

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ ...

وَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: لَا عَدْوَى، وَلَا طَيْرَةٌ، وَلَا هَامَةٌ، وَلَا صَفَرٌ، وَلَا غَوْلٌ

Honorable Muslims!

This Sunday, July 27th, we will enter Safar, the second month of the Hijri year. Unfortunately, there are some mistaken beliefs among the public that the month of Safar is an unlucky month. However, such beliefs have no basis in Islam.

This understanding is one of the superstitions of the Arabs during the Age of Ignorance (Jahiliyyah). Our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ clearly rejected this false belief, saying: **"There is no ill omen in the month of Safar."** (Bukhari, Tibb, 19)

Dear Believers!

The Arabs of Jahiliyyah considered the month of Safar to be one of the sacred months and regarded it as unlucky. They considered performing Umrah during this month to be a great sin. However, our beloved Prophet ﷺ abolished this belief by saying: **"Umrah is permissible at all times!"** (Bukhari, Hajj)

Despite this, even today, some people still believe that marriages performed in this month will not last long, or that ventures started in this month will remain unfruitful or end in misfortune. Yet, these are superstitious beliefs that are incompatible with Islamic faith.

Dear Congregation!

In another blessed hadith, our Prophet ﷺ said: **"There is no contagious disease (in an absolute sense). There is no ill omen from birds. There is no ill omen from owls. There is no ill omen in the month of Safar. There is no mythical ghouls that is thought to frighten people."** (Bukhari, Tibb, 19; Muslim, Salam, 106)

The transmission of infectious diseases from person to person occurs by the decree of Allah. The belief that every sick person will definitively and certainly infect others is wrong, both religiously and medically. This statement does not advocate for carelessness but commands taking precautions along with reliance on Allah (tawakkul). A Muslim should both protect themselves from diseases and seek refuge in Allah. Taking precautions is a requirement of tawakkul.

Honorable Muslims!

In short, the month of Safar is not a month of calamity or misfortune. There is no concept of ill omen in Islam. Attributing bad luck to events, times, or beings distances a person from the belief in divine destiny (qadar) and reliance on Allah (tawakkul).

I conclude my khutbah with this blessed hadith of our Prophet ﷺ: **"There is no ill omen in Islam. There is no considering anything unlucky. The best is tafa'ul; that is, interpreting things optimistically."** (Bukhari, Tibb, 54)