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# Objectives of the Decisive Storm

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All praise is due to Allaah. He is the sole creator of all things, and the only One who has complete power, invincibility, and authority. None deserves worship except Him. He exacts retribution from those who oppose Him, and devastates those who anger Him. I praise Him out of gratitude for His blessings, and acknowledgement of all His favours. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone, without any partner. It is a testimony of undoubtable truth, certainty, and decisiveness. I further testify that our Prophet Muhammad is Allaah's worshipping servant and Messenger. By him, Allaah united hearts that were divided. O Allaah send abundant salaah, salaam, and blessings upon him, his pure family, his brilliant Companions, and all who follow their path until the Day of Resurrection in the hereafter.

I counsel you all as well as myself to observe taqwaa of Allaah. Therefore, may Allaah have mercy upon you all, you must observe taqwaa. It is the firmest thing you can take hold of, and it is a light that illuminates the path of safety. Taqwaa protects you, by Allaah's permission, from negative consequences and the harms of all adversities. May Allaah have mercy upon you all. You must do the deeds that will benefit you in the hereafter, and you must avoid all that leads to the hellfire. You shall eventually face the result of your deeds and receive the just recompense for them. At that time there will no more hope for the sinful to escape, and they shall see with their very own eyes the long-term punishment that awaits them. Destruction is in store for the heedless who were warned and reminded yet paid no attention. They only prepare themselves for this world although they will soon be among the deceased. May Allaah have mercy upon us all. Ensure that you prepare righteous deeds and hope for their immense reward. "Allaah grants further guidance to those who follow His guidance, and righteous deeds whose rewards remain will have the best outcome with Allaah."

Dear Muslims, the Decisive Storm began in silence as residents of the Gulf slept. It raged in full force as they were at their workplaces. It successfully concluded having fulfilled its goals while people remained safe in their homes.

Allaah is the Greatest and He deserves all praise. Allaah is the Greatest and all favour belongs to Him. The safety we live in and the stability that surrounds us are truly tremendous blessings. Servants of Allaah, when any country goes through a war or experiences fighting, it is usually the case that its residents remain in a state of preparedness, apprehension, and being ready to move at any time. These become manifest by a pervading state of fear, instability of prices, shortage of food, and monopoly on certain commodities. However, by Allaah's favour and blessing first foremost, followed by the wisdom of this country's leadership and the eemaan of its residents, our country has continued to live its routine daily life. Safety, prosperity, and calm have remained. People have continued going to their workplaces, schools, factories, shops, and farms. They have continued to shop, get married, travel, organize events, and their children still played and enjoy themselves.

These exist because of firstly having eemaan in Allaah and placing full trust in Him, and then having confidence in the country's leadership, remaining united with it, and supporting it. The land of the Two Sacred Mosques, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, is not hostile or an aggressor and it does not have motives of expansion. It is known for moderation, balanced diplomacy, and composure in its dealings.

We are certain that all Muslims have a bond with this country that transcends location and people. Allaah said, "Did We not make a secure sanctuary for them to which the fruits of all things were brought?" Allaah also told us that Ibraaheem said, "My Lord, so that they would establish salaah. Therefore, make the hearts of people incline towards them." These are bonds of 'aqeedah, Islaam, eemaan, and sacred locations. Thus, there is a very strong, deep connection to these lands that transcends all times, places, people, and circumstances.

The concern Muslims have for it is not due to land, resources, or governmental rule. Rather, their concern for it stems from their concern for their religion since it is the location from which

Allaah sent His Message, location where the Qur'aan was revealed, and it contains the locations from which the Prophet ﷺ was sent, to which he migrated, and where he now rests.

These factors combined – religious, diplomatic, and governmental – have given its policies unprecedented support from Arabs, Muslims, and nations of the world. Thus, the resulting Arab, Muslim coalition garnered worldwide acceptance and support.

There is confidence in this country's status, credibility, beliefs, role, strength, and leadership. After Allaah's guidance, that is what united people behind it and granted it leadership of the Decisive Storm coalition.

