now that the issue has become clear, we whom were raised upon the correct, Islāmic *Fitrah* are in no doubt about what will happen and the worse that shall occur.

Now that the issue has become clear; Now that the Egyptian nation in its totality has declared its position and desire; Now that al-Azhar has declared its correct position regarding relations with the enemies and supporting them; Thus it is an obligation that the Muslims know the proper, Islāmic regulations on combat and what is relevant. They must have clear awareness, so almost everyone is able to differentiate between the enemy and the ally, and between what is permissible in war and what is impermissible, and between what is obligatory and what is prohibited. So the action of the Muslim in Jihād becomes a correct and pure action – sincerely for Allāh's pleasure alone. If he is victorious, he is victorious as a Muslim – having the reward of a Mujāhid in this life and the Afterlife. And if he is killed, he is a martyr.

The British have declared against the Muslims of Egypt a destructive and treacherous war – a war of aggression and colonization. They declared it in Sudan – a masked and disguised war, disguised by so-called benefit and opportunities for Sudan and its people. They made it appear delicious by the deception of self-rule, which the Egyptians were fooled by before.

We saw what the British did in the areas of the Suez Canal and what is nearby the Suez. They killed innocent civilians, committed treacheries against the women and children, and aggressed against the police officers and judges – to the point that no one was free of their aggression, whether they were small or great.

So they declared by this their enmity – clearly and apparently – with no shadiness, civility, or evasion in their declaration. So by that, their blood and property is  $Hal\bar{a}l$  for the Muslims. It is obligatory upon each Muslim – anywhere in the world – to wage war against them and to kill them, wherever they are – whether they are civilians or military – for they are all enemies, and all of them are warriors and fighters. They have continued their non-stop treachery and aggression to the point that their women and children fire piercingly violent bullets in Ismailia, Suez, and Bur Said, at the Muslim pedestrians, without shame or embarrassment. They are a cowardly nation. They retreat wherever they see the strong fighter, and advance wherever they see luxury and weakness. So it is

impermissible for the Muslim to be weak in front of them or show them softness and forgiving:

## And kill them wherever you overtake them and expel them from wherever they have expelled you.<sup>1</sup>

Allāh's Messenger, , prohibited us from killing women in war. It is a prohibition connected with a clearly apparent cause – they are not fighters, for Allāh's Messenger, , passed by women who were killed in one of his battles and he said "She was not one who would fight." Thus, he, , prohibited killing their women.

But now their women are soldiers, fighting with their males side by side. Those who are not soldiers are she-males – acting like men. They fire at the Muslims without any restraint or determent. So killing them is *Halāl*, nay obligatory, for defending the religion, lives, and country, except in the case of a weakling woman not capable of anything.

The same also applies to their pre-pubescent young. As for their weak, sick, and elderly – whoever fights or aggresses amongst them is killed; whoever does not, then no one should harm them. But they and their women may be taken as captives, and we will later mention the rulings on captives, *In Shā' Allāh*.

We said: "It is obligatory upon each Muslim – anywhere in the world – to wage war against them and to kill them, wherever they are – whether they are civilians or military." We say this meaning every letter of this sentence's implications. So wherever the Muslim is, and whatever ethnicity or nationality he may have, then it is obligatory upon him just as it is obligatory upon us in Egypt and Sudan. Even the British Muslims in their lands (Britain), if they are really Muslims, it is obligatory upon them just as it is obligatory upon other Muslims, as much as they are capable. If they are incapable, then *Hijrah* becomes obligatory upon them away from the enemies' lands or any land where they are not capable of waging war against the enemy, as Allāh has commanded them.

For Islām is one nationality – if we use modern terms. It shuts down the ethnic and national differences amongst its followers, as Allāh, , says:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Al-Bagarah, 191

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Translator: *Sunan Abī Dāwūd* on the authority of Rabāh Ibn Rabī', . Declared *Sahīh* by al-Albanī (*as-Silsilah as-Sahīhah*, 2/314).

## And indeed this, your nation, is one nation...<sup>3</sup>

The proofs for this are numerous and cohesive. This is known by necessity from the religion – no Muslim doubts it. Nay, even the foreigners are certainly aware of this. No one doubts this except those who were raised by the foreigners amongst us and were manufactured for them [the British] to wage war against their own religion and nation – whether they are aware or not.

Indeed! As for those whom the angels take (in death) while they are wronging themselves, they say: "In what condition were you?" They reply: "We were weak and oppressed on earth." They say: "Was not the earth of Allāh spacious enough for you to emigrate therein?" Such men will find their abode in Hell – What an evil destination! Except the weak ones among men, women and children who cannot devise a plan [to emigrate], nor are they able to find their way (out).<sup>4</sup>

So no Muslim was excused by Allāh for leaving *Hijrah* from the lands of Allāh's enemies, except the weak – those with a real, legitimate weakness. They do not know what to do, nor do they have control over their own affairs.

