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THE NIGHT OF QADR

Dear Muslims!

While carrying the loneliness and sadness of approaching last days of Ramadan, the month of Mercy and Forgiveness, we also feel the delight and excitement of reaching the night of Qadr, which is described as better than a thousand months. As you know, the night of forthcoming Tuesday is the night of Qadr.

This night, in which the most important event of the history of mankind took place, is a very special night. The night of Qadr is a very special night because our holy book, the Qur'ân had been revealed in this night. Allah (s.w.t.) says in Surah of al-Qadr: " Verily, we have sent it down in the night of Al-Qadr. And what will make you know what the night of Al-Qadr is? The night of Al-Qadr is better than a thousand months. Therein descend the angels and the Ruh (Jibril) by Allah's permission with all decrees. The night of Al-Qadr is filled with peace until the appearance of dawn."¹

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The way of comprehending the night of Qadr's virtues is understanding of matchless message of Holy Quran. So, the night of Qadr should be accepted as an opportunity to learn Quran, to understand the Messenger of Allah, and to leave all kind of bad deeds. Because, the sole book aiming to provide the happiness of people in this world and in the Hereafter is the Noble Quran. And it is also the book including the divine measures, which provide love and helping each other; enlighten the way for solving great many ethical and social problems in the frame of justice; show the

roads of developing to people; and prepare them for the future. Quran expresses these characteristics through these verses: " Verily this Quran guides to that which is most right (or stable), and gives the glad tidings to the Believers who work deeds of righteousness, that they shall have a magnificent reward."² "We send down (stage by stage) in the Quran that which is a healing and a mercy to those who believe: to the unjust it causes nothing but loss after loss."³

Dear Mumins !

In the night of Qadr when the countless spiritual beauties are experienced and limitless rewards are given let's invoke Allah to forgive us; not deviate our hearts after he has guided; give us knowledge, understanding and ikhlas...



Let's think what we can do for the salvation of whom, who have to live with weeping and for smiles in faces of whom, who are in distress and trouble. Our prophet, Muhammad (s.a.w.) informed us that "Whoever performs the night prayer on the night of Al-Qadr with Eemaan (firm belief) and seeking reward will have all his past sins forgiven."⁴

I will finish my khutba with a dua, which our Prophet (s.a.w.) recommended it to our mother Aisha (r.a.): "O Allah, indeed you are All-Pardoning. You love forgiveness, so forgive me."⁵

² Al-Isrâ', 17/9.

³ Al-Isrâ', 17/82.

⁴ Buhârî, Fadlu Laylati'l-Qadr, 1.

⁵ Tirmizî, Deavât, 84.

¹ Al-Qadr, 97/1-5.