Dear Muslims, the blessed country of the Two Sacred Mosques, as well as its leadership, realize the extensive danger posed to the entire region. Thus, after Allaah's guidance, its wise leadership took measures to form a strong coalition to stand against the expansion aiming to divide the Ummah and shed the blood of Muslims.

This noble coalition was formed for the sake of the entire Ummah and also for the people of Yemen so that it would not be lost or hijacked like other countries.

This blessed coalition sends a message to everyone that Muslims are well-aware of the politics utilized to spread disorder, remove stability, and form groups to carry out deliberate provocation as well as terrorist activities. Those are feeble groups who have no perception of consequences that affect the religion or countries. They are groups who have no future in their religion or their own nations. They are instruments manipulated by others.

Everyone realizes that these groups and factions have been planted in our region and in conflict zones for the purpose of creating chaos and fighting against legitimate authority. Those groups are tools in the hands of this Ummah's enemies and all who wish to spread division, sectarianism, strife, and wish bad for the Ummah.

One such faction is the misguided Houthis group in Yemen which is destroying everything and surrendering the reigns of leadership to foes of its own sons and people. It took up arms to murder and destroy the people, and demolish their masajid, schools, universities, and infrastructure. This aggression went as far as contending with the government and ousting the legitimate president from office. That faction did not heed the calls extended to it or respond to dialogue. When someone uses force to cause corruption, only force will fix him.

That faction attained swift victories against an unarmed people, and its resulting elation led it to further destruction and demolition. It was once a destitute faction that dwelled in caves, but when Yemen became unstable that faction took advantage, and it was also used by others at the same time. It took advantage of the government's weakness and was assisted by others who were, in fact, the armed group. They collaborated with certain traitors, advancing until they reached Yemen's capital as a result of their deplorable cooperation. It was at this point that their swift gains deceived them as well as those behind them, and they thought they had a sumptuous mouthful before them to devour. As a result, they continued to belittle and mock others. They even began to intimidate the region and neighbouring countries, threatening their existence and stability. However, they did not realize that they were a collective of rogue bandits which could not stand up against a country, let alone an entire coalition that defends the truth.

Dear Muslims, consider these bandits and their affiliates in conflict zones. What have they done? What good have they brought? Have they accomplished anything besides creating division, sectarianism, bigotry, and making people's lives very difficult? They don't understand that nations cannot run based on personal inclinations and deviant aspirations. They don't grasp that taking up arms against a country's people cannot bring about safety or stability, let alone form a government.

The factions in question do not know the consequences of their actions because the interests, standards, and considerations of those who support them are constantly changing.

This is deplorable sectarianism along with the greed of political novices who are pleased to be a dagger in the hands of enemies stabbing at their country and people.

This is deplorable sectarianism. Anytime it enters a country, it divides it. Anytime it spreads among a people, it rips them apart. Any time it enters the mind, it leaves it completely unfocused. If someone uses it to seek strength, it will humiliate him. If someone uses it to become rich, it will leave him poor. If someone uses it to attain power, it will leave him weak. If someone uses it to move up, it will only bring him down. Such sectarianism does not lay foundations or build homes, societies, or nations. It only fuels wars, splits people, and divides their hearts.

My brothers, the preceding was in reference to sectarianism and bigotry themselves. It was not in reference to particular groups, tribes, or schools of thought. Allaah has decreed the presence of various groups and tribes among people. "If your Lord willed, He would make all people as one. However, they will continue to differ, except for those granted the mercy of your Lord."

Therefore, servants of Allaah, it is imperative to identify the enemy during strife and crises since affairs and ideas become confused during such times. When someone cannot identify his opponent, his enemies will be many and he will not accomplish his goal.

As such, the conflict in these crises is not with sects. It is not a conflict with the Shee'ah – who have love for Aal al-Bayt (the family of the Prophet ﷺ), may Allaah be pleased with them all, and may Allaah send salaah and salaam upon their forefather, our Prophet Muhammad. We seek refuge in Allaah from that ever being a cause of disturbance, let alone being a cause of strife and division.

