

of Muslims at the hands of their fellow brothers. Under such circumstances we, as true followers of Islam, should be closely associated with the teachings of Islam and should give the message of unity not only to Muslims but also to the world of humanity, for, Islam had arrived to show the path of glory to mankind. We should realise the fact that bad defence of a goal or mission proves more fatal than the blows of enemies. Under the existing circumstances we have to defend the Islam of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and we should not allow the enemies of Islam to interpret its principles according to the wishes and desires of their masters.

Two decades ago, the people of Iran under the able guidance of their departed leader Imam Khomeini had started an Islamic movement for the revival of Islamic values and for making them practical in all fields of life. The purpose of this movement was to awaken the people and to make them understand the importance of unity. This movement emerged victorious and an Islamic Republic government was established on the basis of the philosophy of *Vilayat-e-Faqih*. The enemies of Islam were in the hope that the Islamic Republic of Iran will be put into isolation after our beloved spiritual leader Imam Khomeini had achieved his heavenly abode, but they remained disappointed to see that the Islamic Republic of Iran is making all kinds of progress under the able guidance of Hazrat Ayatullah-ul-Uzma Syed Ali-e-Khamenei and the people of Iran are determined to continue this Islamic movement till the appearance of Imam Mahdi who is the real custodian of Islam. •

*Ayatullah-ul-uzma Syed Ali Khamenei's message
ON*
**THE TRAGIC AND INHUMAN
MASSACRE OF INNOCENT
AFGHAN PEOPLE BY THE
TALIBAN MILITIA**

The reports about the tragic and inhuman killings of the innocent and oppressed people of Afghanistan is a matter of deep concern and profound sorrow not only for the Muslims of the world but also for all those who love freedom and humanity. This barbaric massacre of innocent and defenceless civilians in Afghanistan reminds the muslims and the whole humanity of their responsibility too. The ghastly crime of massacring the innocent and defenceless people in the city of Mazar-e-Sharif and the act of martyring of a group of Iranian diplomats and journalists, who were engaged in performing their diplomatic and journalistic duties, were such extra-ordinary criminal acts caused by the oppressive and despotic Taliban group that the Islamic nations and governments should have started a serious movement against this militant group, which is communal agent of a foreign forces and is totally ignorant of the teachings of Islam and of the basic norms and principles of the human world.



Now, the oppressiveness and ruthlessness of the Taliban militants in Central Afghanistan and Bamiyan province are more barbarous and inhuman than its previous tyrannical activities.

This virtual massacre is of those people who had bravely defended their honour and dignity in spite of the inhuman atmosphere of poverty and prolonged sanctions and who had also proved their chivalrous stability during the former Soviet occupation of Afghanistan by offering the valuable sacrifices of their beloved youths who had embraced martyrdom for the liberation of their homeland. Now the people of this region are being slain for not bowing before the Taliban stooges. It is reported that the Taliban leaders have issued orders to kill the people of this region who are more than seven years of age. It is also reported that the fighter planes of the Pakistan Air Force had also participated in the recent bombings of the Bamiyan province and were actively engaged in killing the people and devastat-

ing the region. Why the innocent people of Bamiyan province have been subjected to this barbarism? Did they commit a crime by offering commendable sacrifices for the liberation and freedom of Afghanistan? Are they facing massacre and devastation for not surrendering before the Taliban Militia, which is the creation of some of the American oil and gas companies actively engaged in engineering anti Islamic plots in collaboration with some of the army officers of Pakistan? Are the people of this region being massacred for their love and close association with the progeny of our Prophet (PBUH)? Is it the racial and religious communalism which has legalised the killings of the clean hearted Hazara community? At present the people of Iran, following the ruthless slaughter of their martyred youths in Mazar-e-Sharif, the massacre of the innocent people in Bamiyan and for endangering the eastern border of their homeland, are anxiously waiting with pain and indignation for the decision of the high ranking responsible authorities of their nation.

The undersigned makes a sincere appeal to all Muslim governments, to all committed and responsible Ulema of the Islamic world and to all kind hearted and freedom-loving muslims of the

world for extending necessary help to the oppressed Hazara community and other communities of Afghanistan. I also seek assistance from the sincere Muslims of Pakistan whose handful army officials are dropping bombs on the innocent men, women and children in the Bamiyan region as agents of the US oil companies. You should not allow the inhuman Taliban group to kill millions of Afghan people any more. You should not allow

I, by the Grace and Mercy of the Almighty and with the sincere cooperation of high ranking and responsible authorities of the country, have been successful in controlling this fire which otherwise would have gone out of control. But all should know that the danger is very grave, expansive and close and cannot be avoided unless the Pakistan army is restrained from interfering in Afghanistan, and also by compelling the Taliban leaders to accept and adopt a logical attitude by avoiding to cause such inhuman incidents and to compensate for their misdeeds.

I would like to convey my feelings to the youth of the oppressed Hazara community and other Afghan communities with these words uttered with a heavy heart and with tears in my eyes. I am minutely observing and monitoring the tragic happening and the most difficult

situations you people are passing through. I do realise your pain and agony. I urge upon you to depend on the Almighty and seek assistance from Him and bravely face and fight back the barbaric acts of the enemies of humanity by depending upon the divine promise

يَسْعَلَ اللَّهُ بَعْدَ عَسْرًا إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ

by the grace and assistance of the divine force, you will emerge victorious and the whole world will witness that your enemy will meet with shameful defeat.

فَرَجَ اللَّهُ عَنْكُمْ وَعَنَا بِسْمِهِ وَآلِهِ

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the religious war and bloodshed initiated by this ruthless, barbaric and inhuman group in Afghanistan to spread (God unwilling) to other parts of the Islamic world. Don't allow a group of Pakistan army officers, who are actively engaged in sowing the seeds of crisis and chaos, to add fuel to the fire of killing and massacre of innocents. Don't allow the US oil companies to encash their petty interests in Afghanistan and Central Asia by causing the bloodshed of tens of thousands of Muslims.