

Press Release

“The Blackberry During the Raid is of No Use!”

The Readiness of the Khilafah State in Dealing with Disasters and Accidents

(Translated)

The collapse of a residential building in the Al-Weibdeh area in the center of the capital, Amman, on Tuesday, killed 9 people and injured 10 others, in an unending toll, as the search for survivors continues among the rubble. There is unconfirmed information about the presence of more than 10 people under the rubble, among whom are alive, and the Amman Municipality has evacuated 4 buildings adjacent to the collapsed building.

First of all, we ask Allah the Almighty to have mercy on those who died in this tragic accident, and healing for the injured, and to inspire all their families' patience and better their condolences. The Muslim has nothing but submission to Allah the Almighty's decree and patience for what Allah (swt) has afflicted him with, perhaps Allah will replace him in this world and the hereafter with something better than what he has missed or lost.

However, there is another aspect of the issue that has nothing to do with fate and destiny. Rather, it is at the heart of the ruler's care for his flock. Accidents and disasters have been repeated in the length and breadth of the country and varied, over decades; of accidents and disasters that follow heavy rain and snow and the collapse of infrastructure, to the incident of gas leakage, lack of oxygen, traffic accidents, and accidents of collapse of buildings and walls, whether old or dilapidated, as it is said, or even new ones that are under construction, most of which resulted in the loss of innocent lives and losses in terms of physical and material injuries.

Despite these accidents and disasters and their recurrence, the people see nothing from the regime, its apparatus, and its readiness that they praise, but confusion and instantaneous panic in dealing with the effects of these disasters. The people of Jordan pay the highest taxes in the world, and the state owes billions until the debt exceeds 51 billion dollars. They hardly see a trace of taking care of their interests, as the infrastructure is dilapidated under the pressure of the accelerating governments. And there is no water or energy except at the highest prices, if any is available, and the interests of education and higher education are at the worst level, and health care is only attained by some people with extreme difficulty, and when accidents occur, we do not find strategies, mechanisms, or plans of cooperation between the concerned sectors to reduce the impact of these accidents, although we are in the media at the forefront of countries that are in a state of panic to provide technical, material and medical assistance to disasters that occur in other countries of the world.

The basis of the problem in the real and correct care of people, and the hardship they live in, whether in a time of prosperity or a time of adversity, disasters and accidents, is to distance Islam from the battlefield of life, and to replace the capitalist system with Islam, for the democratic capitalist system does not look at things except from a materialistic view.

It is inhumane, so it only takes into account the material feasibility in dealing with disasters, and does not care about the care and interests of man and the preservation of the human soul except to the extent of the material interests that he derives.

But the Islamic State, i.e. the Khilafah (Caliphate) State, is charged with securing the lives of its citizens at all times. The Messenger (saw) says: «كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَمَسْنُونٌ عَنِ رَعِيَّتِهِ؛ فَإِمَامٌ رَاعٍ وَهُوَ مَسْنُونٌ» **“Surely! Everyone of you is a guardian and is responsible for his charges: The Imam (ruler) of the people is a guardian and is responsible for his subjects”** (Narrated by Al-Bukhari)

From the perspective of taking care of the affairs that the Khaleefah (Caliph) must have towards his subjects, and to prevent or eliminate the damage resulting from such disasters, the Islamic State is responsible for the preventive preparation against these disasters, for preparing in advance to confront them when they occur, and for rebuilding and supporting the disaster areas.

Accidents and disasters require full preparation because the times of their occurrence are unknown. Rapid response during and after disasters such as the collapse of buildings on their residents is very important in saving people’s lives. The Islamic State appoints a committee of specialists in each state affiliated to a central unit for disaster and accident management whose function is to prepare in advance to reduce the risk of accidents, disasters and their consequences, And develop plans to deal with it according to the nature of the region, and then deal with the incident with the best scientific and technical methods and means available in the world, and then the committees fix the consequences of the disasters, and in the meantime, they provide care in terms of food, clothing and housing for everyone who was forced to evacuate and for the time needed.

However, the fact that the Islamic State is primarily responsible for treating the effects of such disasters does not mean that Muslims, as individuals, are exempt from helping and contributing towards efforts to confront disasters, because the evidence for removing harm and the evidence that it is obligatory to provide relief to the distressed and the afflicted are general evidence, including the state and individuals, as the Prophet (saw) said and intertwined his fingers: «الْمُؤْمِنُ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضاً» **“The relationship of the believer with another believer is like (the bricks of) a building, each strengthens the other.”**

The view that fascinates the people in our country about how some other countries deal with various accidents and disasters with sufficiency, preparedness, and high-level methods and means, is not a far-fetched dream. Rather, it was imposed by their living in scanty states that the Kafir colonizer divided and installed systems on them that make the lives of their people hard, miserable and in distress, despite the intellects and wealth that Allah has endowed them with. But it is achieved immediate and better than that once the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly-guided Caliphate State) is established, with speed in achievement, adequacy and experience in dealing, and care for the afflicted and those affected by these accidents, whose organs are keen to achieve the best model of living in the world imposed by Islam and commanded by the Almighty, so to work towards its establishment, we invite you, O Muslims.

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِأَمْرِهِ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا﴾

“Certainly Allah achieves His Will. Allah has already set a destiny for everything”
[TMQ At-Talaq:3]

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