

"And hold fast by the covenant of Allah all together and be not disunited, and remember the favour of Allah on you when you were enemies, then He united your hearts so by His favour you became brothers; and you were on the brink of a pit of fire, then He saved you from it; thus does Allah make clear to you His communications that you may follow the right way."

Holy Qur'an 3:103

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We believe in the oneness of the Creator, our Lord, Allah, the Glorified the Most High, and in the message of His final prophet, Prophet Muhammad, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. Our Lord commands us to unity through the final revelation, the Holy Qur'an and through the example of His final messenger, Prophet Muhammad, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

Unfortunately, today, the scourges of disunity, particularly, sectarianism is tearing the *ummah* apart. For too long, the enemies of Islam and Muslims have been allowed to sow the seeds of hatred between Muslim brothers and sisters, resulting in bloodshed and destruction.

The time has come for Muslims to stand up against such cruelty and injustice, falsely committed in the name of Islam. Accordingly, we call upon the Muslim *ummah* to:

- Denounce all forms of disunity, including amongst others racism, nationalism, and sectarianism committed by individuals, organisations and governments around the world.
- Unite in our stance against all attempts to divide the ummah, in accordance with the ayah 3:103, the Qur'an and the authentic traditions of the Prophet Muhammad, may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.
- Commit ourselves to the promotion of good relations between all Muslims, based on Islamic etiquette (adab).

We make this statement to make an Islamic stance of unity against all divisive policies and actions.