

In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

Assalamu 'alaikum wa Rahmatullâhi wa Barakatuh

Dear respected brothers and sisters,

Allah says in the Qur'an: ***“O you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient”***.

In these difficult and challenging days, when our brothers and sisters are suffering in Palestine, particularly in the Gaza Strip and around the world, now is the time for us to remember our duty to trust in Allah and know that nothing that happens escapes His knowledge, and that everything that occurs is by His infinite Wisdom. It is imperative that we focus our thoughts and feelings on directing our hearts and trust towards the Most High, Almighty Allah, recognizing that He has absolute control over all affairs.

The tragical impact of this conflict reaches all of humanity, of which we are also a part, and it is necessary for all of us to live in peace. In this regard, our Imâms and Board Members offer the following guidance and recommendations:

- Remember that Allah has made us live in this peaceful country, far from war, and that the society we live in truly does not understand the distress the Palestinian population and all those affected by this conflict are going through.
- We recommend keeping the emotions we feel about this situation for an intimate conversation with Allah in the depth of the night.
- Emphasize respect for everyone, as a quality of a Muslim, whether we have an opinion about this situation or not.
- Always maintain a good attitude with our loved ones and family, without imposing our thoughts, even when we are right. This applies to neighbors and the community, even if they make mistakes with us. These attitudes could be a means of guidance and Hidayah for others, Allah willing.
- We must be very careful in our comments and attitude, especially on social media. We do not want to later regret unpleasant moments with our family, neighbors, colleagues, and the public in general.

- We recommend not reacting to emotional invitations, sharing and/or spreading information or images that may not only not help solve the problem, but may cause more harm than good.

These are situations in which we must remain calm, trust in Allah, and have patience, not forgetting that the Most High Allah affirms in the Holy Quran, **“After difficulty comes ease, indeed, after difficulty comes ease”**. Therefore, we must be certain that the situation will change to shed light on this conflict and bring peace, calm, and relief to our brothers and sisters.

We ask all our brothers and sisters that if they feel the urge to help and collaborate with money, seek the most direct, formal means that offer absolute confidence in the proper use of these resources, considering that only the most direct aid in the conflict zone is reaching those who need it most, and with many difficulties.

Let us be part of the solution to the problem by doing the most we can, with our supplication, Quranic recitation, Dhikr, patience, and voluntary fasting. Allah says in the Quran, **“Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves”**.

Brothers and sisters, our trust in Allah must be full and absolute, and our faith must be firm as the mountains. One who places their trust in Allah can never fail, for Allah does not oppress anyone, nor does He abandon His servants at any moment. Allah says, **“I am with My servant as he expects of Me”**.

May Allah help us and guide us. Ameen.

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