

Circle: The earthquake in the Indian sub-continent, a sign of the power of Allah (swt)

- A powerful earthquake recently hit the Indian sub-continent which caused devastation in Gujarat, India and was also felt in Pakistan.

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“Do then those who devise evil plots feel secure that Allah will not sink them into the earth, or that the torment will not seize them from directions they perceive not? Or that He may catch them in the midst of their going to and fro, so that there be no escape for them (from Allah's Punishment) Or that He may catch them with a gradual wasting (of their wealth and health)” [al-Nahl:45-47]

- Indeed, if the people do not take a lesson from the earthquake that took place in the Indian sub-continent and return to their Lord, then their hearts have been seized by sins and evil deeds. Especially, the people in power and authority who have been publicly ruling by Kufir and committing Munkar. The situation has gone from bad to worse.
- The rulers of Pakistan and the other Muslim countries should take a lesson from the earthquake and remember the power of Allah (swt).
- Pakistan has once again demonstrated its loyalty to the UN Security Council by agreeing to abide by the unjust UN resolution imposed on Afghanistan. Knowing full well that the current sanctions would produce a humanitarian catastrophe in Afghanistan, Pakistan has given full assurances to the UN that it will observe the sanctions to the letter. The irony is that Pakistan has not been compelled to submit to the wishes of the kafir powers on Security Council but has done so openly and willingly in compliance with its membership of the UN. Such obedience to UN resolutions belittles Pakistan’s claim that sovereignty lies with Allah (swt).
- The rulers and the people should ponder upon the earthquake and the similar signs of Allah (swt).
- It is a reminder that Allah (swt) is indeed al Khaliq the creator of all that is within the Heavens and the Earth. The one that created the beauty of the mountains and the streams, the rains by which the Earth can bring forth fruit, the springs and wells that allow water to come from the belly of the Earth which satisfy *insaans* thirst. And that He indeed is also the giver of life and death.
- It should remind us of Surah Zalzalah. Allah (swt) says:

“When the Earth is shaken with its final convulsion/Earthquake,

And the Earth pours out her burdens, and man say’s: What is (wrong) with her?

On that day she will relate all her chronicles (all the events that she has witnessed).

Because your Rabb will have inspired her. That day the people will proceed in scattered groups to be shown their deeds. Whosoever does an atoms weight of good he shall see it and whosoever does an atoms weight of bad he shall see it.” [TMQ]

- Allah (swt) informs us the coming events before the day of our accountability. A day in which the Earth will shake for the final time. A day in which mans deeds will be made clear and indeed the outcome of all that we had done.
- Indeed Allah (swt) tells us that he will inspire the Earth as to inform us about our deeds.
- Imam Qurtubi (ra) states that: *The Earth will narrate the deeds that have been done good or bad on that day..... It will speak out about what happens upon with regards to the obedience to Allah and disobedience to Allah.*
- Tirmidhi narrates from Abu Hurayarah (ra) that Messenger of Allah (saw) recited the ayah [Yaumaithin tuhaddithu akhbaraha] he then said Do you know what are its Akhbar [Chronicles]? We said Allah and his Messenger know best. He then said, He will inform and indeed testify regarding every single servant and every single **Ummah** with regards all that it did openly. She will say they did this on that day this on that day etc.

* O leaders and politicians!: Take heed of what befalls you, fear Allah and leave your transgression and oppression. And be servants of Allah so that you may gain success. If you do not take heed then perish in your rage. And know that you and your Kufir system will be in the lowest depths of the hellfire. And your end will come at the hands of the Muslims in the immediate future. In shaa Allah.

* O officers and people of responsibility in the army!: Fear Allah and be His servants and not the servants of the Kuffar. Be a guard over the Aqeeda, the source of your power and dignity. Do not be the agents of Shaytan but the army of Allah. Know that martyrdom can never be attained except by fighting jihad in the path of Allah to raise the word of truth.

