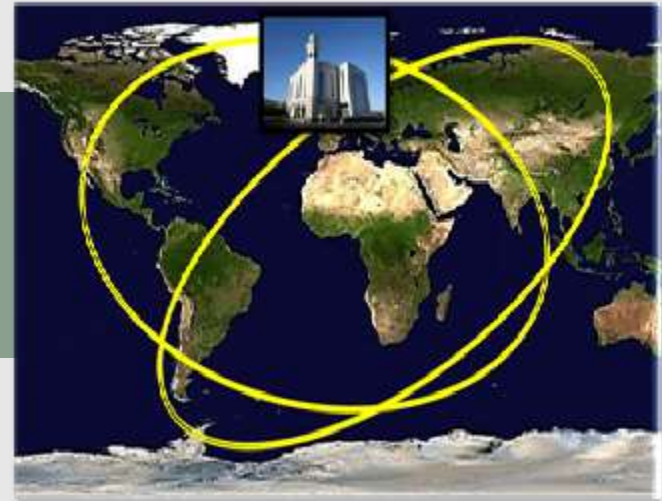


The Syrian Crisis



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Summary

The current global situation is fast moving towards devastation; in particular the Syrian crisis has the potential to involve the whole world.

The Divine Prophecy of the Promised Messiah^{as} “**Calamity of Damascus**” was fulfilled in 1925 at the hands of external forces...

... and sadly Damascus is a conflict zone again because of its own people!

Muslims should try and resolve this conflict in accordance with the teachings of Islam; after all they all profess the same declaration of faith!

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih gave a resume of the responsibilities of rules and public in accordance with Hadith

Prayers for world peace!

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Sadly, it is not being appreciated that this conflict could be a pre-cursor to a World War.

The current global situation is fast moving towards devastation.

In particular the Syrian crisis can spread to the Arab world or even involve the whole world.

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Ahmadis who have accepted the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace); a true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), need to pray profusely for the world peace.

We have no other means.

We can try and alert the world to the horrific consequences, as indeed we are.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that he has been alerting world leaders and politicians in this regard and members of the Community also do so.

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Some eighty eight years ago Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) delivered a Friday sermon on the situation Syria in 1925.

In response to the attempts by Druze tribes to seek independence, the French air forces bombarded Damascus for 57 hours razing to the ground the historical buildings and killing thousands.



This fulfilled the Divine Prophecy by the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace):
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Referring to the Divine Prophecy “Calamity of Damascus”, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that some Divine revelations are fulfilled more than once.

- Syria is again facing calamity; it is most regrettable that the current calamity is brought about by Muslims themselves and it is ever-increasing.
 - The government forces are killing the citizens and the citizens are killing the government forces. Alawis are killing Sunnis and Sunnis are killing Alawis,....
- ... and all of them claim to recite the one Kalima (Muslim declaration of faith)!

Some world powers are backing the Syrian government while others are supporting the rebel forces.

This state of affairs has created a most dangerous situation.

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It is regrettable that Muslim nations are involved in such a conflict despite being given clear Divine teaching that

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‘And if two parties of believers fight *against each other*, make peace between them; then if *after that* one of them transgresses against the other, fight the party that transgresses until it returns to the command of Allah. Then if it returns, make peace between them with equity, and act justly. Verily, Allah loves the just.’ (49:10)

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The standard of justice has been set so high in this teaching that God states in the Qur’an:

‘... and let not a people’s enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice...’ (5:9)

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It is quite embarrassing that the Israeli president should give the advice that should have been forthcoming from the Muslims.

After the suggestion of the Israeli president, the council of Muslim countries should have announced that they would themselves handle the conflict in their region based on guidance given to Muslims.

Muslims should have resorted to resolve this conflict with their own policies and personnel, and should have sought technical support from the West, if required.

The other nations are either interested in the wealth of the country or wish to take this opportunity to assert their supremacy on the global stage.

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In any case, as Muslim countries have abandoned their teachings,...



