



## The Islamic Emirate Leadership Council's condolence message on the occasion of the martyrdom of the esteemed and respected scholar of Islamic Sciences, Mawlavi Abdul Salam Saheb



*"Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah [i.e. they have gone out for Jihad (holy fighting), and showed not their backs to the disbelievers], of them some have fulfilled their obligations (i.e. have been martyred), and some of them are still waiting, but they have never changed [i.e. they never proved treacherous to their covenant which they concluded with Allah] in the least" Surat Ahzab: 23.*

It is with great sadness we have learned that Afghanistan's esteemed and recognized scholar, a great Jihadi figure, and a scholar of Quran and Hadith, Mawlavi Abdul Salam Saheb, who was hospitalized for the past three days as a result of a cowardly attack by the enemies of Afghanistan and consequently in critical condition, passed away in a hospital in Quetta, located in the land of migration, Pakistan. *Surely to Allah we belong and to Him we must return.*

The deceased Sheikh Saheb was a well respected and recognised scholar of Islamic Sciences in Afghanistan. Moreover he played a crucial role as a scholar and an activist with the Islamic Emirate. He was a great teacher whose students numbered in the thousands and who were instilled with great knowledge as a result of their teacher's vast understanding. His martyrdom is recognized in Afghanistan and the wider region as an irreplaceable blow to the dissemination of knowledge.

The deceased (May Allah's mercy be upon him) was the son of Haji Khan Gul and an inhabitant of Paktia province. He had dedicated his entire life to the service of Islam. He graduated from Islamic Studies at the age of 25. Two years after his graduation, the martyred Sheikh began teaching the *Loya Daura (course of graduation year)* and taught this course for the past 34 years at various learning institutes. He taught hadith at Darul Uloom Wana, at Dera Ismael Khan Madrassa, at Quetta's Jamia Khairul Madaris as well as various other

institutes. For the past many years the beloved Sheikh taught hadith at the final year of Islamic Studies as well as the exegesis of the Holy Quran. Each year more than 150 students graduated at the hands of our Sheikh.

The beloved Sheikh was a great scholar. Due to his knowledge, vast understanding and piety, the Sheikh attracted a vast following not only amongst students of knowledge but also among the laymen. The Sheikh was recognized throughout this region not only as a great scholar but also as a preacher and Jihadist leader that called others to the blessed path of Jihad. He would always utilize his sermons to strengthen the moral of the Mujahideen and would call upon all people to assist these holy warriors with their lives and wealth.

The enemies of Islam could not tolerate the activities of the deceased Sheikh and consequently martyred him in a cowardly attack. The Sheikh's martyrdom, caused by this unmanly attack, is a badge of honor for his family and a badge of dishonor for his murderers in this world and the hereafter.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, learning of this loss, presents its condolences to the family of the Sheikh, to his students and to all the Mujahideen and people of Afghanistan. May Allah (SWT) accept the martyrdom of Sheikh Saheb and enable his children, family, relatives and students to show forbearance in this difficult moment. And may Allah (SWT) reward their patience with success in this world and the hereafter.

**The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan's Leadership Council**

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