



## Opening Speech of the Khalifatullah Hazrat Munir A. Azim (atba)

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After having greeted the assistance with the Salutations of Peace, the Messenger of Allah, Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz and Surah Al Fatiha and then said:



Allah (swt) has several beautiful names. These are the attributes that He possesses. I shall mention briefly two of these attributes: *Al-Khafidh*, which means the One who humiliates and, *Ar-Rafi*, the One who elevates. Almighty Allah has the capacity to degrade/humiliate someone or to elevate him, raising him in position. It is Almighty Allah who has the power to degrade someone by dishonouring him and to elevate him and making him honourable.

Man is ever changing. He does not stay the same. There is a time when he is young, courageous and solid, and after the passage of time, he becomes unrecognizable. You may see that his courage has disappeared and he has lost his charm. In the past people used to need him and rush to him, and now nobody knows that he exists. Dreams become reality and reality becomes a thing of the past. Therefore, there is the high and low in life, and all this is found in the hand of Allah the Almighty.

Do you know who you are? All the noises/publicity/boasting that you are making... you can be a Minister, Prime Minister or a King. You can be whatever you want to be, but do you know that you are a slave? All the bossing around that you do, but verily you shall always remain a slave. You shall live like a slave and die as a slave. You shall never succeed in liberating yourself from that slavery. What remains to be known is what kind of slave are you! If you are not a slave for ALLAH, then you must be in a way or another, a slave of another thing/person. You can become slave of your passions, desires and vices. Then, if you have to be a slave, why do you become a slave for another slave? Why do you become a slave who makes you become the worst of slaves? You think you are a free man when you live your life like you wish. This is an erroneous thought. You have rendered things more complicated, worst. You have fallen low to become the worst of slaves. Become the slave of such a Being who is not a slave, who is the true Master, who is independent from anyone

grants you true dignity; such a slavery which removes you from any kind of impurity and puts you into light. This is why the truly intelligent have chosen to become His slaves, slaves of an Almighty Allah who is Unique.

Therefore, before ending, I want to say something to make all of you realize something. Before you start fighting with someone, you will always look at your surroundings. You shall never have the courage or audacity to say something (pick a fight) if you see that the person in question is surrounded with bouncers or muscled bodyguards for you will fear the opposition and the serious consequences from your acts. There are many people on this earth who therefore prefer to remain silent so as not to aggravate a situation.

A person in his absolute right may remain silent in such situation despite his being innocent. As for the culprit, he must remain quiet all the more. If he acts pompously, then he risks having the wings of his delusion of grandeur clipped. The thing is that his adversary is only a human like himself, with limited means like him. His capacities also are limited, such capacities which can enable him to do many things but not all that he wishes to do, and he cannot act as per he wishes everywhere he goes.

Despite all this, people forget these vital details and acts with impudence with others. What makes you think that you can talk whatever you like (disrespectfully) against the messengers of Allah without worrying (about the consequences)? How do you dare qualify the prophets of Allah, Caliphs of Allah as madmen, sorcerers, deluded men and far from the right path etc.? Do you think that there is no power behind them (to support them)? Do you think that they are alone?

Do not rejoice quickly with the capacity of your eyes (which is limited) for Allah the Almighty has not given you that eye (the capacity to see) to see what should be seen (of truth concerning the messengers). Verily, the messengers of Allah benefit from a very exceptional support and help from Allah the Almighty. A small child does not know the value of gold or precious stones which is absolutely normal. Those who are still new in *Deen* (religion) are somewhat like this (i.e., like little children). They do not have the eye which would have enabled them to recognize a messenger of Allah. That is why they do not hesitate to say unbecoming/inappropriate words about the messengers of Allah.

Generally speaking, we (humans) the special creations of Allah endowed with knowledge must be aware that it is Allah the Almighty who has chosen them, the messengers and sent them amongst us to lead us to the right path, the path leading to paradise. We must be aware that the messengers of Allah are never alone. According to a *Hadith-e-Qudsi* from the Sahih Bukhari, the one who holds the Messenger of Allah in enmity, Allah Himself therefore declares war with that unfortunate person when he did not recognise the true value of the messengers of Allah. Therefore, in capacity of the Khalifatullah, Messenger of Allah of this era, what I want to advise you: do such things that Allah may not declare war with you! This indeed is not so easy!

Before ending my speech, as the Khalifatullah, representative of God of this era, I must alert you on the dangers of the Ebola epidemics. Almighty God warns us in His Holy Book, the Quran:

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ ○

**“Corruption has appeared throughout the land and sea by what the hands of people have earned so He may let them taste part of (the consequence of) what they have done that perhaps they will return back to Allah.”**

All countries are at risk because many people including the people of Rodrigues travel to Africa. This also applies to those people who hails from African countries and often travel to several countries and come also to Rodrigues. So it is my duty to warn the entire humanity against the Ebola epidemic. There is no remedy against this virus and if this virus comes to be introduced into any country in the world, or even here in Rodrigues, you risk finding yourselves in a serious situation, especially as the infected people need to be isolated (Quarantined).

Therefore, my message to you is, direct your face toward the right religion before there comes from Allah the day which cannot be averted. That day people will be divided: one who disbelieve will suffer (the consequences) of his infidelity. And whoever worked in righteousness... it's for their own (good/future) that they are preparing to do so, that by His grace God may reward those who believe and do good works. Verily, God does not love the unbelievers.

O my dear brothers, sisters and children of Rodrigues! Listen to me! Turn (in worship) to one God. Ask much forgiveness for your sins which have filled the earth. Pray Almighty God night and day with great devotion, submit totally to the command of God so that He may rid us all from these viruses such as Ebola and other strange bacteria and viruses that are constantly appearing in this century, and which are fatal. Humanity is in danger in all circumstances. Join me in prayer to the One God that He may, *Insha-Allah* forgive us. *Ameen*.

May Almighty God give each of you the *Tawfiq* to understand the messages that I have put before you today in this speech of the Jalsa Salana. *Insha-Allah Ta'ala Al-Aziz. Ameen. Summa Ameen Ya Rabboul Aalameen.*

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