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## **Jumma Khutbah Talking Points: Injustice against Scholars in Egypt**

Majlis Ash-Shura: Islamic Leadership Council of New York, an umbrella representative for over 90 Muslim organizations and mosques in New York, and the Tri-State Imams Council, an organization of Imams and scholars in the tri-state area, are requesting all imams and khateebis to include these talking points in their jumma khutbahs.

### **The Sacred Right to Life and Injustice in Egypt**

- The right to a dignified, free life is one of the goals of Allah's Sharia
- "whoever takes a life—unless as a punishment for murder or mischief in the land—it will be as if they killed all of humanity; and whoever saves a life, it will be as if they saved all of humanity." (Al-Maidah: 32)
- "Do not take a 'human' life—made sacred by Allah—except with 'legal' right." (Al Anaam 151)
- "And whoever kills a believer intentionally, their reward will be Hell—where they will stay indefinitely. Allah will be displeased with them, condemn them, and will prepare for them a tremendous punishment." (Al-Nisaa: 92)
- All the constitutions of the world secure for people the right of life for humans and even animals.
- The right to life is a sacred right for all people in all traditions and religions.
- All religions and traditions don't even accept transgressions against animals, let alone humans.
- Supporting the oppressed is a religious obligation and failing to fulfill it is a breach of morality and a sin in upholding Allah's Sharia
- Narrated Anas, Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "Help your brother whether he is an oppressor or an oppressed," A man said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! I will help him if



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he is oppressed, but if he is an oppressor, how shall I help him?" The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "By preventing him from oppressing (others), for that is how to help him."

Narrated by Al Bukhar

- Al-Bara' bin 'Azib (May Allah be pleased with them) reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) commanded us to do seven things: to visit the sick, to follow the funeral (of a dead believer), to invoke the Mercy of Allah upon one who sneezes (i.e., by saying to him: Yarhamuk- Allah), to support the weak, to help the oppressed, to promote the greeting of 'As-Salamu 'Alaikum', and to help those who swear to do something to keep their oaths
- Clear and outright unjust trials must be stopped.
- To give an example of the blatant injustice of this trial, how can a death sentence be given to someone in a case in an incident where his only daughter was killed by government forces in?
- How can a sentence be given to people for an incident when they were arrested before the incident happened?
- Political disputes should not be met with travesties of justice and ideological disputes are not reconciled with compromising people's safety.
- Everyone accused deserves a day in court, where justice can actually be achieved.
- Political disputes are only settled at the ballot box, not in unjust courtrooms.
- Ideological disputes can only be battled by thought, not violence.