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Fethullah Gülen's Statement on Wildfires in Canada

I am deeply saddened by the news of the massive wildfires in western Canada that burned millions of acres, forced many thousands to evacuate their homes and cost four firefighters their lives.

My thoughts and prayers are with those across Canada who are continuing to face these devastating fires in what is described as the worst wildfire season in the country's history.

I am confident that the resilient and resourceful spirit of the Canadian people will help them overcome this challenge and restore the damaged habitat.

May this tragic event be an occasion to reflect worldwide on the blessings we enjoy on this planet, review and strengthen our means for protecting the environment, and ready ourselves for dealing with such disasters.

I express my heartfelt condolences to the families of the firefighters who lost their lives, to the country's national and local leaders, and to the people of Canada.

I pray to God, the Most Compassionate, to help all Canadians affected by wildfires and the personnel who are working to contain and extinguish the fires.

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.

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