This conflict is one of politics. It is a conflict due to expansionism, greed, disregard for neighbours and their rights, as well as disregard for the rights and manners legislated in Islaam.

Sects and groups exist, many of them from the early era of Islaam, but that has always been accompanied by a keen interest in calling people to Allaah, and explaining the truth with wisdom, fine admonition, and presenting a sound argument. However, today's hostility, wars, and struggles are a result of daring to utilize sectarianism, violate the rights of nations and people, and ignite the flames of partisanship. These are done by utilizing all forms of mass media as well as supplying rebellious factions with weapons so that a country and people fight among themselves.

We reiterate: may Allaah forbid that Aal al-Bayt (the family of the Prophet ﷺ) or those who love them ever be pleased with or accept the humiliation and division of Muslims, the demolition of their countries, or the loss of their lives.

We do not use religion, schools of thought, or ethnicity as means to divide societies, or promote sectarianism, partisanship, or racism.

How could we ever do so when our religion addresses people – all people – by saying, "Mankind, We certainly created you from one male and one female, then made you into peoples and tribes in order for you to know each other. Indeed, the most noble of you to Allaah are those who observe taqwaa most. Indeed, Allaah has complete knowledge and is acquainted with all things."

May Allaah protect us all. Hands remain outstretched towards this blessed country which loves good for all, and whose good reaches all by Allaah's favour. This country's policies are known for their flexibility, tolerance, clemency, and composure regarding all that takes place around it. However, it was forced to depart from the norm in a situation that required that. It was harsh in the hopes those people would be restrained. It was firm to as to re-direct the path of those who strayed from the correct course. This was done to protect the interests and safety of all, and to preserve the rights and goodness of this Ummah. Allaah said, "People of eemaan, recall Allaah's favour to you when a people wished to extend their hands against you, but Allaah restrained them from you. Observe taqwaa of Allaah, and the people of eemaan must place their full trust in Him.

May Allaah bless us all by the Qur'aan and guidance of His Prophet. I say this much, and I

ask Allaah to forgive me, you, and all Muslims for every misdeed. Thus, seek His forgiveness, as He is indeed the Most Forgiving, Most Merciful.

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All praise is due to Allaah. He is Unique and Invincible. He is the First and the Last. I praise Him for His immense, innumerable blessings. I testify that none has the right to be worshipped except Allaah alone, without any partner. It is a testimony whose reward I hope to attain on the Last Day. I further testify that our Prophet Muhammad is Allaah's worshipping servant and Messenger chosen from the best of mankind. O Allaah, send abundant salaah, salaam, and blessings upon him, his family, his Companions who were shining stars of guidance, as well as upon all who follow their path and hope in Allaah and the Last Day.

Dear Muslims, alliance and decisiveness united the Ummah, fortified the country, united it behind its courageous troops. Religion and standing up for the country both shone at a time of crisis, when people united to uphold Allaah's religion, protect the country, and fulfill the rights of neighbours. By Allaah's favour, the hearts, feelings, words, and actions of internal and external fronts came together so as to form an impenetrable defense.

This took place by an Arab Muslim political and military alliance led from Riyadh by the Salmaan of unity, tolerance, decisiveness, dignity, and honour. He is a man of resolve and sound leadership. He has deep insight into the affairs of Muslim and Arab people. He works diligently and quietly, with precise understanding and bold decisions.

This blessed country seeks to bring about peace. That being the case, it does not unnecessarily continue any military action which it was forced to undertake. The Decisive Storm operation did not aim to put an annihilate anyone. Rather it was implemented to maintain peace, reinforce the legitimate government, and encourage dialogue between all parties.

Our dear brothers in Yemen, the Decisive Storm has said to you that hope will be restored by Allaah's permission. The Storm has ended, but there is still a storm of resolution which you have to undertake. You were assisted so that you could take the necessary steps to proceed. The interference was necessary so as to restore balance.

