

## What is Obligatory Upon the Muslims in Regards to the Recent Events in Aleppo?<sup>1</sup>

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Shaikh Sulaymaan ar-Ruhayli (may Allah preserve him) said:

“... It is obligatory upon all the Muslims to feel the pain [of the suffering of their brothers] and to never despair of Allah’s response to the supplications.

The second affair is that it is obligatory upon all the Muslims, the rulers and those who are ruled, to feel what has afflicted their brothers in Aleppo in terms of affliction, to feel pain regarding that, and not to be pleased with that. For verily that is from the obligations of the Legislation upon us all. It is obligatory for everyone from us to exert every possible and legislated effort in supporting our brothers. From that is supplication and that we supplicate a lot for them. I am surprised at the people who ascribe to Islam who say: “You prevent people from going out for jihad and order them to supplicate”. It is as if supplication is an affair that has no value to such a person? Supplication, by Allah, is stronger than destructive armies and stronger than lethal weapons. How is it not when you are supplicating for the assistance of Allah, the Exalted, who if He wills, can turn the weapons against the enemies and destroy them completely. So supplication is from the most acute weapons, the strongest, and greatest [of them]. It is legislated for us, O servants of Allah, that we supplicate for our brothers for relief and that we supplicate against the enemies with destruction, punishment, and humiliation.

So it is necessary for the people to supplicate for their brothers in private supplication and in their prayers. They should criticize those who do not make Qunut and they should supplicate [themselves] in the Qunut for their brothers. For verily the Qunut during the time of *Nawaazil* [afflictions and calamities], according to the strongest opinion of the People of Knowledge, is entrusted to the ruler of the Muslims in accordance to what he sees of benefit. As for the supplication of the individual, then there is no barrier nor preventative from it. For verily it is necessary upon us, O my beloved ones, that we supplicate for our brothers, increase in supplication, and that we do not despair of the response ever. For verily Allah has wisdom and Allah, the Exalted is All-Hearing. He hears our supplication and He has promised us the response. He, the Almighty, is All-wise and He does what He wishes with wisdom. Just as it is necessary upon us to assist our brothers in Aleppo with what we can from financial assistance in accordance to the system/regulations of every land. So we should hasten to send financial aid in accordance to the

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regulations of every land to our brothers in Aleppo and other than it from the regions of Syria. Those who are transgressed against by the transgressors.

So it is obligatory upon us, O my brothers, to hold fast to the Legislation of Allah and not follow our emotions. And that we do what we can to support our brothers through the Legislated means, which achieve the intent and deflect the corruption. So we ask Allah, the Exalted by His Beautiful Names and Lofty Attributes and He is All-powerful and severe in punishment. I ask Allah, the Exalted to assist our oppressed brothers in Aleppo and those in Syria, and to establish them, and to lift the affliction from them, and to slaughter their enemy. And to assist us to hold fast to the Legislation of the Exalted, and hold fast to what is obligatory upon us, and to assist us in establishing what we are capable of doing for our brothers in Syria and other than it" .

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