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In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

Decree of H.E. Amirul Momineen (May Allah protect him) on the good treatment of prisoners.

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Translation of commencing prayers: Praise be to Allah, and peace be upon his servants whom He has chosen.¹

Allah, the Almighty, said:

Translation: And they gave food to the poor, the orphans, and the captives, although they loved it. (Surah Al-Dahr, verse 8)

This blessed verse signifies Allah Almighty's decree for the benevolent treatment of prisoners, as interpreted by Qatadah. In the noble Hadith, the Prophet (PBUH) said:

Translation: "Uphold the practice of good treatment towards prisoners." By 'prisoners' it refers to those captured during the conflict with the polytheists. Hasan Basri (may Allah's mercy be upon him) narrated that when a prisoner was brought to the Prophet (PBUH), he would assign a Muslim to care for the prisoner, instructing: "Be kind to him." The prisoner would stay with his caretaker for two to three days, during which the caretaker showed him kindness exceeding even self-care.

Qatadah added: Their prisoners were polytheists, yet they treated them well. If a Muslim is incarcerated among you, he deserves your good treatment. This interpretation is consistent with that of Al-Qurtubi and Ruh al-Ma'ani.

Wa Salaam,

Amirul Momineen Shaikh-ul-Quran Wa Al-Hadith

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¹ [Translator's note: The Arabic text referenced in the original source has been translated using Google Translate.]