

We are all Charlie Hebdo
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I was severely hurt by what was done to the editors of the French newspaper *Charlie Hebdo* by two French brothers of Arab descent, who then repeated their crime in a Jewish restaurant. The criminality of terrorism has gone to this extent. It has spread like an epidemic in most countries of the world and is increasingly violent and aggressive.

This heinous crime proves that whoever bears a pen and expresses an opinion can be threatened by those who disagree with him and do not know a dialogue other than murder and bloodshed.

Unfortunately those groups who use Islam and take it as a pretext to carry out terrorist plans, such as Al Qaeda and Boko Haram, have increased in number. They are all descendants of the Muslim Brotherhood, which since its foundation in 1928 carried out numerous assassinations, until its own founder was assassinated by an unknown murderer. That group was a direct obstacle against any democratic transformation in Egypt, and because of them the march of progress was disrupted. Their basic ideology rejects democracy, opposes the formation of political parties and adopts the tactics of assassination of opponents, vandalism and arson in state institutions and in everything their sick else imagination thought blasphemous. Their destructive ideas are expressed in the writings of the leader and founder of the group, Hassan al-Banna, and in their theorist Sayyid Qutb.

The assassination of a journalist or a painter or a writer or a politician in any country in the world is a blow to the heart of every one working in these fields and a direct threat to freedom of expression. And whether the crime was committed in Paris, Cairo, London or Australia, and whether the victims were Jews or Arabs or Africans it is never less heinous than killing innocent civilians .

I wish to see a mass demonstration in Cairo in solidarity with the victims of this terrorist crime, especially since we are ourselves suffering from daily crimes of the Muslim Brotherhood. Similar crimes could happen with any newspaper publishing an opinion against that group and its misguided supporters. They do not realize that these crimes defame much more than any caricature drawings or artwork depicting the Prophet Muhammad by anti-Islam people. I had read that the new drawing of the Prophet portrayed him saying, with tears in his eyes, "I am Charlie Hebdo." This is no ironic joke on the Prophet; it reflects his innocence and total rejection of those acts .

In his biography many stories indicate that the Prophet during his life suffered of some fools who wanted to prove their religiosity and loyalty. This continued after his death and thousands of tales were attributed falsely to the Prophet, despite being warned that whoever lied to him will be punished in hell. Yet these false tales were kept in the Muslim memory and inherited from generation to generation and have become frequent sources of contention. Many conflict with thought and personality of the Prophet, and sometimes with true religion.

The Brotherhood killers belong to a miserable generation of young Muslims confused by the ideas of tendentious groups who published the rejected false tales in order to camouflage and hide the truth with falsehood. Millions of dollars have been poured out by some governments that are deceived by these groups and empower them in Muslim countries thinking they are a moderate substitute to the Fundamentalist groups. Those misleading groups exist due to the sufferings of Muslim youth in their countries and all over the world from oppression, marginalization, unemployment, poverty and lack of guidance to the right path, and also from the brutality of security forces. The absence of a religious discourse consistent with the modern times concepts and relating to true Islam is another reason for misleading of young Muslims.