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From the Qur'an:

“O you who believe, fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may learn to live according to the commands of Allah. A few numbered days. However, if anyone of you is ill or on a journey then the prescribed number should then be completed in other days. And for those who can bear it, feeding of an indigent, shall be a ransom. And he that gives more (than this) of his own free will, it is better for him. And that you fast (and thus complete the number) is better for you, if only you knew. Ramadan is the (month) in which the Qur'an was sent down, as a guide to mankind and a clear guidance and judgment (so that mankind will distinguish right from wrong).”

(*Al-Baqarah: 183-185*)

Selected Hadith:

Allah's Messenger (SAAW) is reported to have said:

“Fasting is a shield with which a servant protects himself from the Fire (of the Hell).”

(*Musnad Ahmed*)

EDITORIAL

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers (AS), in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAAW).

The current issue of Perspective will focus on the Holy and blessed month of Ramadan, approaching fast.

Fasting is a common form of worship among the various religions across the world. Its spiritual benefits are widely recognized even though its frequency, practice and duration may differ from faith to faith. Islam places great importance on the act of fasting, calling it one of the pillars of worship, along with prayer, zakat and pilgrimage.

In Islam, fasting is one of the major acts of worship and a means of attaining God-consciousness. Along with the physical aspects of fasting, its spiritual dimensions purify the soul, instill self-reflection and inspire virtuous living.

Fasting is observed as an act of obedience to Allah (SWT), one for which He (SWT) has reserved special blessings. The fasting person is rewarded manifold for all good deeds. In addition, according to a saying of Prophet Muhammad (SAAW), whoever fasts and prays during Ramadan with pure intentions will have their past sins forgiven. (*Ref: Musnad Ahmad*)

At the same time, the Holy Prophet (SAAW) taught his followers to remain conscious of the deeper significance behind their fast, saying, “Whoever does not abandon falsehood in word and action, then Allah has no need that they should leave their food and drink.” (*Ref: Bukhari, Muslim*)

Therefore, fasting is multidimensional – along with the physical aspects of fasting, one must nurture the social and spiritual elements as well in order to fully benefit from fasting.

In essence, fasting in the month of Ramadan is a yearly opportunity for Muslims to physically and spiritually revive themselves. Fasting redirects the heart away from worldly affairs and towards the remembrance of Allah (SWT). During Ramadan, Muslims focus on strengthening their relationship with their Creator (SWT). The self-restraint practiced in Ramadan makes the heart and mind accustomed to the remembrance of Allah (SWT) and to the obedience of His (SWT) commandments.

Fasting during Ramadan is, therefore, a spiritual regimen and a reorientation for the body and mind. It is a time for spiritual reflection, prayer and good deeds. The spiritual cleansing during the month of Ramadan results in renewed determination to worship (SWT) throughout the year.

Fasting is intended to instill self-discipline, empathy and compassion in the individual. Muslims are motivated to increase their generosity during this month. They are encouraged to share the blessings that Allah (SWT) has provided them by giving generously in charity

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because wealth is regarded as a trust from Allah (SWT).

Fasting also reminds us of the importance of appreciating what we have and minimizing waste. From His (SWT) generosity, Allah (SWT) continuously graces us with His (SWT) favors, and fasting reinforces the concept that wasting the Creator's (SWT) bounties is a sign of ingratitude to Him (SWT).

The knot of relationship between the Month of Fasting (Ramadan) and the Book of Guidance (Al-Qur'an) are tied in the heavens. Some scholars have also said that the Qur'an was sent from a higher heaven (Sama'a) to a lower heaven (Sama'a, ready for the commencement of the temporal revelation in piecemeal) during the month of Ramadan. However, it is well acknowledged that the revelation of the Qur'an unto Prophet Muhammad (SAAW) began in the month of Ramadan in the Cave of Hira, where he (SAAW) used to go frequently for retreat, reflection and meditation.

The importance of this relationship is further strengthened with the knowledge that Arc-Angel Jibril (AS) would visit the Prophet (SAAW) every night in Ramadan to recite the Qur'an together: "...in the month of Ramadan when Jibril visited him, and Jibril used to meet him on every night of Ramadan till the end of the month. The Prophet used to recite the Qur'an to Jibril, and when Jibril met him, he used to be more generous than a fast wind (which causes rain and welfare)." (Ref: Sahih Bukhari)

In order to benefit from the gift of the Qur'an, we have to recite it (avoid reading too fast, remember we have been instructed to "...recite the Qur'an (aloud) in a slow, (pleasant tone and) style." (Ref: Qur'an 73:4))

Also, follow the etiquettes of reciting it, which include, among others, being in a state of wuduu, reciting with correct pronunciation and seeking refuge from Shaytan.

