On the Anniversary of Rabaa: Societies Do Not Recover by Ignoring Their Wounds

On the thirteenth anniversary of the dispersal of the Rabaa al¯Adawiya and Nahda sit¯ins, we stand in reverence for the memory of the martyrs we lost on that day, and we recall the suffering of their families and relatives who have borne the wound for many years with patience that deserves all appreciation.

That day was a painful turning point in our national history, as it left a deep mark on the Egyptian fabric, dealing a deep and treacherous stab in the conscience of Egypt and the memory of its people, and creating an atmosphere of fear and polarization whose effects are still existing in our collective conscience.

It is time to acknowledge that the bet that exclusion and violence could lead to genuine stability or national recovery was a mistake. Therefore, correction of the course is a national and moral imperative.

Societies do not heal by ignoring their wounds, nor by perpetuating the division around them, but rather by building guarantees that prevent such events from recurrence. Everyone shares the responsibility for restoration of national cohesion. We are fully prepared to contribute to this in a responsible spirit, putting the Egypt's interest, security and stability above all else.

We believe that this path should start from the opposite of the "logic of massacre", by adherence to national unity, coexistence, and respecting the sanctity of the blood of all Egyptians without exception, rejecting policies of incitement and exclusion, and adoption of the path of serious and continuous dialogue between the components of the national fabric, with their various ideological, political and social orientations and visions, and also between political and social forces and state institutions, on the basis of supreme national interests and respect for diversity and difference.

In fact, the true recovery from this wound does not come from denying injustices and wasting the rights of victims, but rather requires progress towards a comprehensive national justice project that brings justice to the oppressed, consolidates the values of justice and coexistence, and puts an end to the suffering of detainees and the families of martyrs, considering that ending this suffering is a national and humanitarian necessity that cannot be postponed, thus opening the way to consolidation of the internal front and boosting the nation's immunity.

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