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The Secret of the Steadfastness of the People of Gaza

Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has mentioned, "Verily soon there will be 'Fitnahs' trials and tribulations." Hadhrat Ali (radiyallahu anhu) asked, "What will be the way out from these trials and tribulations?" Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, "Kitaabullah" (The book of Allah. The Qur-aan).

Seven months have passed since the attack on the innocent Muslims of Gaza by the Israeli Army with jets and missiles. More than 30 000 Muslims have been made shaheed and martyred of which most of them were women and children. Most homes of the people of Gaza have been destroyed. They are now living in tents without water and electricity. They hardly have any food. They are mainly surviving on what the relief agencies manage to give them. The Israeli's have blocked the entry and exit points to Gaza. Only a few trucks are allowed to come in with food and goods for them.

Despite all these difficulties they have remained steadfast and have continued with their lives in these difficult conditions. What is it that has sustained them and kept them firm in these conditions? The answer is the divine and special help of Allah Ta'ala is with them. If at any time you ask them, how are you managing?



They will respond with the aayat of the Qur-aan, "Hasbunallahu wainimal wakeel". "Allah Ta'ala is sufficient for us and he is our best helper." What is it that makes them trust in Allah Ta'ala alone?

The answer is their amazing attachment and love for the Qur-aan.

In 1992, 32 years ago the Palestinians had understood that the only way we will achieve victory against our enemies and free Masjidul Aqsa is by holding

on to the Qur-aan. They started a movement called the “Revolution of the Qur-aan”. They started by making the upbringing of their children on the Qur-aan and Sunnah. In every area of Gaza, they started a madrasah for learning and memorising the Qur-aan. First, they started with the children and the youth, then those with special needs and the handicapped, then they introduced Qur-aanic Classes amongst the elderly folk in the Masaajid. Then

those in hospitals, both patients and doctors, then those in the police force and those in the Army bases.



One battalion in the Army is called Kataaibul Huffaaz which has 10 000 Huffaaz of the Qur-aan. Their promotion and demotion depends on how well they have memorised the Qur-aan and how much are they practicing on the Qur-aan. Hafiz Taysir

bin Abu Taimah was martyred while he was in the condition of sajdah. He was a member of the Kataaibul Huffaaz. They established circles of memorising the Qur-aan in the prisons. Many prisoners after serving their sentences for the crimes committed, left the prison as Huffaz of the Qur-aan. In the summer holidays they established, “The Crown of Honour” camps for the youth to memorise the Qur-aan instead of wasting their time in idle pursuits. The reason for calling this camp “The Crown of Honour”, is the Hadeeth of Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ, that states that the parents of a Hafiz will be made to wear a crown in the hereafter.

They also started a drive to have at least one Haafiz or more in every home of Gaza. Some people have said if you want to change the name of Gaza then change it to “Madinatul Huffaaz”. The city of Huffaaz. Today there are 1300 madrasahs and 9000 halaqaat or groups of learning and memorising the Qur-aan in Gaza. They started something unique in the world called “Safwatul



Huffaaz” - The cream of the Huffaaz. For two years, in 2022 and 2023 a Haafiz must recite the whole Qur-aan in one sitting. The Haafiz is only allowed one mistake per Para. On the 15th August 2023 they had 3500 applicants from which only 1471 qualified. In one day, in one Masjid, 1471 Huffaaz started from Fajr and they made the khatam of the Qur-aan before Maghrib. The youngest haafiz was 8 years old and the eldest was 72 years old. This group included 26 special needs, 163 teachers, 34 Police officers, 90 medical staff. A few weeks ago, there was a report of a doctor's family being attacked. He had an 8-year-old daughter who was made a Shaheeda and martyred. She was also a Haafiza of the Qur-aan. She was preparing to recite the entire Qur-aan in one sitting. This Doctor made an amazing statement “O Allah take from our blood as much as will make you happy, O Allah, take from our children how much will make you happy.” The thing that had made him make this statement was his strong Imaan and attachment with the Qur-aan.

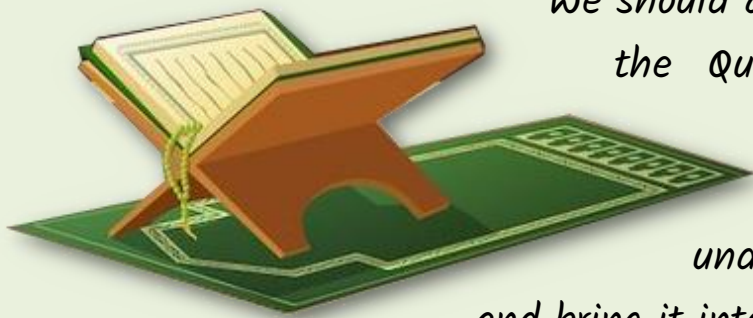
The representative of the ministry of religious affairs has said, “It is our hope that from amongst these Huffaaz there will be one who will perform the Salaatul Fatah (the Salaah of victory) in Masjidul Aqsa.” In the opening verses of Surah Bani Israaeel, Allah Ta'ala speaks of the Jews who when they were rebellious, they lost control of Masjidul Aqsa and it was taken away from them and when they reformed then it was given back to them. Immediately, after this Allah Ta'ala says that perhaps Allah Ta'ala will have mercy on you. But if you move away, it will be taken away from you again. After these Aayaat the next Aayat refers to the Qur-aan being a guide for those who remain steadfast. This is the link between the control of Masjidul Aqsa and the Qur-aan according to them. If they want control over Masjidul Aqsa they need to attach themselves to the Qur-aan. This is the “Revolution of the Qur-aan” they need to achieve to gain control over Masjidul Aqsa. Allah Ta'ala has made this war unfold but the children of





Gazza have not lost heart but have kept their bond with the Qur-aan. A youngster needed stitches, there was no anaesthetic available so he started reciting the Qur-aan while he was being stitched up so that he forgets the pain. Across the world especially in the west people are showing a keen interest in Islam and the Qur-aan on a daily basis. Many are reverting to Islam after witnessing the strong Imaan of the people of Gazza. They have even investigated the secret of their strength and found it to be their attachment to the Qur-aan. The revolution of the Qur-aan has been assisting them against their enemies and it is the shortest route to Masjidul Aqsa. The enemies have also understood. That they are going to be defeated because of this revolution as they cannot influence or control the minds of their youth because of the attachment to the Qur-aan.

The month of Ramadhaan has just passed. It was the month of the Qur-aan. We should ensure that we ourselves and our children recite the Qur-aan daily in our homes. Our grandparents and elders recited Qur-aan daily and saw the blessings of the Qur-aan in their lives by the love, affection and unity that was generated between them in the home.



We should also learn the meaning and message of the Qur-aan from our learned Ulama by attending the Tafseer classes conducted by them. We should understand the teachings of the Qur-aan and bring it into our lives. This is what has created the revolution in the people of Gazza and a generation dedicated to the Qur-aan. The world is witnessing in admiration and astonishment the strength of the people of Gazza due to their attachment and bond with the Qur-aan. This is the report by a person from Gazza.

May Allah Ta'ala keep them steadfast and grant them victory over their enemies. May Allah Ta'ala change the conditions and provide for them from unseen sources. Aameen