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After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hadhrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on:

MUSLIMS IN POLITICS

Muslims do not have the right to order evil, but they must not also condone (support/ approve) it. After seeing what is happening around us, we should **NEVER** vote for a Muslim woman who does not really reflect the *Deen-i-Islam* in her [It is not absolutely condemnable if the Muslim woman ***abides strictly by the laws of Islam in her way of behaving, clothing and speaking and knowing and respecting her limits***]. By her ignorance of the *Deen*, she will do things that will draw Allah's wrath upon her, and those who voted her will have an account to Allah for that.

A Muslim is one who does neither harm nor condone evil. As long as this sister [in Islam] remains in disobedience to Allah, we have a share of responsibility in this matter for We have put her there [in the government]. Who will accept the burden of the sins of others? For five years she will remain in power. Think ten times before going to vote. A Muslim does not fall twice in the same hole.

The Muslim Community has never mandated Muslim deputies [women, as well as men] to defend it. Almost all Muslims in this country know how much this present government is anti-Muslim, except of course for someone who has received his

share of the pie with him, and at all times there is this class of people who are fighting for their own interest instead of the interest of the *Ummah* and that of their country. You saw how many Muslims there were in that majority party in power, with the alliance that he [the PM] had made, and you saw how little by little he got rid of the Muslims around him! But on the other hand in his own party and government, there are other people belonging to the majority [religious] community, whom despite having committed various blameworthy actions, but nothing has been done to punish them! What is falling on the Muslim Community in Mauritius is the same policy that the BJP (*Bharatiya Janata Party*) is applying in India [against the Muslims].

Until now, the Muslim Community has never mandated that a Muslim woman become its spokesperson in parliament or government. In the realm of Islam, the Muslim woman does not have the right to be at the head of a state because it is up to man, the superior creature [in the eyes of Allah and as established in the Holy Quran] to take this responsibility. Moreover, the Muslim woman in any political party is far from *Shariah*. Her dress code and her participation in anti-Islamic activities [as for Muslim men for that matter] do not allow them to become the representatives of the Muslim Community.

The Muslim Community is going through difficult times in its history, but we hope that Allah will help us and that in the future we will have sincere people who will have the interest of this suffering community at heart – such a community who is suffering so much and is abandoned – and who will really defend its interests. In this current government, the only community that does not have a spokesperson is the Muslim Community. Even those who have used this community to come to power have ignored us, but let it be clear [keep in mind] that Allah will never forsake His servants. As for those who declare themselves nationalists after they have been elected through the votes of the people of this community, their days in power will soon be over, *Insha-Allah, Ameen*.

We are waiting for them firmly in the midst of the [electoral] campaign when they shall come to beg for votes. So, they have to think carefully before coming to get votes from this community [The Muslim Community]. Many Muslim politicians declare themselves loyal to their respective parties. There are many parties whose regulations are even against the *Shariah*. These Muslims become yes-men/women of their so-called leader. There are even those who went against the

Islamic teachings by voting anti-Islamic laws. To make their party happy, there are those who voted against the *Muslim Personal Law*. But they forget that Allah has differentiated between the *Kafir* (unbeliever), *Mushriq* (polytheist) and *Mumin* (believer). They took the *Kuffar* (unbelievers) for friends to the detriment of the believers. They did not dare raise their voices in favour of their own community.

I give you an example of how Muslim politicians have become yes-men/ yes-women. Nobody had the courage to send an appeal in favour of the Muslim Community to have a public holiday on the day of *Eid-ul-Adha (Bakr-Eid)*. This is our greatest festival; the *Eid* of Sacrifice which we celebrate for three days. Even if for each of the three days it is not possible to have public holidays, but at least for the first day [which is crucial], they should discussed it so that we have this day as public holiday, but instead they did not have the courage to do all that.

Many of our brothers and sisters are forced to work that day [the first day of *Bakr-Eid*]. This is an injustice against Muslims, and I say all this without criticizing the other religious denominations for their holidays, because they have more than two or three days of public holidays! Total injustice! After that we say, one people, one nation? Knowingly, Muslims [in the various political parties] know that our community is being trampled upon, but this does not make any difference to them. What matters to them is to work for their own gain. To take advantage of their work to help do justice and make their community's voice heard, there is no way they are doing it! But they rather prefer to fight for their own interest: money and worldly honour.

Many of these politicians with Muslim names often do not enjoy these two things. And history is there to prove what we are saying for Allah is Just. And suddenly when these Muslim politicians are repelled with humiliation by their [political] party, it is only then that they turn to their community (The Muslim Community). They are like those who do not think of Allah, and have fun and it is only when finding themselves in great difficulty that they call to Allah, crying out: "*O Allah, O Allah!*" These Muslim politicians look like these people and cry out, "*O Ummah, O Ummah!*" Too late, because their political mandate is over, and their false leader will **NEVER** take them again because he has a hidden agenda.