Allāh does not accept an excuse from anyone because of wealth, children, opportunities, or relationships:

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  Al-Mu'minūn, 52

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> An-Nisā', 97-98

Say: If your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your kindred, the wealth that you have gained, the commerce in which you fear a decline, and the dwellings in which you delight ... are dearer to you than Allāh and His Messenger, and  $Jih\bar{a}d$  in His cause, then wait until Allāh brings about His decision. And Allāh guides not the people who are rebellious.<sup>5</sup>

So Allāh listed all the excuses and reasons that the people of doubt and self-degradation carry. Then He rejected them all. He did not accept any excuse or justification.

So every Muslim should hear this and place it in front of him – whether he be in Egypt, Sudan, India, Pakistan, and in every land where the British enemy rules or has authority, everywhere in the world – regardless of his color or ethnicity.

Regarding cooperation with the British – any type of cooperation, whether minuscule or great – it is an extreme apostasy and obvious disbelief. No excuse is accepted for it, nor any false interpretation. Nor does idiotic nationalism, infringing politics, and hypocritical flattery save one from this ruling. Whether this occurs amongst individuals, governments, or leaders – all of them are the same in disbelief and apostasy. Except the one who was ignorantly mistaken then realized his wrong, so he repented and followed the Believers' path, hopefully Allāh will accept their repentance – if they are whole-heartedly sincere to Allāh – not faking for political reasons or to please the people.

I think I was able to the clarify the ruling on fighting the British and the ruling on cooperating with them in any form of cooperation or aid – so that every Muslim who can read Arabic will understand, from whatever class or status he is from, and wherever in the world he lives.

I think every reader now does not doubt that the obvious which is in need of no proof nor clarification, is that the ruling on the French is the same as the British – in regards to all Muslims on the face of the globe. For the enmity of the French to the Muslims and their extreme fanaticism in trying to erase Islām and waging war against Islām, far surpasses the fanaticism and enmity of the British. Nay, they are idiotic bigots in fanaticism and enmity, and they kill our Muslim brothers in every Islāmic land where they rule or have authority. They carry out crimes and atrocities which make the crimes and horrors of the British appear small. So they and the British are the same in ruling – their blood and property is *Halāl* everywhere, and it is impermissible for the Muslim anywhere in the world to cooperate with them, regardless of the type of cooperation. If he does cooperate, then his ruling is the same as the ruling of those cooperating with the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> At-Tawbah. 24

British – apostasy and completely exiting out of Islām, regardless of the type or nature of the cooperation.

I was never a fool, nor gullible to think that the governments in the Islāmic lands would answer to the Islāmic law, and thus cut off all political, cultural and economic ties with the British and French.

But I want to give insight to the Muslims, to their condition, and of what Allāh commanded them with, and what He has promised of humiliation in this world and the Hereafter, if they hand over their minds and souls to Allāh's enemies.

I want to alert them to Allāh's ruling on this cooperation with the enemies – those who subjugated them, and fought them for their religion and land. I want to alert them of the consequences of this apostasy. The apostasy, which all who insist upon, by cooperating with the enemies, roll in its mud.

So let every Muslim know wherever in the world they are, that if he cooperates with Islām's enemies, the Muslims' enslavers – the British and French, their allies and likes – in any form of cooperation, or makes peace with them so that he does not wage war against them as much as capable, never mind supporting them by statement or action against his brothers in faith – if he does any of what was mentioned then prays thereafter, his prayer is void. Or if he purifies himself by ablution or bathing or *Tayammum*, then his purification is void. Or if he fasts an obligatory fast or voluntary one, his fast is void, or does pilgrimage, his pilgrimage is void. Or gives obligatory charity or voluntary charity, his *Zakāh* and charity are void and rejected. Or worships his Lord in any form of worship, then his worship is void and rejected. He has no reward in any of that action; rather he has blame and sin.

So let every Muslim know that if he rides this debasing ride, then his deeds are all futile, including each act of worship that he worshipped his Lord by before he fell into the mud of this apostasy that he chose for himself. Allāh's refuge is sought that a real Muslim ever be pleased with this apostasy while having the great attribute of belief in Allāh and His Messenger.

This is all because belief is a condition for the correctness of every deed and its acceptance. This is easily known by the necessity of the religion; no one differs on this amongst the Muslims.

