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HEADLINE: Egyptian Islamist leader calls for jihad, resistance to
confront tyranny

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[Report by Husayn Mahmud: "The MB General Guide says the tyrants and
oppressors on this earth are standing in the way of reform."]

His Eminence the General Guide of the Muslim Brotherhood [MB] Group
in Egypt, Muhammad Mahdi Akif, has declared that the change to which
the nation is aspiring rests in the confrontation of the tyrants and
oppressors on this earth. He said that this can only be done through
jihad and resistance.

Akif asserted that the confrontation of tyranny requires the raising
of the young people on the basis of the principles of jihad so as to
create mujahidin who love to die as much as others love to live and who
can perform their duty towards their God, themselves and homeland.

He said that these mujahidin should believe in serious work and
patience and should not despair. They should be people with high morale
and persistence on work.

In his weekly message, Akif said that God has made victory in life
dependant on human efforts and toil as well as compliance with the
divine rules and laws which do not change. Those who make sincere
efforts and comply with the laws of God will ultimately attain victory.

Akif called on the young people to understand themselves well and to
prepare themselves for the resistance of tyranny by persisting on their
unshakable faith, ceaseless work, strong confidence in God that does
not weaken, and belief that their happiest moment is when they are
received by God after being martyred for His sake.

He said that the young people should follow the example of the
Prophet Muhammad when he encountered tyranny. The Prophet suffered a
great deal in the encounter.

He added that the young people should be the best successors of the
best ancestors of this blessed group of leaders, who raised the banners
of the nation high. Some of them have died, and others were imprisoned
and tortured, but they have not weakened or relinquished their beliefs.

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