

DISCOURSE OF THE KHALIFATULLAH

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(Summary of Discourse – 1 hr 15 minutes)

After greeting everybody with the Salutation of Peace in Islam, the Messenger of Allah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Taouz and thereafter he said:

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("O my nation, if you believe in Allah, put your trust in Him, if you have surrendered (become Muslims)." – On Allah we rely: "O our Lord! Make us not subject to the persecution of the unjust people: And do Thou deliver us by Thy mercy from the unbelieving people." Ameen) – Surah Yunus

I've read a duah from the Holy Quran read by Hazrat Musa (as) as I can see here in Mauritius how people have deviated from the right path. They are still celebrating "Eid-ul-Fitr" after one month, inviting politicians (in the Eid party). **Poli**ticians are like dogs with **poli**shed skin (like explained in the Friday Sermon yesterday). The verse of the Quran says:

"... His similitude is that of a dog: if you attack him, he sticks out his tongue, or if you leave him alone, he (still) sticks out his tongue..." (7: 177)

In religious functions, if you are a *Muttaqi* (pious, righteous and God-fearing person), before being a citizen of a country, Allah made you born as a Muslim.

As soon as you come into this world, Allah gave this instruction through His Nabi Kareem Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), that as soon as a Muslim is born – a child, a baby – *Azaan* must be given in his ear. The first words that the child must hear are the words of Allah, that Allah is the Greatest, and there is the testimonial that only Allah is worthy of worship (He is One) and that Muhammad (pbuh) is the Messenger of Allah; come to Salat (prayer), come to (the path of) success, to prosper in the path of spirituality... These are the first words which enter through the ears of the child. We were born as a baby and moreover we were born in Islam (we all went through the same way – birth as a baby and after that we grow up). It is a great favour from Allah... If a true Muslim knows His faith, knows His Deen, knows the value of "Laa Ilaaha Illallah Muhammadur Rasuulullah", therefore he would not want to sully himself with dirty things. Would you like to consume food which you have prepared which was initially clean, but after that the food is served with contaminated food or leftovers or food which has been dumped in the dustbin? Does that contaminated food has the same taste as the clean/pure one which you initially prepared? Would you have the same kind of appetite after that food has been served with the spoiled food? What I want you to understand is that all things which are on earth, it is Allah who has created (and provided man with these) and along with giving man all these, Allah sends His Messenger also, and we Muslims we proclaim that ours is the final religion. Islam is that religion which others should take good example from it. Islam is the most perfect religion with the final code, that is, the Holy Quran and the Seal of all prophets Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh).

In Chapter 33, Allah says that Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) is not the father of any man and he is the Seal of all prophets, he is an excellent and perfect model for humanity. Allah has placed him forward to be followed. Allah has sent the Quran Shareef for only the MUTTAQI as the Holy Quran does not contain doubts or defects. It is a pity today to see Muslims inviting politicians in an Eid Party (and the latter using that religious function to make their dirty politics). They (the Muslims) readily invite these people to talk such improper words. Allah has given us perfect words, perfumed words, full of blessings

- the blessed month of Ramadan, did you fast these days for politicians (or for Allah)? Did you pray the five obligatory prayers, voluntary prayers, Tarawih prayers for politicians? Did you deprive yourselves from food and drinks for 29 or 30 days - despite hard work done - during that month for politicians? And now you celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr with politicians!!!

Women were not allowed to enter the Mosque during the month of Ramadan, whereas she is the first one to wake up early in the morning, to prepare the Suhur. She fasts also despite her heavy work, and now she is not allowed to enter the Mosque to perform the two Rakaat for Eid prayers? Is she destined only to be confined to a small room at home? (The Khalifatullah made reference to women like this because during the Eid party function in Pamplemousses, both men and women were present and there were absolutely no observance of Pardah between them. The Khalifatullah later on in his discourse talked lengthily on the fact that in Mosque (for Jummah etc.) she is forbidden access, but for other things like shopping and going in mixed functions she is allowed entrance.)

In the month of Ramadan, all the rows in prayers are full of *Mussalli* (worshippers), fasters. You have sacrificed yourselves a lot, worshipping Allah alone – so Allah has gifted you with an honourable day, the Eid-ul-Fitr where all brothers are meant to remove from their hearts all hatred or animosity for their Muslim brothers. They do so through accolades – On Eid day, we take a bath (the *ghusl*), perfume ourselves, put on new clothes and (unfortunately) only men are allowed to go to the Mosque (whereas the women also after all the sacrifices they did should also have gone for Eid Salat). Are women not believers? Aren't they fit to go to the Mosque to enjoy the same favours as men – new clothes, perfumes, accolades, nice food, prayers, Eid prayer and other prayers (in congregation)? Allah has never given permission to drop prayers on that day (Eid day). They should have enjoyed all these prayers/favours: Eid prayers, the five daily prayers (in congregation also), the Friday Sermons (and prayers). The women were (in the month of Ramadan) the busiest person at home to prepare food etc. Is she good only for shopping, to buy *churidaars* and sit at home on Eid day? (*The Khalifatullah precise that it is not a sin to go shopping and buying new clothes and arrange oneself in a good way for Eid, but Eid does not limit to shopping only. The women should also partake of the spiritual benefits of Eid-ul-Fitr (and Eid-ul-Adha also for that matter).*

So, women lose these favours, blessings from Allah on Eid Day. Are they only meant to embellish their body, <u>not</u> their soul? For Eid, women (unfortunately, due to not attending the Mosque and listening to Deen words) would only be attracted by clothes and comparing the beauty of their clothes, but no one would relate her experience of Ramadan, how that month went by for her and what benefit she got from it. Therefore, you (the Muslim men – when you behave in this way – restricting women from Mosques) give them such opportunity to attach themselves to this world.

