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HEAD OF AHMADIYYA MUSLIM COMMUNITY WARNS OF RISK OF THIRD WORLD WAR

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad also speaks of threat of civilian casualties in airstrikes

The *World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph)*, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad has delivered a strong warning to world leaders and governments about the potential escalation of current conflicts into a full scale *Third World War*. His Holiness made the comments during his *Friday Sermon* on 4 December 2015 delivered at the *Baitul Futuh Mosque* in South West London.

His Holiness highlighted how the world's problems stemmed from grave injustices perpetrated by both Muslim countries and other world powers. His Holiness called upon Ahmadi Muslims worldwide to pray for long-lasting peace in the world.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Today the world is in great danger and moving rapidly towards a catastrophe and so special and sincere prayers are required from members of our community”

Warning of the potential devastating consequences lying ahead, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“The severity of the situation is such that a Third World War could begin at any time - in fact in reality a Third World War has already begun on a small scale. I have been warning of this for a number of years but only now analysts and world figures have started to agree.”

Speaking about air strikes against the terrorist group *Daesh* in Iraq and Syria, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“If governments wish to carry out air strikes they must be aimed directly at the perpetrators of cruelty and not innocent people. May Allah the Almighty protect the innocent and members of the general public.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“The people of Syria are trapped with no means of escape. The neighbouring countries should have united with the local governments to end the conflict a long time ago. Instead the disorder was allowed to ferment and spread further afield and is now effecting much of the world. Certainly the neighbouring Muslim countries have failed in their duty to bring an end to the conflict and disorder.”

Speaking about escalating contempt and conflict, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“It is being said that some governments are trading with Daesh and are purchasing their oil. Russia has made this allegation against Turkey. Turkey denies it and has levelled the same allegation against Russia. Wherever the truth lies it is certain that some form of trading is taking place. Furthermore, ever since Turkey shot down a Russian plane the expressions of enmity have only increased.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“It is also being said that Daesh has made a plan that if it is forced to abandon Iraq or Syria it will form a base in Libya. It is obvious that air strikes will then also begin in Libya and once more the general population will be killed. The Western nations repeatedly help these nations before turning against them. In Libya, Syria or Iraq they have either removed their governments or are attempting to do so. Unfortunately, the Muslim governments in their own countries are also cruel and unjust. The disorder prevalent in the world is the result of a cycle of perpetual injustice.”

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad continued:

“Despite the precarious situation the world faces, it still does not seem as though the major powers or the Muslim governments are paying any attention to the paramount need for justice. Even if the barbaric terrorists of Daesh are defeated it does not mean peace will instantly be achieved. In fact certain factors indicate that division and warfare could continue beyond as tensions between Russia and the West are increasing. Again it will be innocent members of the general public who will suffer the most and lose their lives.”

Concluding, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

“Thus the world stands in grave danger and so we must bow down in prayer. May Allah the Almighty save the world from the all forms of destruction and may world leaders and governments act with sense and justice.”

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