

Advice to the Muslims, in light of the recent events in Leicester.

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmatullahi wa barakaatuh.

Know, my brothers and sisters, it is a religious obligation upon you to obey Allah, the Most High, and His Messenger (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him); and that you abide by the methodology of Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jama'ah; specifically in regards to the recent unrest that has occurred in Leicester between Muslims and Hindus, this is what is upon them in a basic summary:

1. Stay in your homes. Do not leave your homes unless if there is a need and do not attend the places where people are congregating to rally. Do not call people to rally or to confront them, ignore these completely.
2. It is upon fathers and mothers to advise their children. They must prevent them from attending gatherings of confrontation, and they must explain to them that disobeying the parents orders is a major sin.
3. Do not arrange, partake or call to protests and demonstrations.
4. Praying on the pathways, as what occurred last night, is an extremely disliked action. The place for congregational prayers are in the Masjid or in a place where it is appropriate, not on public roads or pavements. Using the congregational Salat as a show of strength or to intimidate others is deviation and misguidance.
5. Seek a solution to the problems through representatives from the Muslim community and authorities from the Masjids and Islamic centres, cooperating with the police and appointed councillors. Create a dialogue between community leaders of the various communities, Muslims and others, and it is not permissible for everyone to interfere in these matters, lest the matter becomes chaotic and gets out of control.
6. Lastly, we emphasise the communal relations that have existed between the large majority of Muslims, Hindus and members of all faiths within Leicester for the past few decades. The recent troubles and incidents have been carried out by individuals with the intention of undermining decades of neighbourly conduct and mutual relations between the residents of Leicester; these individuals do not act on behalf of anybody except themselves, and they alone bear responsibility for their own actions.

So fear Allah and beware of being drawn into behaviors and actions that do not benefit you in your religion, and could harm you in your worldly affairs. Realise that staying at home and away from the turmoil, and preserving society's security are among the most important objectives of Islamic Shari'ah.

I ask Allah (the Most High) to protect you all and help us to overcome these problems in peace and security.

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