Politically they are dead but at least spiritually they must wake up now. They must learn from the past. *Shawl [Orni/ Hijab]* on the head, the road to Arafat, guides

for Hajjis etc. They have the ability to do all that, but are they doing it, and if they doing it, how are they doing it? Thinking about the mundane to bribe the spiritual, or do they now perceive that they must repent and reform their lives as true Muslims who have the fear of God (*Taqwa*)?

We leave the new generation of Muslim politicians to learn from what happened in the past because history is a mirror. And think that these people shall **NEVER EVER** fight in your favour. Think about it and you will see that we are right. After all, we do not say that, but it is the **CREATOR** who says it all.

An advice: Those who have been fired / rejected by their party, do not go back to them!

When we look at the behaviour of some ministers towards the people, it is unfortunate that once they are in power, they forget those people. There are poor people who never begged in their lives and died with honour, but how many ministers there were who had to leave their ministerial chairs with shame! And they forget how many times they have begged by going door-to-door so that they can sit back on the ministerial chair [that is, to come back to power]. Once elected, they take themselves as masters for the five years in power. And in this country, where every minister [of a certain religious faith] protects his fellow people of the same faith, it is only the Muslim community that becomes the poor child in any regime that comes to power in this country that stinks with communalism in its every nook and cranny. Muslims who sit in ministerial offices cannot contradict what we say.

So saying, every time a member of the Muslim Community falls victim of an injustice coming from the power, the state turns a deaf ear. This person struggles to make his voice heard.

Alhamdulillah, there are private radios, otherwise even Allah (swt) knows how much the minorities would suffer in this country. And here again, when private radio stations are doing their job properly, the current Prime Minister and his government [the outgoing MPs] are threatening them. Even in this electoral campaign, there are a lot of insults that have been publicly launched against a private radio station, some very serious defamatory insults from a prime minister who says he is educated – and he uses such kind of bad language – when the

radio in question began to denounce his wrong deeds, and therefore, if it returns to power, it will never give the green light to launch private television.

The MBC TV is the king's tool, and the king always belongs to one community. Yet we all pay our electricity bills, where we pay a [mandatory] fee of Rs. 150-200 for MBC TV. On the other hand, private radio is free. The list is too long to say how the minorities and especially the Muslim Community [the Muslims] are suffering a lot in all sectors. If we have to enumerate injustices against our Muslim Community and its suffering, the list will be too long.

That's why I ask all our brothers and sisters of the Muslim Community, let's forget our differences on certain things. Let us think of uniting ourselves as Muslims [one body], and all of us, as Muslims, we perform *Salat* (prayer) for Allah and firmly believe in the five pillars of Islam. And we firmly establish ourselves on: **Laa-Ilaaha Illallah Muhammadur Rassullullah**. This is the main and fundamental thing and let us unite as one *Ummah*, one family, where our belief in the unicity of Allah is firm and let us not divide ourselves [because others seek to divide us and identify ourselves as terrorists] and let us not tear ourselves apart. That's what others want. They do everything to divide us, because they know that if we are united, no one will be able to have victory over us. Verily, unity is strength, and at the head of the Muslim Community there will be a spiritual leader, an elect of Allah with the *Ruh'il Quddus* [the Holy Spirit] who comes from Allah and there will be peace and unanimous obedience for the progress of the Muslim Community both in material and spiritual terms. *Insha-Allah*.

Do not put your trust in creature, but place your trust and hope in your Creator. And now especially when all of you know about the misdeeds of this regime, where [formerly] it had had the Muslim Personal Law (MPL) removed and even nowadays, those who were married under the MPL, their marital status is no more valid [as legally married]. To be recognized as legally married, they must marry under the Napoleonic code. To marry according to the system of unbelievers [non-believers in the Muslim faith]. It is unfortunate that no Muslim minister or deputy has been able to correct this injustice to the Muslim community. So, our great weapon [it's not guns or swords but] it's our *duahs* [invocations] to our Creator. He is the best Judge and the Almighty.

إِنَّا صَابِرِينَ

Innallaaha ma-as Saabiriin.

Allah is with those who are steadfast.

May Allah establish His Justice on earth, such justice that no man can undo, for it is by Allah's grace that the Muslim community can flourish and prosper and that humanity can be saved without hatred, and revenge, but with love and justice from Allah, and like our master, the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) taught us. *Insha-Allah, Ameen.*