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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ  
وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ أَعْظَمُ دَرَجَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ.  
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:  
أَفْضَلُ الصِّيَامِ، بَعْدَ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ، شَهْرُ اللَّهِ الْمُحَرَّمِ.

## ISLAMIC NEW YEAR AND MUḤARRAM

Dear brothers and sisters, the Islamic New Year started this week; that means we are in month Muḥarram of the year 1445. I pray to Allah ﷻ that the New Year will bring many blessings to the Islamic community. *Āmīn*. Dear Muslims, when the Prophet ﷺ and the believers were systematically oppressed, Allah ﷻ gave them permission to emigrate to the safe city of Medina. The first part of the believers left, then the Prophet ﷺ left together with Abu Bakr (r.a.). The helpers in Medina (*al-anṣār*) have welcomed the emigrants from Makkah (*al-muhājirūn*) with open arms and helped them in the best way. Dear believers, also previous prophets and those who believed in them were forced to leave their homeland for the sake of their faith. In the Qurʾān we see examples of the prophets Ibrāhīm, Shuʿayb and Mūsā. Dear Muslims, the emigration (*al-hijra*) also has a spiritual meaning, namely that you avoid all forms of evil and focus only on goodness. The core of your personal *hijra* is sincerity, or *ikhhlās*. Now that we have entered the new year, let's question ourselves and strive for a perfect *īmān*.