

To Our Elected Members of Parliament:

The blessed month of Ramadan, observed by over two million Muslims in Canada and almost two billion Muslims worldwide, will be here in a few short weeks. A foundational pillar of Islam is fasting from dawn to sunset throughout this holy month. This devotional act is a powerful means of cultivating God-consciousness in our hearts and minds, inspiring self-reflection, and increasing empathy and good works. It is also a time when our places of worship overflow with Muslims gathering together to worship as a single community.

The Muslim community throughout our country is deeply affected by the loss of all innocent life, including the tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters in Gaza who have fallen victim to the collective punishment imposed upon them by the Netanyahu government. Millions more are at risk of death due to indiscriminate bombardment, the targeting of hospitals, systematic starvation, and the proposed military operation in Rafah that Canada, Australia and New Zealand have said would be catastrophic.

In addition to the ongoing attack on civilians in Gaza, violations of international law at the hands of extremist settlers in the West Bank continue to go unpunished. Moreover, the Netanyahu government has renewed its attack on sacred spaces and has announced the adoption of new rules to limit the access of Muslims to Masjid Al Aqsa, one of holiest places in Islam. This fresh provocation has been globally condemned - including by many of Netanyahu's own colleagues.

God reminds us in the Qur'an that the wrongful killing of one person is akin to killing all of humanity. In light of this, our prayers and supplications, particularly in the recent months and as we enter Ramadan, are centered on the distressing situation in Gaza and Palestine, and for the thousands of children who have lost their lives in what the ICJ has described as a plausible case of genocide.

Here in Canada, we have, for nearly a century, welcomed our elected MPs from all parties into our mosques during Ramadan to not only engage in dialogue, but to share in our collective commitment to help the needy, the oppressed, and the poor. Ramadan has especially been a time when elected officials have historically had the opportunity to connect with hundreds of thousands of Canadian Muslims gathered for worship.

As our hearts break for the people of Palestine, we renew our commitment to upholding the ethics of our sacred month.

This Ramadan, we accordingly ask our MPs from all political parties that, before coming to our community gatherings, they commit to the following:

1. Condemning the war crimes being committed by Israeli forces;
2. Supporting an immediate ceasefire urgently needed to protect civilians sheltering in Rafah and beyond;
3. Demanding the immediate resumption of funding for UNRWA, a lifeline for millions of refugees which was suspended without reasonable basis;
4. Opposing the flow of arms and military equipment to the Netanyahu government, which, as confirmed by the ICJ, is engaged in plausible genocide; and
5. Standing in defence of civil liberties, including the right of Canadians to express solidarity with the Palestinian people without fear of reprisal.

If you cannot publicly commit to all of the above, respectfully, we cannot provide you with a platform to address our congregations. Ramadan is about humanity. This Ramadan, more than ever, only those MPs who share in our commitment to humanity will be welcome to address us in our sacred spaces.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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FRANÇAIS

À nos députés :

Le mois béni du Ramadan, observé par plus de deux millions de musulmans au Canada et près de deux milliards de musulmans dans le monde entier, débutera dans quelques semaines à peine. Un pilier fondamental de l'Islam est le jeûne, de l'aube au coucher du soleil, tout au long de ce mois sacré. Cet acte de dévotion est un moyen puissant de cultiver la conscience de Dieu dans nos cœurs et nos esprits, d'inspirer l'autoréflexion, et d'augmenter l'empathie et les bonnes actions. C'est également un moment où nos lieux de culte débordent de musulmans se rassemblant pour prier en tant que communauté.

La communauté musulmane dans tout notre pays est profondément affectée par la perte de toute vie innocente, y compris les dizaines de milliers de nos frères et sœurs à Gaza qui sont devenus victimes de la punition collective imposée par le gouvernement Netanyahu. Des millions d'autres sont en danger de mort en raison de bombardements indiscriminés, du ciblage des hôpitaux, de la famine systématique et de l'opération militaire proposée à Rafah que le Canada, l'Australie et la Nouvelle-Zélande ont déclaré catastrophique.

Au-delà de l'attaque en cours contre les civils à Gaza, les violations du droit international aux mains des colons extrémistes en Cisjordanie continuent d'aller impunes. De plus, le gouvernement Netanyahu a renouvelé son attaque contre les lieux saints et a annoncé l'adoption de nouvelles règles pour limiter l'accès des musulmans à la mosquée Al-Aqsa, l'un des lieux les plus sacrés de l'Islam. Cette nouvelle provocation a été condamnée dans le monde entier - y compris par beaucoup de ses propres collègues.

Dieu nous rappelle dans le Coran que le meurtre injuste d'une personne revient à tuer toute l'humanité. À la lumière de cela, nos prières et nos supplications, en particulier au cours des derniers mois et alors que nous entrons dans le Ramadan, se concentrent sur la situation préoccupante à Gaza et en Palestine, et sur les milliers d'enfants qui ont perdu la vie dans ce que la CIJ a décrit comme un cas plausible de génocide.

Ici au Canada, depuis près d'un siècle, nous avons accueilli nos députés de tous les partis dans nos mosquées pendant le Ramadan, non seulement pour engager le dialogue, mais aussi pour partager notre engagement collectif à aider les nécessiteux, les opprimés et les pauvres. Le Ramadan a notamment été un moment où les responsables élus ont historiquement eu l'occasion de se connecter avec des centaines de milliers de musulmans canadiens rassemblés pour prier.

Alors que nos cœurs se brisent pour le peuple de Palestine, nous renouvelons notre engagement à respecter l'éthique de notre mois sacré.

Ce Ramadan, nous demandons en conséquence à nos députés de tous les partis politiques que, avant de venir à nos rassemblements communautaires, ils s'engagent à ce qui suit :

1. Condamner les crimes de guerre commis par les forces israéliennes ;
2. Soutenir un cessez-le-feu immédiat nécessaire de toute urgence pour protéger les civils se réfugiant à Rafah et au-delà ;
3. Exiger la reprise immédiate du financement de l'UNRWA, une bouée de sauvetage pour des millions de réfugiés, suspendu sans base raisonnable ;
4. S'opposer au flux d'armes et d'équipements militaires vers le gouvernement Netanyahu, qui, comme confirmé par la CIJ, est engagé dans un génocide plausible ; et
5. Défendre les libertés civiles, y compris le droit des Canadiens d'exprimer leur solidarité avec le peuple palestinien sans crainte de représailles.

Si vous ne pouvez pas vous engager publiquement à tout ce qui précède, respectueusement, nous ne pouvons pas vous fournir une tribune pour vous adresser à nos congrégations. Le Ramadan concerne l'humanité. Ce Ramadan, plus que jamais, seuls les députés qui partagent notre engagement envers l'humanité seront les bienvenus pour s'adresser à nous dans nos espaces sacrés.

Nous attendons avec impatience de vos nouvelles.

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