

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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RIGHTS OF MUMINS ONTO EACH OTHER

Dear Muslims!

The religion of Islam has greatly dignified the human being as being the most honorable one of the creatures, and has also loaded responsibilities on humans in that extent. One of these responsibilities is that of our duties towards our Muslim brothers.

Our beloved Prophet (s.a.w.) said in one of his hadith: *"Every Muslim has five rights over another Muslim: To return the greetings, to visit the sick, to accompany funeral processions, to accept an invitation, to respond to the sneezer. One should respond to the person's sneeze by saying, 'Yarhamuka Allah' (May Allah bestow His Mercy on you), when the sneezer praises Allah."*¹ And in another hadith: *"One amongst you believes (truly) till one likes for his brother or for his neighbor that which he loves for himself."*²

Dear Muslims!

People who live within the structure of a community should show appropriate understanding, help one another, and cooperate and share, and they should consider these kindnesses as basic principles for their society. Our exalted religion has declared mumins as brothers in order that they should be in union, cooperation, and solidarity. Likewise, our Lord (s.w.t.) has ordained about this matter in the Qur'ân as follows: **"The believers are nothing else than brothers. So make reconciliation between your brothers, and fear Allah, that you may receive mercy."**³ How meaningful our beloved Prophet's (s.a.w.) warnings are, those are concerned with treatments which could damage our brotherhood or ties of friendship: *"Do not hate one another, and do not be jealous of one another, and do not desert each other, do not*

*practice najash (Bidding over one another. Recall that this is one's intervention during a commercial negotiation, which causes the agreement to be dissolved.) and O, Allah's worshipers! Be brothers. A Muslim is the brother of each other. The Muslim is the brother of his fellow Muslim: he is never unjust to him, and he never betrays him; he never lets him down."*⁴

Dear Congregation!

As it is seen, our duties towards our brothers in Islam, with whom we live together and share our lives, environment, quarters, and mosque, are the matters that Islam emphasizes particularly. So, as the Prophet (s.a.w.) said, what we love or like for ourselves, we should desire for our brothers in religion as well. Also, we should show a smiling face to all Muslims and strive to speak

pleasantly. We should treat each other very hospitably, greet, and share happiness and sadness of each other. Moreover, we should also intensely avoid things that could disturb or distress those who live around us. As a human being, if we create a fault or treat unjustly our brothers in religion, then we must demand their forgiveness by compensating their rights.

I will finish my khutba with a hadith of Rasulullah (s.a.w.): *"Whosoever has done injustice to anyone regarding their wealth or honor, let him settle it with them today, before the day comes when there will be no benefit from silver or gold; if he has good deeds, then a portion equal to his oppression will be taken from his record of good deeds and given to them (the oppressed) and if he had no good deeds, a portion equal to his oppression will be taken from their record of sins and be placed in their records."*⁵



¹ Bukhârî, Janâiz, 2 II/70.

² Bukhârî, Eiman, 7 I/9

³ Al-Hujurât, 10.

⁴ Riyâdu's-Sâlihîn, vol.1. No: 233.

⁵ Bukhârî, Mazâlim, 10; Rikâk, 48.