

Press Release

## They Couldn't Break the People of Syria with Various Types of Weapons so they are Fighting them with Hunger!!

(Translated)

In the towns of Madaya, Baqin, and Zabadani in the countryside of Damascus, besieged by the Syrian regime's brutal forces and Iran's party militia since last July, there are more than 50 thousand civilians, mostly women and children, deprived of food, medical supplies and clean water. Activists on the ground have documented the death toll of 16 civilians, most of them children, in addition to dozens of injuries, the majority serious due to sniping or the explosion of land mines during attempts to sneak out of Madaya to bring in some food for the children who sleep and wake up while repeating the same phrase "they are hungry."

Frequent confirmed news and many tragic images are reported, but Madaya and Zabadani's conditions are unchanged, rather they are getting worse day after day. For days and even months, innocent children, women, and elders have been living under a stifling siege where all means and necessities of life are lacking. The traders of "death" even sell goods for outrageously exorbitant prices, where a kilogram of any product is for 27,000 Syrian liras.

There is no food for them except for mulberry tree leaves dampened with some drops of rainwater that Allah bestowed upon them, and that the oppressive ruler deprived them of. The people of Madaya have appealed to the associations concerned with animal welfare to intervene to protect the cats, because their miserable situation has driven the people to eat them. Their appeal is a cynical one, in order to expose the humanitarian organizations whose ears were deafened to the screams of the distress calls of the hungry children, and whose eyes were blinded from seeing those who died from starvation in order to feed their children, especially since the Red Cross has reported that about 12 million people, including 5.5 million children are in need of urgent humanitarian assistance.

We are humbled out of respect and honor for all the sacrifices and the hungry child manifests suffering when he asks Allah Almighty to take him to heaven to eat the sumptuous and lavish food there and the tormented girl who wrote her will asking the Angel of Death to hasten and take her before the monster of hunger does, because she wants to leave her family with beautiful memories of her continuous laughter. The siege buried their laughter, and exhausted their energy, and made their bodies weaker. The more fitting description is they are now "skin and bones".

It is a suffering that few words can do justice to and nor can a few words describe the misery of their conditions, for the situation is beyond all imagination and every

description. And we will not direct our appeal to a certain organization or for the intervention of the Security Council, for they are satisfied with condemnation and denunciation and collecting census, because Muslims have become just numbers for counting, they are coming out of one viewpoint; international policy and colonial interests that bears no value to humanity.

But we will direct our appeal to the factions fighting, to unite and hold tight to the rope of Allah (swt) and not to the rope of the West, and to work to break the siege on the starving children, women, and the elders, who have become skeletons due to malnutrition, and not to accept any negotiation with the killer of your children, and to end your blessed revolution only by working to bring down this oppressive regime with all its symbols and staff and not to accept a rule other than the law of Allah so that this Deen prevails all over the land.

And we direct our appeal to those who have the power of change - Muslim Armies' officers - to turn around matters and to eliminate the Western plans and their cronies; to remove your shackles that prevent you from supporting the oppressed Muslim children and women; and to bring victory for all mankind, and eliminate the artificial borders of feeble farcical countries whose rulers have sold its trees, stones, and humans.

Here are the children of occupied Palestine and children of Madaya rather all of the children of wounded Syria, and the children of Mosul, rather all of the children of grieving Iraq, and children of Taiz rather all of the children of bleeding Yemen ... and the list goes on. They are divided by borders but are united by being one glorious Ummah that Western countries gathered to interfere with in pursuit of their colonial interests, and have united to wipe out in the name of alleged freedom and peace.

But the Ummah of Islam, the Ummah of our Master Muhammad (saw) will return as the strongest, either by making a noble one victorious or by the humiliation of the lowest one, this is due to the saying of the sincere and trustworthy (saw):

«ليبلغن هذا الأمر ما بلغ الليل والنهار، ولا يترك الله بيت مدر ولا وبر إلا أدخله الله هذا الدين بعز عزيز أو بذل ذليل، عزاً يعز الله به الإسلام وذلاً يذل الله به الكفر»

**“This matter will reach whatever the night and day descend upon, and Allah (swt) will not leave any type of house without being introduced to this Deen, either by making the noble one victorious or by humiliation of the lowest one, a victory Allah (swt) will bring to Islam and humiliation that Allah (swt) will bring to Kufr.”**

## Women's Section

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