Finally, we have to live the Qur'an [the Prophet (SAAW) himself was described as 'the Walking Qur'an' by his wife, Aishah (RA)].

The Qur'an was revealed to be recited, respected, understood and internalized. So, don't just recite the Qur'an in Ramadan, memorize it, digest it and live it!

Aameen!

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

تنظیم حلافت کا قیام

تنظیم اسلامی کا پیغام

Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami
Hafiz Aakif Saeed

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Dr Israr Ahmad (RAA)

Ramadan Mubarak

May Allah (SWT) bestow his infinite blessings
and mercy on

all Muslims during this Holy Month.

May Allah (SWT) grant us the strength to fast at Day
& pray at night.

May Allah (SWT) accept our efforts made
during this Holy month.

Aameen!



RAMADAN KAREEM



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Date: 26 April 2019

Lahore (PR): “The act of blaspheming against a Companion (RA) of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) by an elected representative on a media channel is extremely condemnable.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, in a statement. The Ameer lamented the blasphemous way in which the provincial minister of women development of Sindh, Shehla Raza, had made mention of the Companion (RA) of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) and a scribe of the divine revelation, Hazrat Ameer Muawiyah (RA), in a talk show, and noted that it did not suit a Muslim to use such derogatory tone. He demanded that the party leadership ought to take notice of this incidence of the use of insulting language by the minister and take disciplinary action against her. He added that it is the obligation of the media, too, to act responsibly by ensuring that the use of such blasphemous language is strictly prohibited to be broadcast on air. The Ameer asserted that in fact it is, primarily, the responsibility of PEMRA to investigate the matter in an unbiased manner, and award exacting punishment to all those found guilty of violating the law.

While condemning the bomb blasts that took place in Sri Lanka, the Ameer expressed grief and sorrow on the incidence of terrorism. According to reports, evidence found during the initial investigations clearly showed that the acts of terror committed in Sri Lanka were connected to the covert activities perpetrated by the Indian spy agency “RAW”. However, the Ameer noted, that the leads found earlier were now being buried and the narrative being twisted on purpose to put the blame of the acts of terror on Islam and Muslims. He said that whenever and wherever an act of terror takes place in today’s world, it is inevitable linked in a deliberate and sinister way to Muslims. The Ameer remarked that, in fact, the Muslims around the world are falling prey to conspiracies against Islam because they are following the path of treachery against Allah (SWT) and His (SWT) Prophet (SAAW).

The Ameer concluded by insisting that the need of the hour for Muslims is to quit this attitude of betrayal, become sincere in loyalty to Allah (SWT) and His (SWT) Prophet (SAAW) and peruse their actual religious obligation of striving their utmost for establishing *Nizam-e-Mustafa* (SAAW) in their land, so that they could become eligible for the succor and benevolence of Allah (SWT) in this world.



Date: 19 April 2019

Lahore (PR): “The enemies in our neighborhood are involved in the recent incidents of terrorism in Baluchistan.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, in a statement. The Ameer noted that first, innocent people were made the target of terrorism in a bomb blast in a vegetable market in Baluchistan on April 12, and then just a few days after that atrocious incident, armed terrorists stopped a passenger bus, made the passengers to get off and after checking their ID cards martyred 14 innocent passengers. The Ameer remarked that it appeared that our enemies from across the border were trying to sow the seeds of xenophobia, provincialism and sectarianism amongst us in order to disunite the nation and make us fight against each other. The Ameer demanded from the government to swiftly identify the perpetrators behind these cruel and distressing acts of terror and award them exacting punishment.

While commenting on the re-election of the extremist Zionist politician, Benjamin Netanyahu, in the recently held elections in the illegitimate State of Israel, the Ameer remarked that the signs and acts of racial prejudice and enmity towards Islam had started to become even clearer after his victory in the elections. The Ameer lamented that first, the Zionist state converted the historical Al-Ahmar Mosque of South Jerusalem into a nightclub and then only a few days later, started a fire in the Al-Aqsa Mosque at exactly the same time when a fire erupted in the famous Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, in order to turn the eyes of the world away from the terrorist act of state-sponsored arson being perpetrated by Israel in the Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Ameer, while vehemently condemning these wicked acts, asserted that it has now become necessary for the leaders and rulers of the Muslim World to cast their love for worldly benefits aside, quit being mum on such attacks against Islam and take an unyielding stand against the enemies of Islam by implementing the Islamic System in their respective countries.

The Ameer concluded by remarking that this was the only way for them to be eligible for success in this world and in the Hereafter.

