

Fighting Terrorism With Love, Happiness and Hope

**Measures for fighting terrorism are important, similar to immunization shots from epidemics.
They said in the past “prevention is better than cure”**

- We need training opportunity for employment Internship
- There is no place for terrorism in the society of love, happiness and hope
- “Social Solidarity” Law is a national requirement in the fight against terrorism
- The Royal Patronage and Love light our road and we have to walk on his guidance
- It’s time for the revolution of the thoughts of love, happiness and hope in all our platforms
- We need the culture of love, happiness and hope in our academic programs, home and our media
- Business sector is responsible for recruiting jobseekers (I don’t say unemployed) to protect them from terrorism
- Realizing that suffering is a blessing and an opportunity for challenge and victory immunizes us against terrorism

We thank God, and then His Majesty King Abdullah II for the security and stability in our country

Though, I totally believe in the significance of the security and military procedures to encounter terrorism, and I fully respect them and provide my unlimited support; however and at the same time, I do understand that poverty, misery and despair form the environment for terrorism. And our duty as a state and citizens, to search for solutions to address them through the national project "Social Solidarity Fund" exemplifying the will of His Majesty to achieve this.

I do believe in our role as business sector in particular, with the backup of the state and the society as a whole, in creating job opportunities to our sons and daughters, the jobseekers, (and I do not allow myself to say unemployed). This is a crucial priority in the fight against terrorism which will not be achieved unless through establishing an institutional system that meets the needs of jobseekers in the frame of a national project to qualify them to enter the labor market.

I am Talal Abu-Ghazaleh, a Jordanian citizen who doesn’t claim to monopolize the truth, I beg your pardon to state what I personally believe in, and excuse me if I overstepped my boundaries.

‘Since prevention is better than cure, I see the importance of fighting terrorism through immunization to prevent it, similar to how vaccination immunizes against an epidemic.

Before and after all of this, we have to realize that we in this country enjoy the care of a King who looks after all of us as his own sons, thanks to his wisdom we enjoy the blessing of security and stability in the most difficult regional and international circumstances. We, as citizens, have to do our duty in action not words to safeguard civil peace and achieve social justice.

Therefore, please allow me to suggest the following:

One of the priorities of the reforming academic programs is to remove all material, ideas and subjects that encourage violence, fear and hate. Life taught me to love my foes (except the Zionist Occupation), because their existence makes me more prudent to avoid mistakes and makes me very keen to succeed so that they will not cheer my failure.

Academic Programs should concentrate on what nourishes our children with the culture of “Love, Happiness and Hope” because this is the way for self-comforting and building our country. Because to immunize our youth against the terrorist mobilization, we need the culture of love rather than the culture of hatred, the culture of happiness rather than, the culture of hope rather than the culture of despair.

We have to mobilize our institutions for the message of love, happiness and hope including our public and private media, our seminars, our public and private institutions



To realize the blessings of suffering which I learnt through the course of my suffering, and my belief is that God blessed me when He tested me. I mentioned in my book entitled “A Life Blessed by Suffering” affirming that suffering is an opportunity for challenge and victory. And the children book “Talal Ibn Adiba” which narrates the story of a child who enjoyed the blessings of suffering. Both books are available for gifting. Whatever our suffering was, let us look at the blessings that God gave us in our beloved homeland.

Terrorism has no place in a society of love, happiness and hope; the society of solidarity against hunger is the strongest sanctuary against terrorist calls and messages. I do not mean solidarity through donations and charities which I ask God to reward those who give, I refer to the establishment of a national institutional project under the

name the “National Fund for Social Solidarity” which has its own by-laws, procedures and sustainability to achieve social justice in line with the directives of His Majesty the King in his 6th Discussion Paper.

We also need to have a national project to qualify our children to the labor market. Our Organization signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Labor to launch “Bawabati for Employment” initiative which aims at providing jobseekers with the training opportunity for employment purposes and acquire a certificate for less wages than the recognized scales, however, better than staying without job and income and to become a target of terrorist calls.

My instructors, thought leaders, have a duty to promote this culture because thought is stronger than

weapons, as Victor Hugo said “An invasion of armies can be resisted; an invasion of ideas cannot be resisted”.

Each father, mother, brother, sister, uncle, grandfather and grandmother is responsible for raising our children and let them embrace the culture of love, happiness and hope on the basis of their love to protect them from all sorts of deception by the powers of evil, otherwise, he will be the only loser.

Recognizing the importance of this culture, Talal Abu-Ghazaleh Knowledge Forum established a taskforce that is working diligently to prepare recommendations for spreading the message of love, happiness and hope as a culture. And it also established a taskforce that examines Jordan's transformation into a knowledge society as the way to achieve national gross domestic product that generates job opportunities, welfare and solutions to all financial and economic problems.

In conclusion, I reiterate what I always say to His Majesty:

“I came to this country as a refugee who decided to make of the Palestinian suffering a blessing, and decided to make from the blessing of the Jordanian citizenship a message to serve the community. You gave me a second homeland that I am proud of, and you taught me to love its people... thank you”.