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Fethullah Gülen's Message on the Tornadoes in Kentucky and Neighboring States

I was deeply saddened to learn about a series of deadly tornadoes in Kentucky and neighboring states in the midwestern and southern United States that killed dozens and left many others who have lost their loved ones, homes, businesses, and places of worship. I send my heart-felt condolences to all those who are affected and to the people of the United States, and I pray for the fast recovery of the wounded.

The aftermath of the fast-moving storms is a reminder of the preciousness—and precariousness—of life. Those who lost their loved ones will grieve while dealing also with destroyed homes and businesses.

The efforts of the emergency personnel, government leaders, volunteers, and donors who are stepping in to search for victims, support rescue efforts, and work to clean up the devastation are worthy of praise and appreciation. In tragedy, as we witness pain and suffering, we also witness the selfless efforts of those who rush to the rescue of others, embodying the universal human values.

May God, the Most Merciful, comfort those who lost their loved ones and all those who are suffering, heal their wounds, and help them recover their material losses quickly; may He protect the residents of the region and all humanity from all kinds of disasters, and may He help those who are running to the rescue of the victims.

About Fethullah Gülen

Fethullah Gülen is an Islamic scholar, preacher and social advocate, whose decades-long commitment to education, interfaith dialogue and altruism has inspired millions in Turkey and around the world. Gülen is the honorary chairman of the Rumi Forum, Washington, DC and the Intercultural Dialogue Platform, Brussels, Belgium.

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