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World Muslim Leader prays for innocent Victims of Israel-Palestine Conflict

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad calls on the Muslim nations to play their roles in ending the violence and establishing peace



His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, the *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim, Community, the Fifth Khalifa* (Caliph) has condemned the ongoing violence in Gaza during the final *Friday Sermon* of this year's Islamic month of *Ramadan*.

His Holiness also spoke in detail about *Lailatul Qadr*, known as the 'the Night of Decree' which, according to Islamic teachings, occurs in the final days of *Ramadan*. His Holiness counselled Ahmadi Muslims to seek righteousness and to increase in the worship of the One God.

Addressing an audience of thousands of Ahmadi Muslims gathered at the *Baitul Futuh Mosque* in London on 25 July 2014, His Holiness gave a detailed analysis of the ongoing Israel-Palestine conflict. The sermon was also broadcast live across the world on *MTA International*.

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Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“With great regret it must be said that today it is the ill fortune of many Muslim countries that they are no longer united. Members of the public are fighting amongst themselves; citizens are also fighting with governments, whilst governments are inflicting cruelty upon their public. Therefore, not only has unity been lost, but great cruelties and injustices are being perpetrated.

The result of the lack of unity is that non-Muslim countries now have the confidence to do whatever they please against the Muslims and this is the very reason that Israel is currently engaged in killing scores of innocent Palestinians in the most cruel manner.

If the Muslims were united and followed the path of God then the collective strength of the Muslim nations is so great that this cruelty could never have taken place.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“Compared to Israel, the Palestinians have no power or strength. Certainly all cruelty is wrong and so if Hamas is perpetrating cruelty, then the Muslim countries should also stop them. However, if you are to compare the relative strengths and cruelties of the two sides, it is as if one side is using a stick, whilst the other side is utilising a fully equipped army to perpetrate its injustice.

“Recently, Turkish Muslims held an event of mourning and in this way Muslim countries think they have fulfilled their responsibility. However, they are not fulfilling their required role and similarly the Western world is also not fulfilling its responsibility. They should have actively and firmly stopped the cruelty.

“Regardless, we can only pray that Allah the Almighty protects the persecuted and the innocent from this cruelty and that peace can be established.

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Furthermore, may Allah the Almighty grant sense and wisdom to those Muslim countries that are fighting against one other and increasing in disorder. May Allah enable unity to be born amongst them.”

During an hour long Friday Sermon, His Holiness also spoke in great detail about *Lailatul Qadr*, the holy *Night of Decree*.

He explained the various significances of the term ‘*Lailatul Qadr*’ and how people can benefit from it. He noted that this blessing was correlated with national unity and harmony.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad concluded by saying:

“Today marks the final Friday of this year’s Ramadan – however it should not be that the blessings of this month now depart but rather its blessings should come to last a lifetime. May we always fulfil the objectives for which the Holy Quran was revealed.”

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