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(On the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha -2nd September, 2017)

On the joyous occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, I wish to facilitate the nation and pray to Almighty Allah to accept the prayers and sacrificial offerings of the Pakistani nation and the Muslim Ummah to make it a source for earning Allah's blessings, Amen.

Hajj and Eid-ul-Azha are two obligations which are based on the spirit of self-sacrifice. Both these obligations relate to sacrifice of life and property. The Almighty Allah through the Sunnah of His two great Prophets reminded the mankind that the essence of humanity is that they subject their every act to this injunction of the Holy Quran wherein it has been ordained:

“Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds”.

This spirit of worship can make this world a heavenly place to live in because with this training mankind learns to let go of their ego which is the real root cause of all problems. Be it our national challenges or international crisis; if they are evaluated minutely one finds that ego has been at the core of every issue. Therefore it is imperative to seek Allah Almighty's blessings by sacrificing our ego to make this world a place of heavenly abode.

On this auspicious occasion of Eid-ul-Azha, acting in the spirit of sacrifice we must look after our those brethren who, oppressed by the vicissitudes of life, have lagged behind economically. We should also remember in our prayers all those sons of soil and their families who sacrificed their present for our future. Similarly we should also offer special prayers for our Kashmiri brethren who are valiantly striving to win freedom from the occupying force.

I pray that Almighty Allah bless us with the real joys of Eid-ul-Azha and enable us to understand the obligation of sacrifice in its true spirit to benefit from its hidden blessings. Amen.