* O Ulama and Imams!: Fear Allah and do not hide the truth while you know the truth. Or else you deserve the curse of Allah, His Messenger and His angels. Be good Imams to the Ummah. Do not sell the Ayaat of Allah for a filthy price. Know that the torment of Jahannam is severe and that Power belongs to Allah and not to the Kuffar. Speak the truth and be firm. Do not clothe truth with falsehood. And do not utter what the state has written for you in terms of the Khutbah's that are filled with Kufr and falsehood from the Minbar on the day of Juma'a. Do not call to falsehood but work for the establishment of Islam, you will attain success in the Dunya and Akhira.

* O writers and publishers!: Fear Allah! Let your books be for the truth and do not mix the truth with the falsehood in your books. Do not publish or propagate what the Orientalists and the enemies of the Ummah carry in terms of poisons and diseases.

* O wealthy people of the Ummah and landowners!: Fear Allah and know that whatever you possess will run out and whatever Allah owns will last forever. Defend your deen more than you defend your property. Spend your money in the path of Allah and work, using your wealth, to establish the righteous Khilafah state in order to carry the guidance and light of Islam to the whole world. Fear the Day when no wealth or sons will be of benefit to you.

* O Muslims!: If you desire power, dignity and respect then work for the rule of Allah's Shari'ah on the earth by establishing the righteous Khilafah. Otherwise your end in the Dunya will be one of dishonour and dismissal from the Mercy of Allah in the Akhira.

Answer the Da'wa carriers who call you to that which will give you life, and lead you to the path of happiness and liberation. Do not listen to those who forbid you from this and do not attach importance to others if what they wish is to forbid you from the Call to Allah. Because those people do not fear Allah but fear the Kuffar. It is incumbent on you, O Muslims, that you do not fear any of these but fear Allah only.

- O strange Da'wa carriers who call to Allah!: Have patience and put your trust in Allah and know that Allah is your Helper. And work until you deserve the glad tidings of Allah. And know that Allah does not break His promise. He (swt) says:

"The decision of the matter, before and after is only with Allah. And on that Day, the believers will rejoice. With the help of Allah, He helps whom He wills, and He is the All-Mighty, the Most Merciful"
[Rum:4-5]

The Messenger of Allah (sws) said:

"Verily, the deen began strange and it will return strange. So, blessed are the strangers who make good what the people after me have corrupted of my Sunnah" [al-Tirmidhi:Book of Iman/2554] And he (sws) said: "Then there will be a Khilafah on the way of the Prophethood" [Ahmad b. Hanbal/The book of Kufans:17680]

"And soon will the unjust know what change in circumstance their affairs will take" [TMQ 26:227]

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Bismillah al-Rahman al-Rahim

On the night of the 17th of August, 1999 at 3:02 after midnight, the earthquake (measuring 7.4) struck violently in the Marmara region in Northwest Turkey. The quake's epicentre was in Golcuk, the site of the naval and armed forces bases (these bases have played an important role in what is called the 'period of the 28th of February' i.e. the place from which Islam is fought).

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"Do then those who devise evil plots feel secure that Allah will not sink them into the earth, or that the torment will not seize them from directions they perceive not? Or that He may catch them in the midst of their going to and fro, so that there be no escape for them (from Allah's Punishment) Or that He may catch them with a gradual wasting (of their wealth and health)" [al-Nahl:45-47]

This is to strike fear and remind the people so that they take heed and fear Allah. Allah (swt) sends it according to the laws of the universe with which Allah has organised the motion of the universe.

In this earthquake approximately 40,000 people died and a similar number were injured. Tens of thousands of houses were destroyed and many industrial complexes (such as that in Tibrash) were terribly damaged. Many roads were also damaged. This earthquake inflicted damage on the whole of Turkey, billions of dollars have gone to dust and the state is planning to impose taxes on the people ...!!

Indeed, if the people do not take a lesson from the earthquake that took place in Turkey and return to their Lord, then their hearts have been seized by sins and evil deeds. Especially, the people in power and authority who, since 1924, have been publicly declaring their open Kufr and committing Munkar. The situation has gone from bad to worse:

1. On the 3rd of March, 1924 the Khilafah was destroyed, the foundation for applying the Shari'ah. Through its abolition Islam was removed from the battlefield of life and the Jahili system became dominant. The birth of the republic was announced and Shirk against Allah was committed. They rejected and attacked the Khilafah and still (to this day) continue to attack it. For society's part it did not defend the Khilafah and nor did it adopt it. It even joined the enemies of Islam in their (evil) deed and the republic came to be considered a good thing.

