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Seditions and Unrests: Landmarks and Reflections

Khutbah Topic

His Eminence SheikhSalehIbn Humaid –may Allah protect him– delivered this Friday’s Khutbah titled “**Seditions andUnrests:LandmarksandReflections**”in which he talked about theseditions andunrestswhichtheworld is witnessing these days and showed the importance of returning, in dealing with them, to the Book, the *Sunnah* and the understanding of the righteous *salaf*. He also mentioned some landmarks and illuminating examples thatlight thewayto anyone seeking the path of Truth.

Part One

Praise be to Allah Who is the Sole Possessor of complete perfection and the Granter of abundant graces. We praise Him for everything and atalltimes. I praise Him –May He be extolled– and thank Him as He should be thanked andpraised. He starts by providing benevolence before He is even asked for it. I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah alone with no associate.He is far abovehaving likes of Him, peers or matches, and I bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is the Servant and Messenger of Allah who is described as having magnificent morals and noble attributes. May Allah send His abundant*Salat* (Graces, Honours, Mercy), Peace and Blessing upon him, his righteous and pious Companions, his noble and immaculate family, and the *tabi'in* (the contemporaries of the Companions of the Prophet [May Allah’s *Salat* and Peace be upon him] after his death),and those who followed them with righteousness until the Day of Judgement!

Nowthen,

I exhort you, O people, as well as myself, to observe *taqwa*(fear of disobeying Allah), may Allah have mercy upon you:

[And be afraid of the Day when you shall be brought back to Allâh. Then every person shall be paid what he earned, and they shall not be dealt with unjustly.] [Al-Baqarah: 281]

Beware –May Allah have mercy on you– of eyes that are focusing upon the pleasures of the herein, of souls that are striving to win thissort and transient life, of ears that areturningdeaf to the remembrance of Allah, and of hearts that are becoming black because of sins.



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In the Book of Allah is the greatest rebuke and in the days' exhortations is a great lesson for those with keen insight. Funerals haul the dead from their spacious palaces to their narrow graves; soft bodies are wrapped in folded shrouds. Death is enough as a preacher:

[Surely, that which you are promised will verily come to pass, and you cannot escape (from the Punishment of Allâh).] [Al-An'âm: 134]. [O mankind! Verily, the Promise of Allâh is true. So let not this present life deceive you, and let not the chief deceiver (Satan) deceive you about Allâh.] [Fâṭir: 5]

O Muslims!

Our age is full of changing situations, vicissitudes, and surprises. It is full of seditions ignited by our enemies. It is a fire kindled to keep us busy with sectarian wars, partisan disputes, regional conflicts, and domestic tribulations.

These are seditions threatening the whole world with the danger of terrorism and terrorists, defacing Islam, dismembering Muslims, and disintegrating Muslim homes with the aim of causing further perdition, poverty, displacement, and despair.

Nourished, financed and armed by international and regional intelligence, terrorism is the concoction and making of these foreign powers. Its fuel are misguided 'Kharijites' and professional agents who have sold out their souls to the enemy of religion, of the *Ummah* and all the Muslim homelands. It is a terrorism that treats Muslim communities as unbelievers, and legalizes the shedding of innocent and inviolable blood.

These seditions and events have revealed secrets, exposed some peoples, brought down key figures, and uncovered the faults of international agreements, pacts and false calls for peace.

O Muslim brothers and sisters!

To further explain, let me say that there are two types of terrorism: organized terrorism and state terrorism. Organized terrorism is spear-headed by the Kharijites of modern times who kill Muslims and spare idolaters, the ignorant, the impudent and the shameless.

Listen –May Allah have mercy on you– to the wonderful analysis and meticulous diagnosis of Wahb Ibn Munabbih: a pious third-generation *tābi'ī* and a narrator of the *Two Sahih Books* and the *Sunan Books*¹ who lived a thousand and two hundred years ago:

¹ While the two sahihs are two hadith books collected by Imam Bukhari and Imam Muslim, the Sunan are four others collected by Abu Dawūd, AL-Nasāī, Al-Tirmithi and Ibn Mājah.



