

In the Name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

God made it but a message of hope for you, and to reassure your hearts thereby. Victory comes only from God the Almighty, the Wise.

Peace be upon you

Dr. Haider Al Abadi announced, The prime minister and commander in chief of the Republic of Iraq announced the victory on the evening of 10 July 2017, from the heart of the ancient city of Mosul, (The second largest city after Baghdad)The full liberation of Iraq after achieving victory against the terrorist groups of D'aesh. The city was occupied and controlled by the terrorist groups of Da'esh since mid-2014. Whereas our heroes, our brave soldiers (the Iraqi Army, The federal police, the counterterrorism Forces, The blessed Popular Mobilization, the tribal mobilization, the peshmarga) constantly moved with one plan; as one man, during the operation of "coming Nineveh", started nine months ago, against the terrorist groups of D'aesh, which is composed of more than hundred different nationalities of the world.

The military operation concentrated on liberating the man before land. Thus, the biggest and furthest objective of our security forces was to protect civilians and ensure their safety despite the heinous methods of D'aesh, some of which is to take civilians as human shields. However, their attempt to seek cover in the ancient city of Mosul did not work for them, and our Iraqi security forces fought them with the Valor in a clear fight, which will be remembered and glorified throughout history.

The people of Mosul had suffered the most heinous crimes, torture and humiliation by the terrorist groups of Da'esh in a series of brutal crimes which history had never witnessed before. Hence, the day of their salvation is a feast to all Iraqis, and an admiration to the entire world.

The vital role of the religious leadership was the most prominent, represented by the call for Jihad against the terrorist groups of Da'esh. The initiative of his eminence Ali Al Sistani had given a human and spiritual momentum which contributed great efforts towards raising and mobilizing young people besides urging them to fight against the terrorist groups of Da'esh.

The great sacrifices of the Iraqi people paid with blood, while fighting, on behalf of humanity, the most dangerous terrorist groups, which poses a threat on international peace and security. That provided evidence to the spiritual and moral value, and the deeply rooted civilization of the people of Iraq, and their rejection to any sort of retarded radical ideology targeting their stability and existence. The victory gained in Mosul is the most important of victories, because it represents the defeat of Da'esh which targeted many innocent civilians in the entire world.

The unity of the Iraqi political rhetoric against terrorism gave our soldiers a huge momentum to achieve victory.

Our sons had fought with distinctive humanity to save our people and restore peace and security across the country, to eradicate the scourge of terrorism. They have fought to prove to the world that they are united on their land, regardless of ethnicities, sects and religions. The city of Mosul preserved its national identity as all stood to fight to respond to the call of duty from different cities in the country and to liberate from the horrific prison of Da'esh. Hats off and a bow, to Pay a tribute to our martyrs and our heroes who fought in valor, those who's souls ascended to heaven paving the way of victory.

Those heroic deeds of our heroes were not so much different from the deeds for women who have given their sons and their husbands and their brothers.

Not to forget the friendly countries, and our allies who contributed a great deal of support to the government of Iraq in this crucial fight. This reflected the deepened relations of Iraq to the other countries of the world who stood to fight against common dangers.

Today we have achieved victory, but we are looking forward for more support and solidarity in order to finish the eradication of the terrorist groups of Da'esh, to counter its ideology, and cut the sources of its funding, and its media, as well as, preventing it from turning to the liberated areas from being spread across the world. You're also looking for support for the reconstruction of Mosul; at a time, we need international contribution from our allies. Victory is not completed unless the internal displaced people return to their homes, and to ensure a safe and stable life for them.

Our prayers to praise and thank the Lord for this Victory...

Long live, a prosperous, stable and strong Iraq with a steady economy and democratic political regime...

Long live the victorious of our heroes...

Glory to our martyrs in heaven...

Victory to the people of Iraq

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