2. After this, secularism was adopted and Islam was in actuality removed from life. They declared a comprehensive war on Islam, the basis of which was secularism, considering the application of Allah's rules and the adoption of Islam as a basis of the social and political life to be of the greatest sins. They disbelieved in the Law (Shari'ah) of Allah under the name of secularism and the society took the stance of an onlooker until, at times, it even defended secularism.

3. They forced the Azan to be given in the Turkish language and for worships to be performed in Turkish and forged other such lies. With these lies they wanted to distance the people from their deen. Also they wanted to introduce 'Turkish Islam' or 'Islamic Turkism' so as to distance the people from what they called 'the Islam of the Arabs'. They forbade the Azan to be given in Arabic (in the beginning) and they prohibited the learning and teaching of the Qur'an. Even today, the learning of the Qur'an and its teaching is banned for those under the age of 12. All of this takes place, and the society stands as a bystander as if nothing had happened.

4. They forbade the lawful Hijab of women. Up to the present moment, most women, female students and employees are banned from wearing the legally prescribed dress. Many women wearing Hijab have been compelled by force to take off their Hijab and the society does not show any reaction. As if that has no effect on its emotions. The reactions came only within the framework of human rights and the freedoms and other such un-Islamic sayings.

5. The usury that Allah forbade is still openly used in bank transactions, as if they are declaring war on Allah and His Messenger. Allah (swt) said:

"O you who believe! Fear Allah and give up what remains (due to you) from riba (usury) (from now onward), if you are really believers. And if you do not do it, then take a notice of war from Allah and His Messenger" [al-Baqara:278-279]

The society does not budge an inch until even some government Shaykhs gave Fatwa permitting it.

6. At a time when schools for the memorisation and teaching of the Qur'an have been closed down, places such as clubs, casinos and brothels still operate publicly day and night. The state even, at times, does not hesitate in rewarding them with badges and medals. The society does not move in the slightest, adopting the stance of an onlooker. Thus in Turkey, the consumption of alcohol increases, in this she is at the forefront amongst the countries of the world. Indecency and fornication spreads and the people's morals are corrupted.

7. At a time when the state bans people from saying the truth and fact, it allows the publication of books by apostates such as; Salman Rushdie, Aziz Naseen and others, under the slogan of freedom of thought and expression. The society remains apathetic adopting the position of a spectator.

8. In all transactions the orders and prohibitions of Allah are not heeded. All treaties and contracts are concluded on an invalid basis. The haram continues to spread, there is hardly a belly into which a morsel of haram has not entered.

9. Since the period of 28th February and until today the state has incessantly taken decisions under the slogan of what is called fighting against backwardness. They declared a comprehensive war against Islam and the Muslims. This war still continues in all its guises. On the other hand, the society does not support the truth, even to the point of not defending those who do speak the word of truth.

These, in short, are the actions which are undertaken by a handful of the Jews of Dunma (the hidden state) who are in charge of the affairs of this country and afflicting it with a horrible torment. We have noticed the reactions shown by sections

of society in terms of the leaders, organisations, wealthy, Ulama and writers that they are not what should be, and that they have not stood in the face of oppression and Munkar as they ought to have done.

The potentials today are plentiful and many, the society has the ability to show its reaction on the level demanded of it in the face of the oppressive group. However, this has not happened. The people are silent, they do not say the truth. They have displayed humiliating and disgraceful attitudes. Thus, this reminder has come to them from Allah (swt):

"And if the people of the towns had believed and feared Allah, certainly, We would have opened for them blessings from the heaven and the earth, but they belied (the Messengers). So we took them (with punishment) for what they used to earn." [al-A'raf:96]

And He (swt) says:

"And fear the Fitna (affliction, trial) which affects not in particular (only) those of you who do wrong, and know that Allah is Severe in punishment" [al-Anfal:25]

Abu Dawud has narrated on the authority of Qays b. Abi Hazm:

"That Abu Bakr (r.a.) after he had glorified and praised Allah (swt) he said: O people! You read this ayah but you do not understand it: "O you who believe! Guard your own souls: If you follow the right guidance none can hurt you from those who have gone astray" [al-Maida:105]

I heard the Messenger of Allah (sws) say:

"The people when they see the tyrant and do not restrain his hands, Allah will be about to punish them all".

