

Grand Sheikh of Al Azhar, Minister of Wakfs,
brothers and friends, men of religion and preservers
of the message of faith.

I thank you for your deep feelings and efforts.
As I told you before on the May Day speech, while
fighting the battle of destiny we are pursuing a
three pronged objective : first, the military build
up which is the basic aim; second, the political
struggle so that the world — as well as our
enemies and friends — may know of our stand and
efforts in establishing peace based on justice; third,
the building of the modern state that is based on
both faith and science.

I consider that these three objectives should
be pursued, side by side, on the same march for-
ward for the sake of the battle. Our guiding line
today will emerge from one and the same source
which is : no voice shall rise above the voice of
the battle. What has happened is now in the past.
As I said it is just a storm in a tea-cup which,
thanks to God, is over now. However concerning
you, the preservers of the message of faith which

is the second basic item in the building of our country, I would like to remind you, though you are better informed, of what the Almighty said : « We have offered the trust to the heavens, the earth and the mountains; they refused and feared the difficulty, so Man carried it... »

We bear the trust and the responsibility of building a state that is based on science and faith. You have obligations and responsibilities to this modern construction so that faith — as God Almighty willed it to be — is based on faith in Him the Almighty. Man should not fear anything; for that which befalls him is only what is destined to happen.

In this way man will be strong and solid, afraid of nothing. We want to obliterate through faith all fear that exists among the various ranks of our kind and genuine people. We are afraid of no one but God. This is a trust which you must carry.

God knows, and I have told you before in my address to the people, that I will not give up the trust even if it means that I should enter the fiercest battles, I will fight and never relinquish this trust.

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and faith. In this age our starting point should be the sound one; we must not lag behind and let our enemy take the lead and be able to surprise us at any time.

In this measure I would like to thank you for coming and hand over to you and to your brothers, men of religion, this message and trust so that we can meet God Almighty with a pure heart and in order to offer our future generations a solid base that can never be attacked by any one. Some people or a group of people have attempted to impose trusteeship or spread terrorism and fear on our people, but all this is over now. I pray God to help me — I will destroy with all my power and with the greatest severity any centres of power that aim at humiliating the people.

They were misled and fell into the pit that they themselves have dug.

I pray God Almighty to guide us in all our future actions in building a modern state that is based on science and faith. I pray God to preserve our people, their unity, power and tenacity so that we may prove to the world at large that Egypt — which bore the message of Islam all through the centuries and withstood all attacks against Islam

— has especially preserved the trust, sublime and pure.

I pray God to be with you while you are preparing our future generations to carry over this trust.

May God guide your steps and peace be upon you.

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