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ON THE ATTEMPTS TO
DISRESPECT THE PROPHET
(sallallaahu 'alayhi wassallam)

“...IT IS NEITHER PERMISSIBLE TO TAKE THE INNOCENT TO ACCOUNT FOR WHAT THE GUILTY HAVE DONE, NOR IS IT PERMISSIBLE TO SET FIRE TO BUILDINGS AS THESE ACTIONS ARE HARMFUL TO ISLAM AND NOT FROM THE EXAMPLE OF THE PROPHET.”

“...RATHER, WE CERTAINLY KNOW THAT THOSE ENEMIES...AIM TO DISTRACT THE MUSLIMS FROM: DEVELOPING THEIR NATIONS, STRENGTHENING UNITY, PROGRESS AND EXPANDING THEIR CIVILISATION.”¹

From 'Abdul'Azeez bin 'Abdillah bin Muhammad aal Shaykh to whomsoever sees this from the Muslim masses, may Allaah keep them safe.²

As salaam 'alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuhu

To Proceed:

We praise Allaah to you. He who has bestowed upon us the blessing of making us from the best peoples raised up for mankind; ordering the good and forbidding the evil and believing in Allaah. And He bestowed upon us the blessing that He revealed unto us the best of His Books – the Qur'aan, al-Furq'aan. He said, may His name be glorified,

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² Translated by Akeel Ahmed.

“Verily, this Qur'an guides to that which is most just and right and gives glad tidings to the believers who work deeds of righteousness, that they shall have a great reward.”

{*al-Isra' (17): 9*}

and He said, the Blessed and Most High,

“Blessed be He Who sent down the criterion (of right and wrong, i.e. this Qur'an) to His slave (Muhammad) that he may be a warner to the 'Alamin (mankind and jinns.”

{*al-Furqan (25): 1*}

And He bestowed upon us the blessing and gave excellence [to us], and He is worthy of bestowing and giving excellence, in that He sent to us His best messenger and the seal of His Prophets, Muhammad bin Abdillah, the Haashimi Qurashi Prophet, whom He illuminated with the light of prophet hood and gave nobility to through His message. And He sent him to His creation; singled him out with His honour and made him His trustworthy one, between Him and His creation, reciting upon them His ayaat, purifying them and teaching them the Book and wisdom, as He said,

“Indeed Allah conferred a great favour on the believers when He sent among them a Messenger (Muhammad) from among themselves, reciting unto them His Verses (the Qur'an), and purifying them (from sins by their following him), and instructing them (in) the Book (the Qur'an) and Al-Hikmah [the wisdom and the Sunnah of the Prophet (i.e. his legal ways, statements, acts of worship, etc.)], while before that they had been in manifest error.”

{*Aal-Imran (3): 164*}

Allaah manifest with His sending Muhammad (*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam*) Tawheed and erased Shirk. And the light with which Allaah sent him is life, as He said,

“Is he who was dead (without Faith by ignorance and disbelief) and We gave him life (by knowledge and Faith) and set for him a light (of Belief) whereby he can walk amongst men, like him who is in the darkness (of disbelief, polytheism and hypocrisy) from which he can never come out? Thus it is made fair-seeming to the disbelievers that which they used to do.”

{*al-An'am (6): 122*}

And He also said,

“And thus We have sent to you (O Muhammad) Ruhan (an Inspiration, and a Mercy) of Our Command. You knew not what is the Book, nor what is Faith? But We have made it (this Qur'an) a light wherewith We guide whosoever of Our slaves We will. And verily,

you (O Muhammad) are indeed guiding (mankind) to the Straight Path (i.e. Allah's religion of Islamic Monotheism)."

{*ash-Shura* (42): 52}

And his sending was a mercy to all creation,

"And We have sent you (O Muhammad) not but as a mercy for the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists)"

{*al-Anbiya'* (21): 107}

– to actualise with it [the sending] complete mercy, by which their lives will be rectified in the dunya and their affairs on the Day of Reckoning.

"Verily, there has come unto you a Messenger (Muhammad) from amongst yourselves (i.e. whom you know well). It grieves him that you should receive any injury or difficulty. He (Muhammad) is anxious over you (to be rightly guided, to repent to Allah, and beg Him to pardon and forgive your sins, in order that you may enter Paradise and be saved from the punishment of the Hell-fire), for the believers (he is) full of pity, kind, and merciful."