And I heard the Messenger of Allah (sws) say:

"Any people amongst whom sins are committed, and they could change them but they did not (change), Allah will be about to bring a punishment which engulfs all." [Abu Dawud: Book of Battles/3775]

And the Messenger of Allah (sws) said:

"By the One in Whose Hands my soul rests, you must enjoin the good and forbid the evil or Allah will be about to send upon you a punishment. Then you will make du'a to Him and He will not answer you" [Ahmad b. Hanbal:22212]

The Messenger (sws) said:

"The example of the person abiding by Allah's order and restrictions in comparison to those who violate them is like the example of those persons who drew lots for their seats in a boat. Some of them get seats in the upper deck, and the others in the lower. When the latter needed water, they had to go up to bring water (and that troubled the others), so they said, 'Let us make a hole in our share of the ship (and get water) saving those who are above us from troubling them'. So, if the people in the upper deck left the others to do what they had suggested, all the people of the ship would be destroyed, but if they prevented them, both parties would be safe" [Bukhari: Book of Partnership/3775]

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* O officers and people of responsibility in the army!: Fear Allah and be His servants and not the servants of the republic. Be a guard over the Aqeeda, the source of your power and dignity. Do not be the agents of Shaytan but the army of Allah. Do not be a puppet in the hand of a handful of the Jews of the Dunma but defenders of the Ummah. Know that martyrdom can never be attained except by fighting jihad in the path of Allah to raise the word of truth. Do not shed your blood in vain in the path of Shaytan. Strike on the hands of the Jews of Dunma in the army. Know that if you go with Shaytan your fate will be one of utter loss in the Hereafter.

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* O leaders of groups!: Fear Allah! Be an example of Taqwa and not disobedience. And instil in the hearts of people the vitality and courage of Iman, not cowardice or fear. Put an end to your obstinacy and do not slacken in applying what Allah has obliged on the Muslims. Work sincerely to establish the Khilafah state, to establish the sovereignty (Hakimiyya) of the

deen of Allah and carry the Message of Islam as a guidance to the world. Be among the believers and do not stand as an obstacle between your groups and those believers who are working to establish the rule of Allah on earth by establishing the Khilafah.

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* O Muslims!: Fear Allah and know your enemy from your friend. And know that this republic is your enemy and the reason for the calamities and disasters that have befallen you. As long as the republic is above your heads you will not be rid of these calamities. It does not attach any importance to you. So in most government circles you see for yourself the bad treatment you face. It keeps raising the price for you. It hates your deen and beliefs and bans you from Allah's commands, His Messenger and His Book under the slogan of backwardness. Thus, they consider Hijab to be a dress that is incompatible with the time and they prohibit it from entering government circles. The book that you believe in 'the Qur'an' they have banned it from being taught to your children. Just as you have witnessed in the recent earthquake, that the Republic was not concerned about your dead or injured. Your dead were left in the courtyards until one could smell their stench. Without any value or respect given to them they were discarded in mass graves using bulldozers! Is it reasonable for a state which does not attach any importance to you while you are living that it should see you as important after you are dead?! If that is the case, then why do you carry the burden of the Kufir state on your necks?

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Hizb ut-Tahrir

Wilaya of Turkey

Open Letter to the Rulers of Turkey regarding the earthquake in Izmit

Just before dawn on Tuesday Jumada I (17/8/99), a violent earthquake struck in north west Turkey. Its epicentre was Izmit, and it measured 7.4 on the Richter scale. According to UN reports more than 40,000 have died, 33,000 injured and 200,000 made homeless.

We pray to Allah (swt) that He shelters the dead with His Mercy and Forgiveness and that He confers on the injured the prospect of good health and well-being. And also that He facilitates help and shelter for the displaced and inspires them with patience over this calamity.

Indeed, this earthquake was one of the signs of Allah (swt) which He sent to the people of Turkey and others to bring fear and to warn. So who is there that will take admonition?