Our brothers in Yemen have to turn their hope into reality by changing the disputes which have brought about their destruction and misery into a project of restoring peace and reconstruction. They must work hard for rectification, with decisiveness and strong resolve, full of hope that is coupled with action. They must restore hope for an Arab Muslim nation of Yemen.

To our leader, the Salmaan of hope, and the blessed coalition, the Ummah is waiting for decisive storms that would uproot extremism, terrorism, sectarianism, racism, poverty, and corruption. They are waiting for that official and credible media spokesperson who would honestly inform them of all accomplishments – good brought about, as well as harm averted. You have set an example by the calm, objective, and humble language used in the media, far away from exaggerations, biases, and slogans. You taught them the language of statistics, maps, and sites, in a respectful manner, unprecedented in this region, especially in times of war and conflict. You presented realities as they happened. You were respectful to viewers and listeners, and you also gained their respect. You were considerate towards people and governments, and gained their appreciation. You stayed away from narrow-minded regional sectarianism. The respectable language you spoke allowed for the management of the conflict with unparalleled success. May Allaah bless the efforts made, guide the steps being taken, make victory reality, and protect the Ummah.

May Allaah bless this country's constant rejuvenation and vigour. It is a constantly developing country while it still preserves its values. It takes bold and wise initiatives, charting the

course for future generations. It puts the interests of its people at the top of its priorities, in light of the circumstances in the surrounding region. The country combines progress with firmness in holding on to its principles and foundations which stem from the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of His Messenger Muhammad ﷺ. It seeks to firmly and strongly establish its leadership and authority, in order to strengthen the status of the country regionally and on a world scale, and in order to continue its progress and development.

May Allaah bless this country, assist those in authority to fulfill their responsibilities, and make them a source of support. We ask Allaah to guide our leader to do all that is beloved and pleasing to Allaah. May Allaah direct him, assist him, and grant him aides who direct him towards good and assist him in accomplishing it. May Allaah allow them to bring about much good with determination, justice, mercy, and kindness.

We pledge allegiance to the new Crown Prince as well as his deputy. We pledge to listen and obey them in conformity with the Book of Allaah and the Sunnah of His Messenger ﷺ. We pray that Allaah, Most High and Most Generous, makes this choice one that will produce much good for people and countries. We pray that Allaah guides them and makes them the best of support for our leader, and we ask Allaah to protect him and all of them. He indeed hears and responds to our prayers.

O Allaah, the way You regulate all things suffices us beyond anything we could ever do. Your pardon wipes away mistakes. Your favour and grace make hopes reality. O Allaah, by the power of Your regulation, magnitude of Your pardon, extent of Your forbearance, and abundance of Your kindness, we ask You to assist us, grant us victory, have mercy upon us, and protect us from whatever evil people may harbour. We exalt Your praise. You have the most sacred of names, and none is worthy of worship except You.

We entrust to You the care of our religion, countries, leaders, military, and families. O Allaah, You control all people and grant victory to Your servants. Increase their strength, and grant them victory on top of their victory. O Allaah, we entrust to You the care of Yemen and its people. O Allaah preserve their lives, restore their safety, and grant them dignified living in their country.

May Allaah have mercy upon you all. Observe taqwaa of Allaah, and invoke salaah and salaam upon the worshipping servant and Messenger of Allaah, our prophet Muhammad. Your Lord has commanded you to do so in His statement, "Indeed, Allaah and His angels send salaah upon the Prophet. People of *eemaan*, invoke *salaah* and abundant *salaam* upon him." O Allaah, send salaah, salaam, and blessings upon Your worshipping servant and Messenger, as well as his family, wives, children, Companions, and all who follow their path until the day of reckoning.

Our Lord, the Almighty is absolved from all the wrong which people say. May He grant protection to the Messengers, and all praise is due to Allaah, Lord of all creation.