... that's why some statesmen have the audacity to say that it is justifiable to attack Syria without UN mandate ...



... while others state that they intend to resort to aerial strikes (which will only serve to kill innocent men, women and children)!



Syrian crisis: if it is anyone's business, it is the UN's.

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God has made some people speak out.

The Russian president wrote yesterday [in the New York Times] that it is not right to bypass the United Nations in such decisions

He clearly wrote that no one wants United Nations to have the fate of the League of Nations which collapsed.

Certainly, he is right.

For world peace, justice has to be done according to the beautiful teaching of Islam states: ‘... **and let not a people’s enmity incite you to act otherwise than with justice...**’

If the UN was to work on this principle, peace could be established.

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The devastating condition of Egypt has led to power in the hand of extremists and once again bloodshed has started.

Bombing of Iraq and Libya has not helped to achieve peace and bombing of Syria is not going to lead to peace!

Restlessness in Muslim countries may be borne of any reason, even genuine grievances of the masses,...

...however, when Western powers wrongly interfere, it ends in disorder.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that he had given sermon at the beginning of 2011 and made it clear that any Western intervention for the crisis of Muslim countries, will be detrimental to the Muslims.

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**Muslim countries should
demonstrate sense of
honour even now!**

However, this will only be when there is Taqwa in hearts of the rulers as well as the masses and ...

... the rulers and their subjects will try and follow the teachings of Islam

Following are some of the sayings of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) which draw attention of rulers as well as masses towards their responsibilities.

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The sayings of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) for rulers

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that the Day when there will be no shade other than the shade of God, He will grant shade to seven people on that Day and first among them will be a just and fair ruler.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that on the Day of Judgement the most beloved and the closest to God would be a just and fair ruler and the most disliked and most distant from God would be an unjust ruler.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that when a person who is made in-charge and responsible over people by God is negligent in taking his charge and fulfilling his obligations dies, God will make Paradise forbidden to him.

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Hazrat ‘Aishah (may Allah be pleased with her) said that she had heard the Holy Prophet (pbuh) say :

‘O Allah whoever among my Ummah is made a leader in any respect and he is harsh with the Ummah, You too treat him with harshness and whoever in my Ummah is made a leader in any respect and is gentle to the Ummah, You too treat him gently.’

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said that Muslim rulers should ponder over these commandments of God

One can not rule effectively without winning hearts and fulfilling the rights of public..

Every Muslim leader needs to understand that

If they wish to be God’s beloved they have to stop injustice, if they wish for Paradise, then they have to work for the well-being of everyone without any discrimination.

May God give sense to the Muslims and may they ponder and understand.

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The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) equally enjoined the masses as regards their responsibilities.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said that after him people would see that their rights were usurped and preferences were given to others, in addition people would see things which they would consider bad.

He was asked what the instruction for such a time was.

He replied that the rights of the rulers should be fulfilled at such times and one's own rights should be sought from God.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said indeed strikes and bloodshed is not allowed, one simply seeks one's rights from God.

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The Holy Prophet (pbuh) was once asked about his counsel if unjust rulers were imposed on people who demanded their rights but did not pay the right of the public

The questioner asked this question three times before the Holy Prophet (pbuh) answered :

‘In such circumstances listen to the rulers and obey them. They are accountable for whatever responsibility has been given to them and you are accountable for whatever responsibility has been given to you.’

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The Holy Prophet (pbuh) made people pledge after they took Bai'at that they would abide by Bai'at in every situation, in happiness and sadness, in adversity and during ease and even when their rights were being usurped.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) also took a pledge that they would not dispute with one who was made a leader unless he openly committed an act of Kufr (unbelief) about which there was a Clear Commandment of God.

In a Hadith Qudsi the Holy Prophet (pbuh) related that God states that He has made injustice forbidden over Himself and has also made it forbidden to His servants, therefore they should not be cruel to each other.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said if one is to be saved from Divine accountability then one should pay one's dues and obligations and leave the matter of the ruler with God and stay engaged in prayers.



