

THE DEPLORABLE ATROCITIES IN ASSAM

Our Muslim brethren in India and other parts of the world, particularly Assam, India, are currently being subjected to untold difficulty. Thousands have been forcefully evicted from their homes. With nowhere to go, many are forced to live in refugee-style camps. Basic sanitation and other necessities are scarce. The terminally ill have no access to medication. Expectant mothers are being deprived of prenatal care. Children are unable to attain basic Islamic education.

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O Muslims of Assam! Do not despair! Indeed, Allāh Ta'ālā tests those whom HE loves.

Nabi sallāllahu 'alayhi wa sallam said: "The Ambiyā' 'alayhimus salām are put through the most severe difficulties. Thereafter those who are best after them (are put through difficulties) and then the best after them..." Indeed this is a means of your elevation in the esteem of Allāh Ta'ālā.

Whenever a Muslim faces any difficulty and perseveres through it, his sins are forgiven and his status by Allāh Ta'ālā increases.

Our reaction as an Ummah?

O Ummah of Muhammad Salāllahu alayhi wa sallam! Have we become oblivious of the difficulties facing the Muslim Ummah worldwide?

Ponder for a moment; the old chronically ill woman living without her medication could have been my own beloved mother! The woman forced to give birth in a refugee-like camp without access to medical care could have been my wife! The children going to bed hungry could have been my own children!

Have we forgotten: "The Muslim Ummah is like one body. If the eye pains, the whole body becomes uneasy. If the head pains, the whole body faces difficulty." (Bukhārī)

In reality these are our mothers, sisters and daughters in Iman.

Make dua for the people of Assam and those who are being oppressed in other parts of the world in the same way we would make dua if our near and dear ones were in distress. We should feel the same anguish for the people of Assam as we feel when people close to us are affected. This kind of dua is sure to bring a change of conditions from Allāh Ta'ālā.

Du'ā is a sure means of repelling calamities. Sadaqah on their behalf should also be disbursed.

An earnest appeal is made to every Ummati of Nabī sallāllahu alayhi wa sallam to make dua for the muslims of Assam and other parts of the world.

In addition, let us all resolve to turn to the obedience of Allāh Ta'ālā and abstain from sin.

Every avenue should be explored to bring relief to our fellow brothers and sisters.

May Allāh Ta'ālā grant ease and 'āfiyah to everyone in difficulty. Āmīn

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