{*at-Taubah* (9): 128}

And just as the Shariyyah of Islaam, and that which Muhammad (*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam*) was sent with, came with [the message of] venerating of the orders of Allaah, it also came with [the message of] having mercy towards the slaves of Allaah. He, may he be exalted, said,

"As for him who gives (in charity) and keeps his duty to Allah and fears Him, And believes in Al-Husna. We will make smooth for him the path of ease (goodness)."

{*al-Layl* (92): 5-7}

The people of knowledge say that these two foundations encompass the general [meaning of] the religion: venerating the orders of Allaah and having mercy to the slaves of Allaah. And since this great religion, the religion of al-Islaam encompasses in founding its principles upon uprightness, acceptance and ease in legislation, honesty in rights and virtue in giving generously, its affair has spread as far as night and day and the masses have entered into the religion of al-Islaam in crowds.

Allaah ordained, and He has wisdom in doing so, that truth and falsehood would collide. A manifestation of this were those who bore enmity towards the Prophets and Messengers, those who hated that which they came with, from the clear truth, due to the wickedness of their inner selves and the ruin of their natural dispositions. The Most High said,

"And so We have appointed for every Prophet enemies - Shayatin (devils) among mankind and jinns, inspiring one another with adorned speech as a delusion (or by way

of deception). If your Lord had so willed, they would not have done it, so leave them alone with their fabrications.”

{*al-An'am* (6): 112}

And the Most High said,

“Thus have We made for every Prophet an enemy among the Mujrimun (disbelievers, polytheists, criminals, etc.). But Sufficient is your Lord as a Guide and Helper.”

{*al-Furqan* (25): 31}

and with this [enmity]

“They intend to put out the Light of Allah (i.e. the religion of Islam, this Qur'an, and Prophet Muhammad) with their mouths. But Allah will complete His Light even though the disbelievers hate (it).”

{*as-Saff* (61): 8}

From those shayaateen are the shayaateen of the mankind and jinn who, over history have had ploys, designs, sayings and actions of deceit trying hard to dismiss the slave of Allaah and His messenger Muhammad (*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam*) and Allaah has sufficed him from their deceit and thrown their plots back in their faces.

The latest of these misguided desperate attempts is that which has caused harm in recent days – the distribution of a film attempting to offend the Prophet (*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam*). We have followed the reactionary actions of the Islamic states and countries of this vile attempt, which no intellect or religion can justify. For this reason, we wanted to clarify the following points:

Firstly, this desperate criminal attempt of spreading this offensive film neither harms the noble Prophet in any way, nor does it harm the religion of al-Islaam. Furthermore, Allaah raised the status of Muhammad (*sallAllaahu 'alayhi wasallam*) and made small and insignificant those who disobey and oppose his affair. He opened for him [the Prophet, *sallallaahu 'alayhi wassallam*] a manifest victory, protected him from the masses; made him sufficient over those who mock; gave him al-Kawthar and made the one who disparaged him cut off:

“Have We not opened your breast for you (O Muhammad)? And removed from you your burden, Which weighed down your back? And raised high your fame?”

{*ash-Sharh* (94): 1-4}

and the Most High said,

“Verily, We have given you (O Muhammad) a manifest victory. That Allah may forgive you your sins of the past and the future, and complete His Favour on you, and guide you on the Straight Path; And that Allah may help you with strong help.”

{*al-Fath* (48): 1-3}

and He said, glorified be His name,

“Allah will protect you from mankind} [al-Ma’idah: 67] and He said, {Is not Allah Sufficient for His slave?”

{*az-Zumar (39): 36*}

and the Most High said,

“Truly! We will suffice you against the scoffers”

{*al-Hijr (15): 95*}

and He said, may He be praised and glorified,

“Verily, We have granted you (O Muhammad) Al-Kauthar (a river in Paradise); Therefore turn in prayer to your Lord and sacrifice (to Him only). For he who makes you angry (O Muhammad), - he will be cut off (from every good thing in this world and in the Hereafter).”

