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Oppression of Muslims in India

«And what is [the matter] with you that you fight not in the cause of Allāh and [for] the oppressed among men, women, and children who say, “Our Rabb, take us out of this city of oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper?”» (Al-Qur’ān 4/75)

There are many chilling similarities between the current atrocities in India and the genocides committed in other parts of the world.

The current spate of violence appears to be an extension of the strategically planned Gujarat massacres two decades ago.

State-endorsed hatred against India’s largest minority - the Muslims - is increasing. Masjids and Muslim businesses are singled out and targeted for destruction. The Gyanvapi Masjid in Varanasi has become the latest to face false allegations and is in danger of being demolished.

Muslims continue to face the sword-wielding hindutva fundamentalists and extremists, resulting in colossal loss of Muslim life. Tragically, these atrocities are going on unabated, coupled with the deafening silence from the Prime Minister and his Ministers.

Islamic institutions have been vandalized and considerable property has been destroyed. Muslim blood has become very cheap in India.

A ban on Hijāb has been imposed, opposition to the Adhān is on the increase, and the sourcing of Halāl food is being resisted. These are symptoms of the underlying anti-Muslim sentiment, which further fuels hostilities. It is indeed tragic to watch this unfold with subtle government approval.

The hindutva agenda, nurtured and promoted for decades, is being unleashed and given free rein to vent its unbridled hatred. The extremist media outlets glorify the killing of Muslims, resulting in the Muslim citizenry living in fear and apprehension.

The deceptive agenda is clear; demonize Muslims and identify them as rioters through fabricated media reports, and then demolish Muslim property through illegal means. After that, implicate the oppressed Muslims through made-up cases and harsh laws. In this way, the oppressors get away scot-free.

Alhamdulillah, Muslims in different states have demonstrated signs of resisting the violent onslaughts. Muslims organizing themselves to defend their lives and properties is a positive sign. The courage of local Muslim leaders to resist the evil designs of the hostile forces is encouraging. If this is not done, signs show that large-scale atrocities will be perpetrated.

To the Muslims in distress, exercise your Allāh-given right to defend yourself by whatever means necessary.

An appeal is made to those who have the capacity in India to offer legal support to the victims. The public should be given the confidence that the community leadership will strive to defend them legally in the event of being targeted with false cases. Such support will create a sense of trust within the community and encourage Muslims to form structures to defend themselves.

The Messenger of Allāh (Sallallāhu Alayhi wa Sallam) said, “The believers, in their love, mutual kindness, and close ties, are like one body; when any part complains, the whole body responds to it with wakefulness and fever.”

Our fellow Muslims in Ethiopia and other parts of the world are also being subjected to severe trials and are in dire need of support.

Their pain is our pain; their anguish is our anguish; their fear is ours.

A plea to the Ummah at large to:

- Refrain from disobeying Allāh Ta’āla. Adverse conditions are the result of our collective actions as an Ummah. The only solution is turning back to Allāh Ta’āla and fulfilling His commands.
- Fervently engage in Duā. Duā is indeed a weapon of a believer. Search for the times when Duā is readily accepted. For example, The Duā between Azān and Iqāmah is never rejected. Before every Salāh, let us raise our hands for a few brief minutes and at least assist our fellow Muslims with Duā.

Oh Allāh, take care of the oppressors as they are unable to overpower You. Oh Allāh, take care of those who plan against the Muslims and seize those who oppress them. Oh Allāh, let us see Your Greatness in how You deal with the oppressors. Oh Allāh, restrain the oppressors and bless the Muslims with safety and prosperity. Oh Allāh, protect the Masājid in India, particularly the Gyanvapi Masjid and all the Masājid throughout the world. Āmīn

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