And this is because Allāh, , says:

And whoever disbelieves in faith, then his action is futile, and in the Hereafter he is from the losers.<sup>6</sup>

And this is because Allāh, , says:

And they will never cease fighting you until they turn you back from your religion if they can. And whosoever of you turns back from his religion and dies as a disbeliever, then his deeds will be lost in this life and in the Hereafter, and they will be the dwellers of the Fire. They will abide therein forever.<sup>7</sup>

And this is because Allāh, , says:

O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as friends/allies, they are but friends/allies to one another. And if any amongst you takes them as friends/allies, then surely he is one of them. Indeed, Allāh guides not those people who are unjust. And you see those in whose hearts there is a disease, they hurry to their friendship, saying: "We fear lest some misfortune may befall us." Perhaps Allāh may bring a victory or a decision according to His will. Then they will become regretful for what they have been keeping as a

<sup>7</sup> Al-Baqarah, 217

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Al-Mā'idah, 5

secret in themselves. And those who believe will say: "Are these the men who swore their strongest oaths by Allāh that they were with you?" All that they did has been in vain, and they have become the losers.<sup>8</sup>

And this is because Allāh, , says:

Indeed, those who have turned back (apostatized) becoming disbelievers after the guidance has been manifested to them, Satan has beautified for them [their false hopes], and (Allāh) prolonged their term. This is because they said to those who hate what Allāh has sent down: "We will obey you in part of the matter," but Allāh knows their secrets. Then how (will it be) when the angels will take their souls at death, smiting their faces and their backs? That is because they followed that which angered Allāh, and hated that which pleased Him. So He made their deeds fruitless. Or do those in whose hearts is a disease think that Allāh will not bring to light all their hidden ill-wills? Had We willed, We could have shown them to you, and you should have known them by their marks, but surely, you will know them by the tone of their

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> *Al-Mā'idah*, 51-53

speech! And Allāh knows all your deeds. And surely, We shall try you till We test those who do *Jihād* and the patient ones, and We shall test your affairs. Indeed, those who disbelieve, and hinder from Allāh's path, and oppose the Messenger, after the guidance has been clearly shown to them, they will not hurt Allāh in the least, but He will make their deeds fruitless. O you who believe! Obey Allāh, and obey the Messenger and render not vain your deeds. Indeed, those who disbelieve, and hinder from Allāh's path; then die while they are disbelievers, Allāh will not forgive them. So be not weak and ask not for peace, while you are having the upper hand. Allāh is with you, and will never decrease the reward of your good deeds.<sup>9</sup>

So let every Muslim – whether male or female – know that those who fight against their religion and support their enemies – whoever marries one of them – then the marriage is void from the very beginning. It cannot be corrected, and none of the results of marriage comes into effect such as lineage, inheritance, etc. And whoever was married, his marriage is also void. Whoever repents amongst them – returning to his Lord and religion, waging war against his enemy, supporting his nation – the woman whom he married during his apostasy and the woman who was married to him when he apostatized are not wives to him, nor are they under his authority. If he wants them back, it is necessary to renew the marriage by making a new, correct, legal, marriage contract.

So let the Muslim women be careful – wherever in the world they are. And let them verify the suitors before marriage, making sure they are not from this outcast, apostate group. They should do this as a cautious shield, for themselves and their honor, from ever having relations with men they think are husbands who in fact are not husbands because their marriage is void in Allāh's religion.

So let the Muslim women know – those whom Allāh has tested with men who have fallen into this apostasy's mud – that their marriage is void and that they are forbidden to these men. These men are not husbands to them until they repent a correct, active repentance, and then they remarry them with a new and correct, marriage contract.

So let the Muslim women know, that whoever accepts to marry a man whose condition is such, and she knows his condition, or she accepts to remain with a husband who she knows practices this apostasy, then she has the same ruling as him in this apostasy.

Allāh's refuge is sought that ever a true Muslim woman accepts for herself, her honor, chastity, lineage, children, and religion, anyone of such nature.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> *Muhammad*, 25-35

This is a serious matter, not a joke. A new law is not adequate – a law which punishes those who cooperate with the enemies. There are too many tricks around these man-made laws and too many ways to make claims of false innocence on behalf of the criminals, by made-up doubts and falsehood in presenting proofs.

The Muslim nation is responsible to establish its religion and to support it at all times. Individuals will be questioned in front of Allāh for what their hands committed and hearts disclosed.

So let every person inspect himself, and let him be a fort for this religion, defending it from the abuse of the abusers and treachery of the traitors.

Every Muslim is indeed a fortified borderline of Islām's borders, so let him be wary that Islām be attacked from his direction.

Victory is only from Allāh, and Allāh grants victory to those who support Him.