17 August 2023

Fethullah Gülen’s Message of Condolences for the Victims of Wildfires in Hawaii

It is with deep sadness that I received the news of the fires on the Hawaiian island of Maui, in which more than 100 people died, the fate of hundreds has not yet been determined, and many residents were left homeless.

I send my heartfelt condolences to all the people of Hawaii and the United States, especially the relatives of those who lost their lives in the fires, and wish the injured a quick recovery.

Everyone should support, as much as possible, the officials and humanitarian aid organizations working to provide shelter for those who were left homeless by the fires, and to rehabilitate the destroyed infrastructure and green areas.

If the fires in Hawaii are considered together with other major fires, which have increased in number in recent years and caused the loss of large forests, which are the lungs of our earth, we should see them as a warning to humanity about preserving the balance in nature.

May God the All Compassionate grant those who lost their homes and property in these fires the opportunity to quickly compensate for their losses, give strength and fortitude to the firefighters and rescue teams that responded to the fires, and protect the Hawaiian people and all humanity from fires and all disasters.

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.

About Alliance for Shared Values

The Alliance for Shared Values (AFSV) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves as a voice for cultural organizations affiliated with Hizmet, a civil society movement inspired by prominent preacher and peace advocate Fethullah Gülen. The Alliance strives to promote peace and social harmony by helping reduce misinformation and false stereotypes about any or all ethnic, cultural and religious communities. To learn more about the Alliance, please visit www.afsv.org.

Media contact
media@afsv.org
212-682-4278