There is a huge responsibility which, Firstly, falls on the shoulders of the ruling secular regime in Turkey, a responsibility the adherents of this regime cannot shirk. Secondly, the responsibility lies on the shoulders of the people in Turkey, a responsibility they cannot evade. And Thirdly it falls on the shoulders of Muslims everywhere.

As for the responsibility of the regime, this regime knows that these areas are situated on an earthquake fault line. An earthquake occurred along this line measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale in 1912. Thereafter earthquakes occurred on this line in the years 1939, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1957, 1967 and 1992. So why was the regime unconcerned and didn't prepare to face these expected disasters?

Officials of the secular regime said: 'the earthquake was so big that the state was not able to eliminate its dangers'. This justification is of no value since we've observed that the state did not prepare for any earthquake, however great or small. Was it not within the capabilities of the regime to set down specifications and conditions for construction in these areas? And was it not possible to inspect buildings so as to be sure that building contractors were meeting building specifications and conditions? We have noticed that some old buildings (from the days of the 'Uthmani state) remained firm, while many modern buildings crumbled easily even though the technology since then has progressed greatly.

Were not the officials of the secular regime able to move immediately when the earthquake happened in order to provide help and first aid to the victims? Instead they continued to listen to the reports as if the disaster had occurred in another country! It was only after 17 hours that some of them met to see what they could do, leaving individuals to dig the debris and rubble with their bare hands. Eventually after two days they moved, but in an astonishingly chaotic manner. Army officials moved after four days, as if the problem had nothing to do with them, and were only concerned with their naval base that had been hit by the quake.

After five days had elapsed, some of the villages in Izmit which had been severely devastated by the earthquake, had still to receive any first aid or assistance. All as a result of the failure to have someone in charge who could organise and see which areas had been checked and which areas remained forgotten and neglected.

This is the Turkish regime and this is Turkish rule which boasts that it has made Turkey the most powerful nation in the Middle East. Yet, this earthquake has exposed the defects, emaciation and weakness of the regime. And also to expose that the regime is completely non-existent when the issue relates to looking after the affairs of people and coming to their aid. This secular regime prepares in force when it comes to suppressing the people, silencing them and imposing taxes. This secular regime flexes its muscles as a tool in the hands of the Jews: sometimes by threatening Syria and other times by striking the Kurds, entering Iraq, or threatening Iran.

The adherents of this secular regime are unable to help the people in their moment of hardship, yet they have the ability to ban the lawful Hijab of women that Allah has made obligatory. And they have the ability to expel a soldier from the army if he prays, disband parties which call for Islam and imprison those who speak about Islam.

As for the responsibility of the people in Turkey, it is incumbent on them to account the rulers and account the contractors, and take heed themselves that when a disaster does occur, it doesn't only afflict the rulers, contractors, and oppressors. Rather it afflicts everyone. He (swt) said:

"And fear the trial which affects not in particular (only) those of you who do wrong" [TMQ 8:25]

The Messenger of Allah (saw) was asked: "will we be destroyed while there are righteous people amongst us?" He replied: "Yes, when the evil becomes great".

The evil is not confined to the rulers colluding with the contractors in construction fraud, and nor is it confined to the rulers negligence of the interests and security of the people and failing to make the necessary preparations to rescue the people, or to provide them with first aid and shelter. Rather, it has gone beyond that, to the extent of fighting the people in their deen, with the state's deen becoming secularism and not Islam. The ruling regime considers Turkey to be a part of secular Europe and not a part of the Islamic countries. Utmost respect has come to be for secularism, separation of religion from life, and Mustafa Kamal, and not for the Qur'an, Sunnah and Muhammad (saw). And friendship and dependency has come to be for the Jews of Israel, the enemy who fights the Muslims...

All of this is taking place while the Muslim people of Turkey are silent about those disbelieving rulers who destroyed the Khilafah and betrayed Allah, His Messenger, His deen and all Muslims. And even though Allah (swt) has obliged them to discard these secular Kafir rulers. So will these people not bear the responsibility of what afflicts them in this world due to the policy of those rulers, over whom they are silent? Yes indeed, for they shall bear a greater responsibility before Allah (swt) in the Hereafter as well.