{*al-Kauthar (108): 1-3*}

As much as the wrong-doers increase in these pointless attempts, the virtues of the Prophet (*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*) spread and the praise of Islaam spreads, in confirmation of these noble ayaat.

Secondly, since the Muslim is ordered and required to follow the guidance and example of the prophet in all that befalls him, in obedience to the saying of the Most High,

“Indeed in the Messenger of Allah (Muhammad) you have a good example to follow for him who hopes in (the Meeting with) Allah and the Last Day and remembers Allah much.”

{*al-Abzaab (33): 21*}

in the practical implementation of that, it is obligatory for the Muslims’ disapproval of this criminal attempt to be in accordance with that which Allaah legislated in His book and the sunnah of His messenger (*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*). Anger and fury does not lead them to overstep the legislated and fall into that which is not – by doing so, they would have fulfilled some of the aims of this evil film without realising.

It is neither permissible to take the innocent to account for what the guilty have done and set upon those whose blood and wealth are protected, nor is it permissible to set upon public buildings and set fire to and destroy them as these actions are also harmful to al-Islaam – Allaah is not pleased with them and they are not from the example of the Prophet (*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*) in any sense. Allaah has censured those who destroyed their homes with their own hands and ordered us to take lessons from their condition. We mention while discussing this that the Prophet, for whom we ransom

ourselves, our families and our wealth, never increased as a result of the mockery of the scoffers except in steadfastness upon his excellent character and noble nature, acting upon the saying of the Most High,

“Indeed, We know that your breast is straitened at what they say. So glorify the praises of your Lord and be of those who prostrate themselves (to Him). And worship your Lord until there comes unto you the certainty (i.e. death).”

{*al-Hijr (15): 97-99*}

And his lord described Him with His saying,

“And verily, you (O Muhammad) are on an exalted standard of character...”

{*al-Qalam (68): 4*}

In Saheeh al-Bukhaari, and others, on the authority of ‘Abdullah bin ‘Amr bin Al-‘Aas: that he was asked about the description of Allaah’s messenger (*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*) which is mentioned in the Torah. He replied, ‘Yes. By Allaah, he is described in the Torah with some of the qualities attributed to him in the Qur’aan as follows: ‘O Prophet! We have sent you as a witness (for Allaah’s true religion) and a giver of glad tidings, and a warner, and guardian of the illiterates. You are My slave and My Messenger. I have named you al-Mutawakil [who depends on Allaah]. You are neither discourteous, harsh nor a noisemaker in the markets, and you do not do evil to those who do evil to you, but you deal with them with forgiveness and kindness. Allaah will not let him (the Prophet (*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*)) die until he makes straight the crooked people by making them say Laa illaha ill Allaah, with which will be opened blind eyes, deaf ears and enveloped hearts.’³

This broad condemnation in the Islamic world, if it is not based upon that which is positive, will soon end, after having had no effect. For this reason, from the greatest ways in which to aid the Prophet (*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*) is to follow his guidance; spread his virtues; become aware of his seerah; to broadcast the religion of al-Islaam and teach it.

Thirdly, it is obligatory for the Muslims to grasp that the intent behind these evil criminal actions is not to attack Muhammad (*sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam*) as they cannot harm him. **Rather, what we know certainly, not speculatively, looking to history to this point in time, is that those enemies, who cause this agitation and other than this that they concoct, aim to distract the Muslims from that which they are in the process of doing – from developing their nations; strengthening unity; efforts to expand their civilisation and progress.** For this reason, the best way in which to refute these evil actions is for the

³ Bukhaari (2125); English Summarised Bukhaari (1013) Dar-us-Salaam

Muslims to strengthen their resolve in nation building so they can be in the position of responsibility and trust of the best nation raised up for mankind.

Fourthly, I take this opportunity to call upon the nations of the world to move to outlaw the crime of insulting the Prophets and Messengers of Allaah – from Ibraheem, Musa, Eesa and Muhammad, upon them all be peace and salutations of Allaah – those who have reverence and respect in the consciousness of mankind. And the lands of the Haramain, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia have made a number of requests for this.

We ask Allah the Most High to make good and justice prevail around the world and to help the Muslims unite and rectify their affairs. Indeed, He is the Owner of that and the One Able to do it, and may peace and salutations be upon our Prophet Muhammad and upon his family and companions.

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