And only disobey a ruler if he clearly contravenes Shariah

Ahmadis in Pakistan are told not to recite the Kalima, not to offer Salat, not to say salaam.



We are Muslims and they ask us to disobey Shariah, this we will not follow.



Otherwise every other law of the land must be obeyed.

The summary of the entire teaching is the last Hadith which states not to be cruel to each other.

This is for the rulers as well as the masses to follow.

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Muslim rulers and public need to ponder that when the condition prevails that ‘**Corruption has appeared on land and sea...**’ (30:42); according to the prophecy of the Holy Qur’an and the Holy Prophet (pbuh) this is the time of the advent of the Promised Messiah.

If the people of Syria in particular and Muslims in general simply ponder over the Promised Messiah’s (on whom be peace) revelation of ‘**Calamity of Damascus**’ they will comprehend the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

May God enable the world to accept the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and enable rulers and masses to pay their dues so that they may stop the civil war and be saved from destruction.

May God give sense to Muslim rulers and public that they may understand the teaching of: ‘**...And help one another in righteousness and piety...**’(5:3)

May they spread love, may they win over hearts.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said may God make it so that this message of ours reaches Muslim leaders and also reaches Western countries and other big powers.

- Borne of the requisite of loyalty to one's country every Ahmadi living in the every country of the world should alert the politicians of his country to these dangers

May God also open the eyes of European and Western leaders so that they may work with justice and fairness and avoid injustice and pursuit of their vested interests.

Many Ahmadis are being especially affected in Syria. May God save members of our Jama'at from the evil of these circumstances!

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Huzoor prayed that may God soon fulfil the glad-tiding of the Divine revelation of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) regarding Syria:

‘ The *abdul* [devotees] of Syria and the servants of Allah from among the Arabs are supplicating on your behalf.’

May God make it so that soon the entire Arab world comes in the fold of the Muhammadan Messiah so that ‘The Arab Spring’ becomes a spring of spiritual beneficence!

May Arabs become those who pray for the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and spread the peaceful teaching of Islam in the world.

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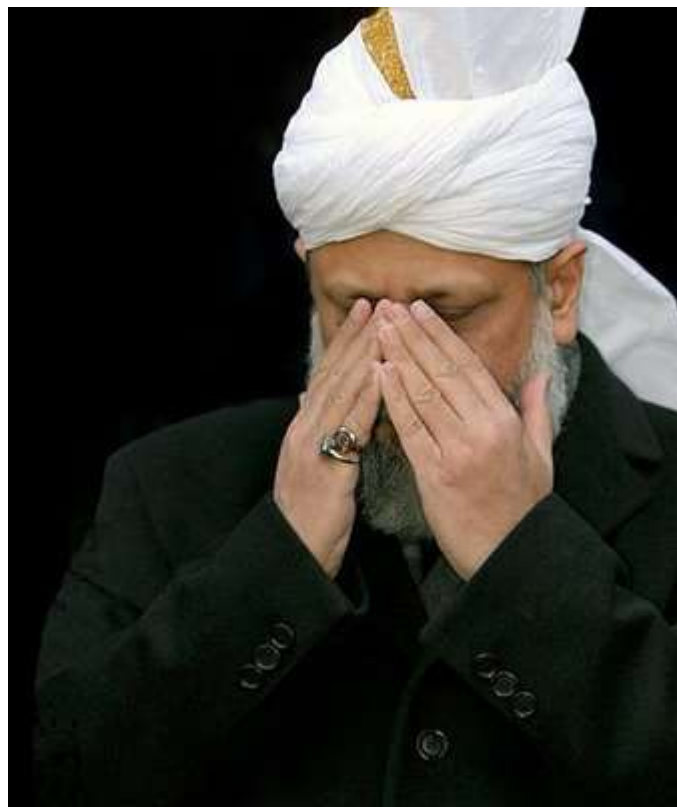
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May we also be enabled to understand and fulfil our responsibilities! May we absorb God’s mercy and always show the world the direction of truth and establish peace.

May God protect the world from the horrors and destruction of war!



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