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He said, may Allah bless his soul: *“I witnessed the early period of Islam. I swear by Allah that no sooner had the Kharijites formed an integrated group than Allah disbanded them in the worst condition, and no sooner had anyone of them dared declare his ill intentions than Allah beheaded him. If Allah gave them power, the earth would be corrupt, roads would be blocked, hajj would be stopped, Islam would relapse into Jāhiliyyah, and each one of them would claim the right to be caliph. Each one of them had ten thousand supporters fighting each other, accusing each other of kufr (unbelief). In a situation like that, one would be afraid for his life, religion, family and property not knowing which group to side with.”*

Brothers and sisters in Islam!

Have you ever seen a more accurate diagnosis and clearer analysis than this?

Describing the Kharijites, Imam Ibn Kathir –May Allah bless his soul– says, *“If those people gathered enough strength, they would corrupt the whole earth, Iraq and Sham (the Levant). They would spare no child, man or woman since they believe that Muslims have become so corrupt and incorrigible that nothing can remedy except mass killing.”*

Indeed, there is no power or strength except with Allah!

What kind of religion and what kind of belief are these that turn them into enemies to their Muslim brothers and allow them to engage in aggressive, hostile actions against their homelands wreaking havoc on them, thus giving advantage to the enemy of the religion and faith and standing behind hostile slogans that are lying in wait for Islam and Muslims?

These are but naïve, self-conceited and deceived Muslim youths, being led to perdition on account of their ignorance and zealotry. They have entered into this sinister stratagem and have wrongly and unjustly thrown their lot with the executioner and the body-shredder.

This is accompanied –O Muslims– by absolute reticence where international and regional secret services have been busy luring and recruiting more of our naïve children and using them to prolong sectarian violence, regional disintegration, and partisan disunity.

These novice and simple-minded youths fall easy prey to foreign intelligence machination. They are made up of either a stupid executer, a more stupid cheerful member or an even more stupid supporter!

Such youths are blind to the fact that they are serving their enemy, destroying their own homes, weakening their ranks, disuniting their *Ummah*, undermining their community and severing their ties with it. They are even casting doubt on the unshakable principles and tenets of their *Ummah* and are therefore pushing it into internal disputes, fighting and attrition of human and material resources and weakening the loyalty to religion, the homeland and the *Ummah*.



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Dear Muslims!

It is this world's dreadful reticence that encourages murderers to perpetrate their terrorist genocide and mass killings in Syria, Iraq, Yemen and other places in endless shameful and mournful series of actions perpetrated by these aberrant and blood-thirsty *takfiri* sects².

This is exploitation of terrorism to serve political agendas, hostile plots and futile interests. What catastrophe is more calamitous than brother killing brother within the same country, nay, within the same sect!

The only victims of their hostility and aggression are their own brethren, families and compatriots, whereas the real Jewish enemy, the usurper and occupier of their land, is safe and sound.

O Muslims!

So much about organized and partisan terrorism!

Insofar as state terrorism is concerned, our Zionist enemy takes first place. The Zionist aggressions and crimes represent the utmost terrorism and violation of the legitimate rights of our Palestinian brethren in the occupied territories. What can be more terrorising than the agony suffered by our Palestinian brethren, their women and children, schools, mosques, hospitals, shelters and tunnels?

Israel is an occupying state acting like a terrorist group. With its tremendous arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, Israel is using violence, murder, destruction and terrorism to achieve its aims and commit the most hideous massacres and the most heinous acts of terrorism against the Palestinians.

Modern mass media have revealed more of the heinous attacks on unarmed and innocent civilians as the Zionist attacks were targeting mosques, schools, shelters, and market places while the whole world was watching silently. It is an aggression that reveals hysteric barbarism.

Dear Muslims!

Palestine has achieved victory and so has Gaza because it has exposed the enemy's aggression, falsehood and barbarism. We express our thanks and appreciation to all those who have stood by our just cause and supported the oppressed against the oppressor.

² - *Takfīrīs* are Muslims who accuse other Muslims with apostasy/heresy.



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Gaza held up firmly, and showed a great deal of patience. It ignited stone, and mocked many humans and pseudo-humans putting those cowards to shame. Just like life is negotiation, it is also struggle and sacrifices. The defeatists, the languid and the effete are driven by their ephemeral interests, suspicious plans or limited political gains. Let those who kept speechless in the face of terrorism, whether in its states, groups or organisations, know that they will certainly be burned by it too.

