

## FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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### THE LITTLE AND MOST HONORABLE CALIPHATE(S) OF THE WORLD: THE CHILDREN

#### **Brothers and Sisters!**

Anas (r.a) who was brought up by our Prophet (p.b.u.h) had a brother named Abu Umayr. Abu Umayr loved birds and had a sparrow as a pet. One day it caught the attention of our Prophet that Umayr was deeply sad. He asked him why. He learnt that Umayr's pet had died and he was very sad. So our Prophet went up to Umayr and caressed his head and tried to comfort him. He did not suffice with this. He visited the home of Umayr and paid his condolences to the little boy.<sup>1</sup>

Our prophet was an envoy of compassion. He was a river of mercy. He reminded us of our lost childhood. He reintroduced us to our long lost innocence. For him children and childhood was the breath of heaven.

#### **Dear Believers!**

Children are a ray of holy light, they are the heavenly illumination. That is what the Quran teaches us.<sup>2</sup> When the eye loses the light it can no longer see. The future of the family and the community are children. If the child is neglected, pushed around and forgotten the family and the community cannot look into the future. Humanity cannot live in peace as long as it fails to think about the future and mold the future for the benefit of the children.

There can be no salvation as long as we do not look at the children from a perspective of "the Little and Most Honorable Caliphates of the World". It is true that all children are innocent and they deserve all the goodness and beauties the world has to offer.

#### **Dear Believers!**

The screams of the children living in the geography of our hearts are reaching the skies which are deeply hurting our hearts. Hundreds of children are suffering deep hardships in several Muslim lands like Arakan, in Mosul and in Aleppo every day. So many are maimed, become orphans and are being massacred. Today the future of the Ummah is being lost under the clutches of cruelty, violence, wars and massacres. We should be leaving behind a secure world for our children and yet all we are doing is giving them violence and cruelty. Lifeless bodies of

children like Aylan baby are being washed ashore as people try to seek new hopes in new lands. In fact what is being washed ashore is not just the lifeless bodies of children but the conscience of humanity.

Children like Omran in Aleppo are awaiting a helping hand as bombs rain upon them. In fact what is being trapped under the rubble of the destruction is the conscience and mercy of humanity. So many oppressed and underprivileged are complaining to the Almighty Allah about our shortcomings.

#### **Brothers and Sisters!**

Let us not forget that the existence of our children is a test for us. Unfortunately we are losing this test every passing day. We are responsible for each tear shed by a child. On the Day of Judgment the Almighty will make us give an account for what we did for the orphans, the underprivileged and the homeless. So brothers and sisters we have to make up. We have to strive to leave behind a humanity with virtues and a much better world for our children. We have to join forces to combat evil that is encircling us more and more every passing day. We have to especially protect the orphans of our ummah. Mercy has to be our basic principle as our Prophet has warned us "Allah will not show mercy to those who do not show mercy to their fellow human beings".<sup>3</sup>

We have to raise our children in an environment of affection and compassion. We have to strengthen their existing affection for Allah. We have to teach them the exemplary morals of our Prophet.

#### **Brothers and sisters!**

May Allah help us create a more secure and beautiful world for our children.

<sup>1</sup> Bukhârî, Adab, 112; Abû Dâvûd, Adab, 69.

<sup>2</sup> Furkân, 25/74.

<sup>3</sup> Bukhârî, Tawhid, 2