As for the responsibility of Muslims everywhere, the Muslims are one Ummah. They are like one body which when one of its limbs hurts, the entire body responds to that part with sleeplessness and fever.

It is incumbent on the Muslims to help each other, not least when disasters occur, regardless of their lineage, language, colour or home. It is also incumbent on them to embark on assisting each other with money, food, housing, medicines, and all types of assistance.

Just as it is incumbent on all of them to work to destroy the systems of kufr which are implemented on them. And work to establish the Islamic state, the righteous Khilafah state which will apply the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger

over them. And work to eliminate these emaciated entities by overthrowing their rulers and agents and bringing the people together under the entity of the Khilafah, and carry the Message of Islam to the rest of the world.

As for you - the secular rulers of Turkey - to whom we direct this open letter. We do not think that you deserve anything other than the warning directed to the likes of you by Allah (swt): **"And soon will the unjust know what change in circumstance their affairs will take" [TMQ 26:227]**

Hizb ut-Tahrir

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Obedience to UN or obedience to Allah

Pakistan has once again demonstrated its loyalty to the UN Security Council by agreeing to abide by the unjust UN resolution imposed on Afghanistan. Knowing full well that the current sanctions would produce a humanitarian catastrophe in Afghanistan, Pakistan has given full assurances to the UN that it will observe the sanctions to the letter. The irony is that Pakistan has not been compelled to submit to the wishes of the kafir powers on Security Council but has done so openly and willingly in compliance with its membership of the UN. Such obedience to UN resolutions belittles Pakistan's claim that sovereignty lies with Allah (swt).

Since its inception in 1945, the UN has been used by the colonialist powers especially America to cement their hegemony all over the world. The UN is based on Western concepts of international law, which seek to create a defined world order that favours existing leading powers and suppresses new and emerging powers. The UN institutionalises this world order by providing the leading powers with a mechanism through the Security Council by which they can enforce their authority over world affairs. No people have suffered more at the hands of the UN than the Muslim ummah. The UN has been instrumental in carving up Muslim land such as the division of India, separation of Bangladesh from Pakistan, Bosnia and recently the dismemberment of Indonesia. Furthermore, the UN has been used by the kuffar to plunge a dagger deep into the heart of the ummah by creating Israel and supporting its existence by issuing resolutions in her favour. The UN has also played the leading role in isolating Muslims from each other by imposing sanctions on Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Iran and Afghanistan. The UN has also been used by the kuffar to justify the invasion of Somalia and the bombing of Iraq. But despite these glaring evidences that the UN is the enemy of Muslims, our leaders still hold the UN and its resolutions in high esteem and continue to refer to her resolutions in all their disputes. It is political suicide to put the affairs of the Ummah in the hands of the kuffar whose earnest desire is to see Islam destroyed. The Muslim Ummah is potentially sufficient in number, resources and power to be able to impose her own solutions in world affairs. Yet our rulers continue to submit themselves to the west.

Islam has prohibited Muslims from referring to a kufr authority to look after their affairs. Allah says in the Quran,

"And never will Allah grant to the unbelievers a way (to triumph) over the believers". [Al-Nisa: 141].

So it is haram to involve the UN in solving the political problems of the ummah like Kashmir, Palestine and Chechnya. It is also haram for Muslims to ask for a seat on the UN Security Council or to become one of its members. Our leaders should stop giving the ummah the impression that they are looking after her affairs, while they openly disobey Allah by seeking the

ruling of the United Nations. Allah (swt) warns us,

"Have you seen those who pretend to believe in what has been revealed to you and what has been revealed before you, how they go in their judgment to the Taghut, though they have been ordered to disbelieve in it. But Satan's wish is to lead them astray"[an-Nisa 4:60]

The Muslim Ummah should re-establish the Islamic Khilafah, which will have the sincerity and courage to withdraw membership of the Muslim Ummah from the United Nations and reject the decisions of the leading kufr powers. The Khilafah state is the only state that will stand against the kuffar to protect the interest of Muslims. Muhammed (saw) said "Behold the Imam is the shield behind which people fight and are protected".

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