Let the Jews know that our right will never be forfeited. Self-defence is a legitimate right, resistance is standing tall. It is right and justice that will be victorious sooner or later. The Palestinian question remains the Muslims' major concern regardless of the futility of politics or of magnitude of the sacrifices. We will never renounce our rights or offer them for sale.

Had the world given up its double standard policy and political hypocrisy, blood would not have been shed and terrorism would not have gained ground.

O servants of Allah!

What disgrace will be hanging over this world represented by its organizations, its human rights bodies, and its security and UN councils?! What disgrace it is when destruction has become a slogan, terrorism politics, and politics interests?!

Now then, may Allah protect you against the evils of seditions! In the presence of seditions and tribulations it becomes clear as to who supports right, who keeps his word and promise; in the presence of seditions and tribulations, silence kills, words expose, and letting down (others) reveals itself and is revealed.

However, in the midst of tragedies are born relief and the way out: [... It may be that you dislike a thing and Allâh brings through it a great deal of good.][Al-Nisâ': 19]

May Allah benefit me and you from the Great Qur'ân and the Guidance of Muhammad (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him). This being said, I ask Allah to forgive my sins, yours, and those of all the Muslims, so ask Him to forgive you, for He is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful!



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Part Two

Praise be to Allah! He has repeated and clarified (His signs) and generously bestowed his blessings. I praise Him, the Almighty, and I thank Him. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah Who has no partner, a pure and sincere witness to become a covenant for me with the Merciful. I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him) is Allah's Servant and Messenger, and that he is the honest and the truthful one. May Allah send His abundant, ceaseless and eternal *Salat* (Graces, Honours, Mercy), Peace and Blessing upon him, his family and his Companions, who kept to the Straight Path and were rightly guided, as well as on the *tabi'īn* (the contemporaries of the



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Companion of the Prophet [May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him] after his death) and those who follow them in righteousness!

Now then, O Muslims!

In this atmosphere of seditions and amidst the tumult of turbulences, it would be useful to remind you of some features of the approach adopted by the righteous *Salaf* (pious and righteous predecessors), the *People of the Sunnah and Jamā'ah*. These include:

The *salaf* stick to evidence (from the *Qur'an* and *Sunnah*) and to the *Sharia* interest in their Jihad, in calling to Islam, in enjoining good and forbidding evil, and in their positions vis-à-vis the evil innovations (in religion). They do this by way of advice for the sake of Allah, His Messenger, and the community of believers, not with the aim of quenching one's thirst for revenge or defaming.

They cover the defects of Muslims; they do not seek to hunt for others' faults or speak of scholars' mistakes except to reveal the truth. While doing that, they remain polite, safeguard the rights of others and seek excuses for them as much as they can; for it is indeed a sign of a poor knowledge of religion and *fiqh*, a weak faith and short-sightedness to believe that the legal rights of an opponent (in religious interpretation or politics) automatically drop, or that justice weakens in his case. It is also a fixed matter for the Sunni Muslims that Islam might be supported by a licentious person and immoral people especially in times of turbulences and seditions.

Again, among the features of their approach is that they consider inventions in religion similar to the rest of sins; that is they include grave and simple sins, and clear and doubtful ones. The protected one is he whom Allah protects, for differences due to different interpreting, due to committing errors, or due to lack of knowledge are indeed characteristics of most humans.

It is a feature of piety and righteousness—may Allah protect you—that a person should accuse himself (i.e. bring it always to accountability), especially if he is known for being righteous, knowledgeable, and generous; he must search for his own defects and busy himself with fixing them in order to protect his faith, and he should accept the truth from whoever it comes.

Yes indeed, Sunni Muslims are the ones who do not at all think of themselves as being faultless or perfect; they do not commend themselves with titles or slogans:

[It will not be in accordance with your desires (Muslims), nor those of the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians)][Al-Nisā': 123]

They accept the repentance of those who repent, the apology from those who apologize, pray for the doers of good, fear for the doers of evil, do not feel happy for the



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stumbles of others, do not like sinners to commit further sins. They pray Allah to guide the sinners; they understand the meaning of jihad with the pious and impious alike in the battlefield, in politics, in the struggle to acquire knowledge or to call (to Islam). That is because what is meant is to vex the sworn and clear enemy. They do not do injustice to people when buying from them or selling to them; they choose the least harmful and avoid the more corrupt of any two things; they keep their patience in choosing the least evil of any two evil things, and they select that which is simpler of any two matters.

