



1	 <p style="text-align: center;">THE CALL OF PEACE FOR ALL 15 July 2016AD / 10 Syawal 1437H</p>
2	<p style="text-align: center;">الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ وَأَنْعَمَ، وَهَدَانَا بِالْقُرْآنِ لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ،</p>
3	<p style="text-align: center;">قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>كَانَ النَّاسُ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً فَبَعَثَ اللَّهُ النَّبِيَّ مَبَشِّرِينَ وَمُنذِرِينَ وَأَنْزَلَ مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ لِيَحْكُمَ بَيْنَ النَّاسِ فِي مَا اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ وَمَا اخْتَلَفَ فِيهِ إِلَّا الَّذِينَ أُوتُوهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا جَاءَتْهُمْ الْبَيِّنَاتُ بَغْيًا بَيْنَهُمْ فَهَدَى اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لِمَا اخْتَلَفُوا فِيهِ مِنَ الْحَقِّ بِإِذْنِهِ ۗ وَاللَّهُ يَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١٧٣﴾</p>
4	<p style="text-align: center;">أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ،</p>
5	<p style="text-align: center;">اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.</p>
6	<p>أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَأَيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ، وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَى، وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ لِعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ.</p>
7	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>On this blessed day, let us together increase our devotion, and the level of our conviction, in Allah SWT, by performing all His commandments and avoiding all that He has prohibited. Indeed, the best provision we need to prepare before facing Allah SWT is obedience and conviction in Him.</p>



	How fortunate indeed for us to live in peace and prosperity, which is the grace and blessings bestowed upon us by Allah SWT.
8	Accordingly, the <i>khatib</i> today will discuss the sermon entitled " <i>The Call of Peace for All</i> ".
9	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, The world today is shocked and appalled by the acts of terrorism and violence occurring everywhere. The tragedy of the Iraq invasion and occupation, attacks on Palestinians, shootings in France, bombings in Indonesia, Turkey and Bangladesh, and the recent bombing in the holy month of Ramadhan at the an-Nabawi Mosque in Madinah, are tragedies devastating to our souls.
10	Such events are becoming more and more common, as if without any end in sight. Worse still, the western media is taking advantage by associating all these violence to the teachings of Islam, which is fuelling the 'Islamophobia' virus in the world community.
11	Thus, Muslims around the world should not be silent and mute. If we do not respond or act, we may be accused of supporting terrorism. Ultimately, we are trapped and are unable to be defenders of Islam. Muslims should rise up and speak the truth: that violence is not part of the teachings, or way, of Islam. In fact, they are actions that contradict human nature and are actually driven by lust and desire.
12	Surah al-Baqarah, in verse 213 of the Al-Quran, which was read by the <i>khatib</i> earlier, clearly states this. Allah SWT declared: Which means: <i>"Mankind was [of] one religion [before their deviation]; then Allah sent the prophets as bringers of good tidings and warnings and sent down with them the Book in truth to judge between the people concerning that in which they differed. And none differed over the Book except those who were given it - after the clear proofs came to them - out of jealous animosity among themselves. And Allah guided those who believed to the</i>



	<i>truth concerning that over which they had differed, by His permission. And Allah guides whom He wills to a straight path.”</i>
13	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Any form of violence is rejected by all religions, especially Islam. In fact, the life and teachings of Rasulullah SAW did not promote Islam through violence. Rasulullah SAW’s message was fairness and justice among humanity, and against tyranny.</p>
14	<p>These were the goals of all the Prophets, as stated by Allah SWT in Surah Yunus, verse 47:</p> <p>وَإِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ رَسُولٌ فَإِذَا جَاءَ رَسُولُهُمْ قَضِيَ بَيْنَهُم بِالْقِسْطِ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٧﴾</p>
15	<p>Which means: “To every people (was sent) a messenger: when their messenger comes (before them), the matter will be judged between them with justice, and they will not be wronged.”</p>
16	<p>As the final Messenger sent to mankind, the call by Rasulullah SAW is universal and relevant at all times until the Day of Resurrection. If it is true that the religion of Islam advocates violence and injustice, it would not have spread to all corners of the world and would not have a place in the human heart, because it would conflict with nature. The allegation that Islam encourages violence is just baseless slander.</p>
17	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Rasulullah SAW, his Companions R.A, and the many generations after them have fulfilled their roles and responsibilities in the spreading of Islam as a religion of peace, mercy and fairness. It is not created out of fiction or myth. It is reality and is savoured by Muslims today.</p>
18	<p>Realising this, we, as Muslims, should also play our role as representatives in calling for good and forbidding evil. Acts of violence and tyranny against humanity are part of this evil which should be stopped.</p>
19	<p>This is the call of Allah SWT in Surah Ali 'Imran, verse 104;</p>



	<p>وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٠٤﴾</p>
20	<p>Which means: "Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong: Those will be the successful."</p>
21	<p>According to Dr. Wahbah al-Zuhayli, this is a command to Muslims as a whole, because it is impossible to do individually. This is the true role of Muslims. Inaction is not the right choice. In fact, inaction can harm Islam.</p>
22	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Islam recognizes the rights that exist in every human being, such as the right to possessions, families and especially the right to life. Therefore, human life is precious in Islam. A life cannot be taken arbitrarily without reasons allowed by the <i>Shariat</i> and the law. It is not limited only to Muslims, but also to non-Muslims.</p>
23	<p>This is stated in the hadith by Rasulullah SAW, as narrated by Abdullah bin Amr R.A and recorded by Imam al-Bukhari R.H.:</p> <p>مَنْ قَتَلَ مُعَاهِدًا لَمْ يَرِحْ رَائِحَةَ الْجَنَّةِ وَإِنَّ رِيحَهَا تُوجَدُ مِنْ مَسِيرَةِ أَرْبَعِينَ عَامًا</p>
24	<p>Which means: "Those who fight (kill) mu'ahad (non-Muslims who have made an agreement not to fight), shall not smell the fragrance of Paradise though its fragrance can be smelt at a distance of forty years (of traveling)."</p>
25	<p>This is the true meaning of Islam, as it is spread around the world with the aim of imparting peace and prosperity for mankind to live in this world and in the hereafter, and not otherwise.</p>
26	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, To end today's sermon, let us ponder upon these conclusions as guidance for all of us.</p>



	<p>First: Living in peace is a form of blessing from Allah SWT which must be appreciated by every human being.</p> <p>Second: The accusation that Islam is a religion of violence is totally false.</p> <p>Third: Muslims must rise up and act to spread Islam, as well as to convey a message of peace to the world community.</p>
27	<p>Allah SWT declared in Surah Al 'Imran, verse 110:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p> <p>كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَوْ ءَامَنَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ مِّنْهُمْ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿١١٠﴾</p>
28	<p>Which means: “You are the best of peoples, evolved for mankind, enjoining what is right, forbidding what is wrong, and believing in Allah. If only the People of the Book had faith, it were best for them: among them are some who have faith, but most of them are perverted transgressors.”</p>
29	<p>بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلَ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ .</p>