In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Kind

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A vigilant nation.

Life is a continuous struggle. There are no easy earnings or resolutions. It is necessary for an individual to have the urge and the will to face the hardships and the stress, and to be active members of the society and help others.

We are facing an enemy that is bigger than the illusion. The problem is real. It is true that we are faced with major humanitarian crises, but nothing is new in the world. We must be active and take responsibility.

We cannot cope with the problems and challenges, but we must face them. It is our responsibility to face them and help others.

In the course of time, nations may come across difficult problems – the problems that may seem gigantic and impossible to solve. The problems that may hamper progress and development. However, it is important that the nation should not panic and should be prepared to stand strong against them. Being subjugated by them could only result in frustration and sense of defeat.

A nation cleanses them with the pace of time instead of realizing that there are shortcomings in its way of living and there are problems that are needed to be concentrated upon and eliminated. In fact, the very first step in explicating a problem is realizing that the problem does exist and it has to be solved. Considering a problem something very normal and making adjustments with it is a serious error and must be avoided in any case.

The people in Afghanistan are also facing the attitude of making compromises with their social and political problems. They, instead of considering a bundle towards evolving society of the solution and designing efforts to overcome them, change themselves to be adapted to the problem with the shortcomings. For example, one of the most serious problems is the illiteracy. It is feared that Afghanistan may become one of the last remaining countries in almost all the spheres of life and there must be urge to take measures against it. Unfortunately, the people strive to compensate with it and in the process further strengthen its roots.

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Digital Globalization and the Developing World

Globalization is entering a new era, defined not only by cross-border flows of goods and capital, but also, and increasingly, by the flow of information, ideas, and innovation around the world. New research from the McKinsey Global Institute shows that, for the first time, global growth is being driven not primarily by labor costs, but by talent, infrastructure, and digital skills. While 40% of the world’s population is online, only 21% has access to the Internet, and many who are online use only basic cell phones. In many parts of the developing world, the Internet is a luxury service, with the world’s largest population – 2.7 million and counting – in the world.

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