In light of their approach, their support and opposition of others are based on facts not on mere rumours or names; they do not dig into the hearts of people to know their hidden ideas and secrets, nor do they mistrust others. Indeed, they ask Allah to free their hearts of any malice against the believers. Besides, they are strong when it comes to supporting the truth, though without extremism, merciful on the creatures without remissness, tough on those who go astray, but without injustice or abuse.

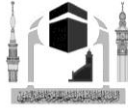
The Sunni Muslims are united in their approach, goals, and course of action; they vary in their qualifications and positions: they include scholars, *mujahideen*, callers (to Islam), and anticipators of reward in the hereafter (by sacrificing something for the sake of Allah). Anyone who has not been accused of invention in religion is considered one of them.

The path of Sunni Muslims' followers is the straightest, safest, and broadest; it has included earlier generations from among the *Muhajireen* (immigrants from Makkah), the *Ansār* (Madinah inhabitants who supported the Prophet [May Allah's Salat and Peace be upon him] and his followers who immigrated to Madinah), the *A'rāb* (Bedouins), the ones who embraced Islam at the conquest of Makkah and those who were set free (and were not punished for their anti-Islam crimes) by the Prophet. In that are levels of belief which only Allah knows. He –glorified be He– says:

[Then We gave the Book the Qur'ân) for inheritance to such of Our slaves whom We chose (the followers of Muhammad SAW). Then of them are some who wrong their own selves, and of them are some who follow a middle course, and of them are some who are, by Allâh's Leave, foremost in good deeds. That (inheritance of the Qur'ân), that is indeed a great grace.][Fâṭir: 32]

They assist each other on this path; all of them, by the grace and mercy of Allah, will arrive at a good destination (i.e. paradise).

Therefore, fear Allah –may Allah have mercy on you– and bear in mind that those who can speak in case of seditions are scholars and insightful people; for when they are resorted to in such cases, seditions will then –Allah willing– be attenuated and burnt out. However, when the ignorant, the brainless youth and the foolish indulge into speaking of them, then these seditions will grow more dangerous, more evil, and more devastating.



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This is the reason why the *Salaf* have warned us against taking such cases:

Imam Ahmad, may Allah bless his soul, says: "*Silence during seditions is a confirmed Sunnah and I like to adhere to it. If afflicted, then sacrifice yourself for the sake of your religion and never support sedition, whether by your hand or your tongue. Rather, restrain your hand, tongue, and desire, for Allah alone is the helper.*"

Imam Sufiyān Athawry also says: "*This is the time of silence, staying at home, and being content with whatever food you have got until you die.*"

Abdullah Ibn Hubairah says: "*Whoever witnesses a sedition he should break his leg and if it gets healed, let him break the other one.*"

Now, this is said, ask Allah to send His *Salat* (Graces, Honours, and Mercy) and Peace upon the Given Mercy and the Offered Blessing, your Prophet Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, for Allah commanded you to do so, for Allah, the All-Knowing, says:

[Allāh sends His *Salāt* (Graces, Honours, Blessings, Mercy) on the Prophet (Muhammad), and also His angels (ask Allāh to bless and forgive him). O you who believe! Send your *Salāt* on (ask Allāh to bless) him (Muhammad), and (you should) greet (salute) him with the Islāmic way of greeting (salutation i.e. As-Salāmu `Alaikum).][Al-Aḥzāb: 56]

O Allah! Send Your *Salat*, (Graces, Honours, and Mercy), Peace and Blessing upon Your Servant and Messenger, our Prophet Muhammad, his family, his wives, and all his progeny! O Allah! Be pleased with the four guided Caliphs, Abu Bakr, Omar, Othman and Ali, with all the Companions, the *tabi'in* (the contemporaries of the Companions of the Prophet [May Allah's *Salat* and peace be upon him] after his death) and those who righteously follow them till the Day of Judgement. O Allah! Be also pleased with us all, along with them, by Your Pardon and Generosity, O You, the Most Generous and Bounteous of all!

O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims! O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims! O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims, and fail polytheism and polytheists (who associate partners with You)! O Allah Protect Your religion, grant victory to the believers among Your servants, and render unsuccessful the despots and atheists and all the enemies of faith and religion!

