Message of Felicitation of the Esteemed Amir-ul-Mumineen, Sheikh-ul-Hadith Mawlawi Hibatullah Akhundzada (may Allah protect him), on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha

In the name of Allah, the most Compassionate, the most Merciful

Allah is Great, Allah is Great, there is no God but Allah and Allah is Great, Allah is Great and all praise belong to Allah

 إن الحمد لله نحمده ونسبعه ونستغفره وندعو به من شرور أنفسنا ومن شرور أفعالنا ومن شرور أعمالنا من بهده الله عايض حي له ومن يستمل فلنا حي له وأشهد أن لا إله إلا الله وحده لا شريك له وأشهد أن محمداً عبده ورسوله صلى الله وسلم عليه وعلى آله وصحبه أجمعين. أما بعد:

All praise be to Allah. We praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We also seek His refuge from the evils of our inner selves and from our wicked deeds. Whoever is guided by Allah, there is none to mislead him and whoever is left by Allah in error, there will be none as guide for him (except Allah). I testify there is no god but Allah. Alone is He and has no associate and I testify that Mohammad is His Servant and Messenger, peace be upon him and his family and companions:

قال الله عزوجل: فَإِنَّ صَلَاةِي وَنِسَاطِي وَمَحْيَايِ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّدَمْرُ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ إِسْمُهُ ﴿الْأَعْلَامٍ : ۱۶۱﴾

Allah, the Almighty says: Say, “Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the Worlds.” [Al-An’am: 161]

To the Muslim Afghan nation, Mujahideen, families of martyrs, the disabled, imprisoned and entire Islamic Ummah!

Peace, Mercy and Blessing of Allah be upon you all!

Before anything else, I would like to extend by felicitation to you all on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha. I pray to Allah (SwT) to accept your sacrifice, Jihad, migrations and struggles for Islam. May Allah (SwT) accept the martyrdom of the martyrs, free the captives from prisons, turn the sorrow of grieving families to joy and may Allah (SwT) provide quality provisions for the good care and healthy upbringing of the orphans, Ameen O’ Lord of the Universe.

Mujahid Brothers!

Consider the protection of your compatriots and defending their life, property, honor and interests your functional obligation. Treat civilian life with utmost care. Exert efforts in facilitating courts and related organs with resolution of civil dispute cases. Pay serious attention to the security of main roads and highways and extend assistance to merchants in the transport of goods and treat them with good manners.
As we are on the threshold of establishing an Islamic government due to the Help of Allah and your selfless sacrifices, Allah willing and that is for Allah not difficult, hence you must further strengthen and organize your ranks and solidify internal bond and cohesion because all of this (achievements) is due to unity and solidarity. Give greater attention to obedience and taqwa (piety and fear of Allah), be thankful to Allah and refrain from all talk and action that can become a cause for the displeasure of Allah (SwT) and change success into failure.

**Afghan Mujahid Nation!**

Our Jihad was and continues to be for ending the occupation and establishing a pure Islamic government, therefore, we reassure our Mujahid and persecuted nation that their aspirations will not be betrayed, Allah willing. Our clear message remains that we are not looking for monopoly over power because all the diverse Afghan tribes and ethnicities are in need of one another – rather the consummation, sovereignty and power of an Islamic system is tied with the unity and oneness of Afghans. Islam orders us all towards Islamic brotherhood, honesty and bestowing responsibility upon those qualified. Every individual in society is entitled to exercise all the rights and privileges of life and have their political and social status determined on the basis of merit and piety.

Afghanistan is the shared home of all Afghans and it is the responsibility of every Afghan to develop this home, protect its religious and national interests and defend its sovereignty and borders.

Our ongoing struggle is a tool for achieving the above objectives. If these goals can be achieved through talks and understanding then we completely support it and consider sincere and serious dialogue one of the fundamental ways for finding a resolution.

We do not hold personal vendetta against anyone but have raised arms to defend the sovereignty of our homeland and establish a pure Islamic government. We seek a peaceful life with everyone once those objectives have been met.

**Intra-Afghan Negotiations:**

The Islamic Emirate has fulfilled its obligations regarding signing an agreement with the United States in Doha and efforts towards launching intra-Afghan negotiations.

It is now up to the other parties to determine how they utilize this opportunity at hand.

Exchange of prisoners which served as a reason for the joy and assurance of thousands of grief-stricken families was a key development which should not have been delayed by the other side. As we are taking steps towards peace, the prisoner release process plays a big part in building trust and shortening our path towards that end.

