

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE COMPASSIONATE  
THE MERCIFUL

## Did Imam Ali (peace be upon him) criticize the Iranian way of welcome?

THE BOARD OF IMAM ALI (PEACE BE UPON HIM)

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THE ELABORATION OF THE QUESTION

The reception of Iranians of Imam Ali (peace be upon him)

We have frequently heard that some of the Iranians were present to welcome Imam Ali (peace be upon him) in a region in Iraq and His Holiness criticized their way of reception and stated that this kind of welcome is not adequate for both of us while I am on a riding animal and you are running behind me and my students have frequently asked the address and source of this historical event but I have not had the source of this event. Please tell me about the book and source of this historical event

With thank to the whole men who serve in the way of the luminous religion of Islam

Response

وقال عليه السلام : وقد لقيه عند مسيره إلى الشام دهاقين الأنبار فترجلوا له واشتدوا بين يديه ( : ما هذا الذي صنعتموه ؟ فقالوا : خلق منا نعظم به أمراءنا . فقال : والله ما ينتفع بهذا أمراؤكم . وإنكم لتشقون به على أنفسكم في دنياكم وتشقون به في آخرتكم ، وما أخسر المشقة وراءها العقاب ، وأربح الدعة معها الأمان من النار .

While some of the farmers of the city of Anabr (a city in Iraq) saw His Holiness then they started to go behind the commander of the faithful and in front of His Holiness they were pushing one another, then His Holiness

stated that; what are you doing? They responded it is a common act that in which we pay tribute to our rulers

Then His Holiness stated that; I swear to GOD, that your rulers have not benefited from this act and you cause difficulties and hardships for themselves in this world and in Hereafter

And what would be harmful act which results in punishment and what fruitful be an act that calmness after that is survival of fire (Hell)

But pertaining to some of the receptions which happen in the presence of our government officials in our country, these welcomes take place for the sake of Allah the Almighty and according to His command based on the verse 120 of the chapter Baraat (Repentance) in which Allah the Almighty states that

ولا يَطُّونَ مَوطِئاً يَغِيظُ الكُفَّارَ وَلَا يَنَالُونَ مِن عَدُوِّ نَيْلاً إِلَّا كُتِبَ لَهُم بِهِ عَمَلٌ صَالِحٌ  
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُضِيعُ أَجْرَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

“nor do they tread a path which enrages the unbelievers, nor do they attain from the enemy what they attain, but a good work is written down to them on account of it, surely Allah does not waste the reward of the doers of good”

The commander of the faithful (peace be upon him) has prevented anyone who do such a thing in order to pay tribute or gain the satisfaction of their rulers. But the real purpose of these gatherings is a non-official referendum as well as non-governmental votes which demonstrate the interest of the people in their government and to dealt a blow to the enemies

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