



UNITED ISLAMIC ORGANISATIONS
— OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO —



Surely the believers are brothers

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS



“ *O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and do not die except in a state of Islam. And hold firmly to the Rope of Allah, all together, and do not become divided. And remember the favour of Allah upon you when you were enemies, and He brought your hearts together, and by His favour you became brothers.* ”

(Qur'an 3:102–103)



In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

As-Salāmu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullāhi wa Barakātuh.

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), Lord of the worlds. May peace and blessings be upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW), his family, his companions, and all those who follow his guidance until the Day of Judgment.

It is with humility, gratitude, and a profound sense of responsibility that I address you as Chairman of the United Islamic Organisations (UIO).

Our beloved nation has reached a defining moment, and so too has the Muslim community. While our institutions have faithfully served Islam in their respective fields for many decades, the challenges facing our Ummah today demand greater unity, stronger collaboration, and a shared national vision. No single organisation, regardless of its history or achievements, can address these challenges in isolation.

The Holy Qur'an commands us to "hold firmly to the Rope of Allah, all together, and do not become divided." This divine instruction is not merely an aspiration—it is an obligation. Unity is the foundation upon which strength is built, and through unity our diversity becomes a source of enrichment rather than division.

Today, I respectfully submit that the time has come.



The time has come to unite our knowledge, expertise, institutions, and resources for the advancement of Islam and the betterment of every Muslim in Trinidad and Tobago.

The time has come to engage respectfully and confidently with the highest offices of our nation, ensuring that the concerns and aspirations of the Muslim community are heard, understood, and fairly represented.

The time has come to place our common purpose above our individual interests and our shared Islamic identity above our organisational differences.

The time has come to speak with one voice on matters affecting our religious rights, education, youth development, family life, social welfare, economic empowerment, and national participation.

The time has come to demonstrate that our greatest strength lies not in numbers alone, but in unity, discipline, consultation (shūrā), and mutual respect.

The time has come for the Muslim community to be represented under a united umbrella that embraces every legitimate Islamic organisation, every mosque, every institution, and every Muslim who seeks the pleasure of Allah (SWT).

Differences of opinion have always existed within the Ummah. They existed during the earliest generations of Islam and continue to exist today. Yet our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW) taught us that disagreement must never become division, and diversity must never become disunity. Our shared belief in Allah (SWT), His Messenger (SAW), and the Qur'an must always remain stronger than the issues upon which we differ.

When we stand together, we earn respect. When we consult one another, we gain wisdom. When we act collectively, we strengthen our influence and fulfil our responsibility to future generations.

The United Islamic Organisation has therefore been established not to replace existing organisations, but to unite them; not to compete for leadership, but to encourage cooperation; not to diminish individuality, but to strengthen our collective voice for the benefit of the Ummah and the nation.

As Chairman, I reaffirm my commitment to uphold the highest Islamic, fiduciary, corporate, and social standards entrusted to this office. I pledge to lead with integrity, transparency, accountability, consultation, and justice, always guided by the Qur'an and the Sunnah of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

I extend an open hand to every Islamic organisation, every Imam, every scholar, every community leader, every professional, every youth, every sister, and every brother. Let us move beyond the divisions of the past and build together a future founded upon faith, cooperation, mutual respect, and sincere service to Allah (SWT).

May Allah (SWT) unite our hearts, bless our efforts, strengthen our resolve, and make this organisation a source of goodness, guidance, and lasting benefit for our community and our beloved nation.

Wassalāmu 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullāhi wa Barakātuh.

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