Allah should prevail over mundane affairs. After one month you are still celebrating Eid party? The MUTTAQI, those who are attached to faith, to Allah and His Prophet (pbuh) are those whose tears rolled down their cheeks when Ramadan is over. So how can you still celebrate Eid after 30 days (and in these circumstances – by mingling religion with dirty politics)?

What you did in the month of Ramadan, you did all these *Ibaadat* (acts of worship) for Allah only. Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) once said that there will be a time when the worst creatures in this world will be the Mullahs. So after 30 days, 12 Jamaats in the north of Mauritius have come together, inviting politicians to celebrate Eid together? Now that the country is facing crisis over crisis, frauds, corruption, politicians giving money away, wastage etc. ...

Agents who have worked for the last elections are benefitting all favours, high posts in the service without meritocracy. A motorcyclist cannot ride a big lorry (with 12 wheels). What a disaster it shall be (if he tries to)! Agents do not have any notion of that work. They got work through political backing. I myself have never got a work from the government. I have always tried to be self-employed... The TV has become the exclusivity of a political party; so much money it receives from the Mauritians, but unfortunately not all Mauritians profit from it (it chooses people to broadcast – their programs etc.)

Jummah prayers are forbidden for women, but they are mixed with men on TV on the occasion of the Eid Party, celebrated after 30 days. Women have come to listen to politicians. No one has come forward to speak about Allah, Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh), the beautiful words of Allah and His Rasul (pbuh). The Muslims left these beautiful words of the Holy Quran to praise the Prime Minister. Everyone has come to honour and speak highly of him. Why don't you come forward to praise Allah and His Rasul (pbuh)? Why don't you come forward to hold fast the rope of Allah? You don't support Islam and the Seal of prophets? All orators have come forward to praise the Prime Minister for the occasion of an Eid Party? What a shame! Allah has gifted you with "ilm" (knowledge), wealth; you leave all these treasures of Allah for a mere Prime Minister? You see! When you all have closed the door of prophethood, no light can enter your heart. Your place the "brick" (which you refer to the Holy Prophet – pbuh) to seal the house? How can divine light penetrate that house? How can you receive fresh water when you have put a seal on the taps? It's a pity to see the deeds of these Mullahs. Don't you have faith even as least as the seed of a Mustard grain in your heart? Had you a single seed (of faith) in your heart, you would have never tolerated politicians in our (Muslims) religious ceremonies. I am speaking generally.

(In the function) Women on TV, without *Pardah* (a veil) and even a young lady (a prize winner) when taking her prize from the hands of the Prime Minister, she is without any covering and she shook hands and kissed publicly the Prime Minister! This is how you are trampling the teachings of Islam to dust. Here is the result of Muslims in this world. No Muslim is living

in peace and harmony! There is war everywhere. Why? They have trampled the words of Allah under their dirty feet. You have left the Messenger of Allah, but then where shall you err? Towards politicians!! Where is your dignity (as Muslims)?

You see when you have closed the doors of revelation, see the consequences. Men did not wear a "cap" (topi) on their head to show respect – They have indulged themselves in praising politicians (who in turn used this function to make their dirty politics)

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Those who are faithful will never organise such dirty programs with politicians speaking about politics and praising the Prime Minister (*like some Guru*).

"You are a tenant. Yes it is rightly said that you are a tenant even though people know you as proprietor. You can possess lots of things. You can have great businesses and great portions of land. You say that you gain all these through your sweat (hard labour), despite that these are favours which you got from your Creator. You were a tenant; you are a tenant and will remain a tenant because it is Allah Ta'ala alone who is the true proprietor. Just ponder over the day when you shall be buried in the soil; you shall sleep (rest) on earth (the soil) and you shall be covered with earth. The colour of the soil shall not be taken into consideration. There shall be pests, there shall be worms. But they (the people) shall leave you beneath the soil. It shall be a moment and hour when you shall not know what to do. There is nothing save the divine favour which can stop our sufferings. Our greatest error is that we are too ungrateful and arrogant that we do not try to accept our error when we declare ourselves proprietors. But the truth remains that we are tenants.

"O my Rab (Lord), My Creator! I admit by Your favour that it is <u>You alone the Proprietor</u>. I am an incapable and a miserable (person). I await that you pour upon me Your favour. Forgive me for my sins and errors which I committed without fear and shame. *Ameen!*"