O Allah! Grant victory to Your religion, Book, the Sunnah of Your Prophet Muhammad (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him), and Your righteous servants!



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O Allah! Grant us security in our homelands! O Allah! Make good our leaders and those responsible for our affairs, and make our leadership from among those who are fearful of You, who guard *taqwa* (fear of disobeying Allah), and follow the path that leads to Your satisfaction, O You, Lord of al-'ālamîn (the worlds)!

O Allah! Support with the Truth and Guidance our Imam who is responsible for our affairs! Guide him to what You like and accept, guide him to righteousness and piety, support him with the righteous retinue; O Allah! Make through him Your religion strong and Your word the uppermost and make him a support to Islam and Muslims! O Allah! Make through him unity among Muslims and on the grounds of righteousness and guidance! O Allah! Guide him, his two deputies, his brothers and assistants to do what is good for the people and homeland!

O Allah! Grant victory to the *Mujahideen*, O Allah! Grant victory to the *Mujahideen* who struggle in Your Path to empower Your religion and raise high Your Word! O Allah! Grant them victory in Palestine and everywhere, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Destroy the Zionists! O Allah! Destroy the Zionist occupiers, for You are certainly able to do so! O Allah! Inflict Your wrath which is so inevitably destined to strike the people who are *Mujrimûn* (criminals, polytheists or sinners)! O Allah! We pray You to drive them off to their own detriment and we seek refuge in You from their evils!

O Allah! Whoever intends to do any evil against us, our religion, our homeland, our security, our leaders, our (religious) scholars, the good and the righteous among us, our security forces our *Ummah*, or our unity, O Allah, get him busy with himself, let his plotting return against him, and make his destruction in his planning, O You, the Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Protect us against the evil of wrongdoers, the maliciousness of the lecherous and the evil of those plotting to carry it out by day or night!

O Allah! You are the Generous! Safeguard for us the bliss of our security, rightly guide its leaders, empower its men, support them, strengthen them, increase their good, guidance, and support! O Allah! Cure their ill, have mercy on their martyrs, protect their families and progeny, O Lord of the worlds!

O Allah! We have brothers and sisters in faith who are helpless and oppressed in Palestine, Syria, and Gaza! O Allah! They have been inflicted with adversity and anguish! Their condition has turned to be so harsh; they have been subjected to oppression, tyranny, homelessness, and siege. Blood is being shed over there, innocent people killed, women widowed, children orphaned, and houses and facilities destroyed. O Allah, the Supporter of the helpless! O Allah, the Supporter of the helpless and the Saver of the believers! Grant them victory, take care of them, relieve their anguish, lift off their adversity, and grant them victory against their enemy and theirs!



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O Allah! Set right the conditions of Muslims! O Allah! Set right the conditions of Muslims everywhere! O Allah! Stop their bloodshed, give their leadership to the best among them, protect them against the evildoers amongst them, and unite their word on the Truth, the right guidance, and the *Sunnah*! Spread security and prosperity in their homelands! O Allah! Lift off war and hardship from amongst them! Give them refuge against evils and seditions, whether explicit or implicit!

[Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You forgive us not, and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be of the losers.][Al-A'rāf: 23]

[... Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!][Al-Baqarah: 201]

O servants of Allah!

[Verily, Allāh enjoins *Al-Adl* (i.e. justice and worshipping none but Allāh Alone - Islāmīc Monotheism) and *Al-Ihsān* [i.e. to be patient in performing your duties to Allāh, totally for Allāh's sake and in accordance with the *Sunnah* (legal ways) of the Prophet SAW in a perfect manner], and giving (help) to kith and kin^[1] (i.e. all that Allāh has ordered you to give them e.g., wealth, visiting, looking after them, or any other kind of help, etc.): and forbids *Al-Fahshā'* (i.e. all evil deeds, e.g. illegal sexual acts, disobedience of parents, polytheism, to tell lies, to give false witness, to kill a life without right, etc.), and *Al-Munkar* (i.e. all that is prohibited by Islāmīc law: polytheism of every kind, disbelief and every kind of evil deeds, etc.), and *Al-Baghy* (i.e. all kinds of oppression), He admonishes you, that you may take heed.][Al-Nahl: 90]

Then, remember Allah and He will remember you; thank Him for His bounties and He will increase them for you. The remembrance of Allah is indeed the greatest, and Allah knows what you are doing.



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