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A LETTER OF TRIBUTE AND REMEMBRANCE

To the Mother's of the Nation,

On this solemn day of remembrance, our hearts are heavy with the weight of an unspeakable tragedy that unfolded on the 16th of December, 2014. It was a day when darkness descended upon the bright hallways of Army Public School, Peshawar—a day when the laughter of innocent children was silenced by the cruel hands of terror.

The pain you endured that day is unimaginable, for no words can capture the depth of a mother's grief. Your children—your stars, your dreams, your pride—were taken from you in the most merciless way. They were the embodiment of hope, the future of our nation, and the light of our homes. Their brilliance, innocence, and smiles remain etched in our hearts, a constant reminder of what was lost.

We remember those young souls, the most precious of all treasures, who had gathered in their classrooms with dreams in their eyes and knowledge in their hearts. They were there to learn, to grow, to prepare for a future that was cruelly stolen from them. The halls that once echoed with their laughter now echo with the whispers of their memory, a memory that will never fade.

To the mothers who bore this unimaginable loss: you are the pillars of resilience. Despite the devastating pain, you have stood tall, showing the world the strength of a mother's love and the unbreakable bond between a mother and her child. Your wounds are deep, and your grief is endless, but so is your courage.

To the terrorists who committed this heinous act: there is no justification for targeting the innocent, for snatching away the future of a nation. Your cruelty knows no bounds, and your actions will forever remain a stain on humanity. But know this: you did not break us. You did not silence the voices of hope, nor did you extinguish the light of education. For every child you took, a million more rise in defiance, with books in their hands and courage in their hearts.

To the children who are no longer with us: you are the heroes of our nation. Your sacrifice will never be forgotten. You live on in our prayers, our memories, and in the hearts of every Pakistani who vows to build a world where children can dream freely, without fear.

On this day, we bow our heads in remembrance, we lift our voices in prayer, and we pledge to stand united against the forces of hatred and ignorance. May the mothers who lost their children find strength in the love of a grateful nation. And may we honor those young lives by creating a world that values education, cherishes innocence, and condemns violence in all its forms.

With love, respect, and unwavering commitment,

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