



Our Eid is a Human-Based Act First Sermon

Allahu Akbar (i.e., Allah is All-Great), Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, and all praise is due to Allah.

Allahu Akbar whenever the daybreak shines; *Allahu Akbar* whenever the pilgrims declare the Oneness of Allah and say 'Allahu Akbar', are happy with the festive day, have glad tidings, and follow the path of the best human being; *Allahu Akbaru kabira wal-hamdu Lillahi kathira, wa subhan-Allahi bukratan was asila* (i.e., Allah is All-Great and all praise be to Allah and all-glory be to Allah at the beginning and end of the day). We bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah; He commanded us to obey Him and to show kindness to His creation; and we bear witness that our master and Prophet Muhammad is Allah's Servant and Messenger; He sent him as a mercy to all mankind. O Allah! Confer Your Peace and Blessings upon him, his family, companions, and those who follow his path and adhere to his guidance to the Day of Judgment.

O servants of Allah! I advise you and myself to have *Taqwa* (i.e., piety) of Allah Who says, **(O you men! Surely We have created you of a male and a female, and made you tribes and families that you may know each other; surely the most honorable of you with Allah is the one among you most careful (of his duty); surely Allah is**

Knowing, Aware.)' O you who are happy with the Eid!
We congratulate you on these happy festive days, invoking Allah the Almighty to keep our wise, visionary leaders and to permanently keep our country, the United Arab Emirates, happy and full of blessings. Eid is truly a renewable opportunity in which societies experience the most sublime reflections of humanity, so (... **all praise is due to Allah Who guided us to this ...**)' *Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, and all praise is due to Allah.*

O believers!

More than one thousand and four hundred years ago, and in a moment like this in the Farewell Sermon on the Day of the Greater Pilgrimage, the Prophet (PBUH) delivered an all-inclusive sermon to thousands of pilgrims in which he gave a message carrying civilizational principles and universal humanity values expressing the very teachings of this pure, tolerant religion and establish them throughout ages. However, **"The Value of Human Fraternity"** was the first value established by the Prophet (PBUH) as he said, **"Beware! Your Lord is One and your father is one."** So, having faith in this value drives the person to fulfill the duties and promote the relations – a matter that makes the person experience heartfelt happiness, soul-based serenity, and spiritual tranquility. In the same vein, the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) commanded us to realize the values of citizenship, loyalty, and belonging to the leadership. This is manifested in the statement he (PBUH) made in his Farewell Sermon reading, **"And obey those in authority over you so that you would be admitted into the Paradise of**

Al-Hujurat: 13 `

Al-'Araf: 43 `

Ahmed: 23489^r

your Lord.” He (PBUH) also stressed the importance of delivering the trusts to their owners, affirming **“Beware! Whoever has a trust, he should deliver it to the person who entrusted him with it.”** He (PBUH) furthermore highlighted the value of “peace”, declaring **“Your blood, your properties, your honors, and your skins (i.e., bodies) are as sacred to one another like the sanctity of this day of yours in this month of yours in this town of yours.”**

O Allah! Guide us to apply the teachings of Your Prophet (PBUH) and to firmly adhere to Your Saying, **(O you who believe! obey Allah and obey the Apostle and those in authority from among you ...)**⁴.

With that said, I ask Allah for forgiveness.

Second Sermon

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, and all praise is due to Allah.

We praise Him, Glory be to Him, for granting us these seasons of blessings in which we become happy with different kinds of virtues and mercy; and may Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon the best creature, his family, companions, and whoever follows his guidance as long as the earth and the heavens exist.

O believers! These pure Islamic values and sublime humanity principles established by our pure religion and highlighted by the Prophet (PBUH) in the Farewell Pilgrimage are essential for societies and thus should be applied at all times. They are permanent and renewable values established by the Prophet (PBUH) to be a model for humanity and a light that guides humans. So, contributing to spreading these values and

Al-Tirmidhi, 616 ¹

Ahmed: 20695²

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Al-Nisa’: 59 ⁴

protecting them from all that undermines them, including extremism and fanaticism, is the duty of the individual and society alike. The Messenger of Allah (PBUH) clarified this in the Farewell Sermon, affirming “**Let the one who is present convey it to one who is absent.**”¹

O servants of Allah!

These are the values of our religion that we recall in our Eid and apply in our life. Our blessed country, the United Arab Emirates, always takes the lead in spreading these civilizational values and sponsoring these human principles – anyone who lives in it truly experiences this and enjoys its blessings: as rights are protected and dignity is secured. People here and there are fully aware of the humanitarian aid our country provides: it is a hand that is always extended with unlimited good and giving; wherever it exists, good, prosperity, stability, and progress exist; its mission is to protect man, offer him help, and support him: how many patients it treated and how many needy it supported.

So, let’s make Eid an occasion for celebrating our values, making others happy, making our families happy, spending duly on our children, and communicating with our kinship. Let’s give them from our sacrificial animals by which we get closer to our Lord in fulfillment of Allah’s Saying, (**Therefore pray to your Lord and make a sacrifice**)² since this reflects the perfect observation of our rituals and happiness with our Eid. O Allah! Confer Your Blessings and Peace upon our master and Prophet Muhammad and his family and all companions. O Allah! Be pleased with the Rightly-guided Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Ali, and all the honorable companions.

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Al-Kawthar: 2 ²

O Allah! Fill our hearts, homes, and country with happiness and increase us in tranquility, stability, and welfare.

O Allah! Make our Eid one of good, blessing, compassion, mercy, love, and strong ties of kinship; and return it to us and our children, families, country, and leaders with good and blessings.

O Allah! Accept the pilgrimage of the pilgrims, make the observation of the rituals easy for them, keep them and their families safe, and bring them safe to their countries with forgiven sins and praised observation of rituals.

O Allah! Guide the UAE's president, HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed, his deputies, his brothers - the rulers of the Emirates -, and his Crown Prince, to what You love and are pleased with.

O Allah! Always keep the United Arab Emirates safe, stable, advanced, and thriving; and shower the entire world with mercy and peace.

O Allah! Have mercy on Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Rashid, the founding leaders, Sheikh Maktoum, and Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed; and admit them with Your Grace into Your vast Paradise; and shower the martyrs of the nation with Your Mercy and Forgiveness.

O Allah! Have mercy on the Muslims and believers - men and women alike: the living and the dead.

May Allah return this Eid to you with good and blessings. Many happy returns.

May Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon you.