Domestic parties should immediately remove all obstacles obstructing intra-Afghan dialogue and give priority to the greater interests of our homeland over division of smaller interests so that the Afghans may jointly eliminate all internal and potential causes of war and conflict, restore peace to our homeland and reach an understanding among themselves over future Islamic government.

**Foreign Forces:**

It is good progress that the Americans and their allies have begun implementing the Doha agreement by initiating the withdrawal of their forces, evacuating five bases and preparing to withdraw all the remaining military and non-diplomatic personal in line with their obligations in the Doha agreement.

The Islamic Emirate remains committed to the agreement signed with the United States. The civilian and military organs of the US government and their allies must also honor the agreement signed with the Islamic Emirate and not create obstacles for ending of the longest war in American history with unwarranted remarks and propaganda.

The United States of America must show seriousness, urgency and prudence in the implementation of such a significant and vital process, make use of experiences gained over the past nineteen years and then properly execute its obligations. For example – extending the ten-day prisoner exchange process to four months, the continuing existence of black lists and carrying out frequent drone strikes, bombardments, raids and artillery attacks on unjustifiable grounds do not serve the interests of anyone nor can such actions play a role in winning the war. Rather such actions are counterproductive and only birth more complications, hence, it becomes imperative that both the United States and the international community take this issue seriously and stop creating further problems.

The biggest issue at hand that needs addressing by the international community is the subject of a very small group unaware of the pains and demands of society being imposed upon the economic resources, reserves and seat of power, whom care not for the higher national interests
of Afghanistan, are engaged in a struggle for short-term interests and power, do not give importance to the long-term success and prosperity of the country, delay and obstruct national and other key processes and continually endanger the greater interests of our homeland.

International Relations:

Bringing peace and security to Afghanistan is in the interest of the entire world including the neighboring and regional countries.

The Islamic Emirate is in favor of good relations with all countries of the world. It seeks to maintain relations with Islamic countries in the framework of brotherhood and on the basis of cooperation, emphasizes upon creating an atmosphere of goodwill and trust with neighboring countries, does not seek interference in the internal affairs of others and also wants others to not interfere in our domestic affairs because only such constructive interaction can prove beneficial in security, economic and social spheres for both our and their countries.

Reconstruction:

Following the withdrawal of foreign forces, the Islamic Emirate wants serious steps to be taken for the reconstruction and development our homeland under the shade of a pure Islamic government.

Treasury must be used appropriately and with complete transparency, exceptional plans must be made to rehabilitate the foundations of our ruined nation and pathways must be paved for international economic investment in line with the greater interests of our homeland so that our devastated and war-torn country can take swift strides towards reconstruction, comprehensive development and economic self-sufficiency; our cities and villages can prosper; our compatriots can find employment and be rescued from impoverishment, hardships, emigration and suffering in other countries; can live a bright, happy and self-reliant life under the shade of an Islamic legal system and breathe a sigh of relief in an atmosphere of bliss and security.

Education and Learning:

Education and learning are vital necessities of life. The new generation and youth must adorn themselves with knowledge and wisdom, focus on acquiring education and not waste their precious time.

Delivering education to every corner of the country is a central pillar of our objective. That is why the Islamic Emirate has instructed all Mujahideen to pay extra attention to the education of children of the nation and to facilitate and fully cooperate in the construction of educational institutes, madrasas (religions seminaries) and schools.

Opposition Fighters:

Our message again to individuals and opponents fighting in the opposition ranks is to end your fight and resistance. The door of amnesty of the Islamic Emirate remains open for them. We do not want their families to be left without a caretaker. Our efforts shall focus on convincing them about joining the Mujahideen and safeguarding their lives and that is why we have a Call and Guidance, Recruitment Commission in our structure.

Observing Code of Conduct and Principles:

The officials, Mujahideen and workers of the Islamic Emirate should do their utmost to strengthen and maintain their administrative discipline and unity of rank by implementing the rules and procedures outlined in the code of conduct booklets along with decrees and directives issued by the leadership for all localities because by doing so, it ensures that both our rights and the rights of citizens are secured, security established, national cohesion reinforced and national interests protected.

As the blessed days of Eid-ul-Adha are for spreading joy and sympathizing with the needy, all our wealthy and well off compatriots must aid and extend help to the best of their abilities to those in need especially to the orphans, widows and poor families so they too can at least be free from destitution in these days of Eid.

To end, I once again extend my felicitation to you all on this auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Adha and may all your obedience and worship be accepted.

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