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**Regarding to PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FIGHTING  
TERRORISM I'd like to mention some well known names like:**

Aleksandre Puşkin,

Anton Çehov, Maksim Gorki, Dostoyevski, Tolstoy, Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson  
Mandela, And finally a name of scholar from Turkey : Bediuzzaman Said Nursi

They are all people of 'PEACE and HAPPINESS'!... None of them can be  
blamed or lebeled as teroroist or supporter of terrorism!...

**Nursi** is author of a set of books called "**Risale-i Nur Collection**" which  
consists of 130 books translated into numerous languages including English,  
German, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and other more than 50  
languages.

**He said that:**

**"Our enemies are ILLITERACY, POVERTY and DISPUTE(or conflict)!"**

**"We will fight against them by using EDUCATION, INDUSTRY, finally  
UNITY"**

He has spent all of his life in teaching **ethics, science, education and  
peace** by writing articles in the newspapers, publishing books, suggesting  
the civilization and strengthening the humanitarian values.

**There is a reason I am focusing on this issue!**

**UNFORTUNATELY THESE PEACEFUL LITERATURES HAVE BEEN  
PROHIBITED IN RUSSIA!**

**This is absoulately against to Human rights!**

The people who read and follow the advices of BSN have quite high level of  
respect to all believes, cultures, ethnicities and absolutely against to idea of  
violence and terrorism.

Many leading writers have indicated the cultural and literary value of Risale-i  
Nur. It has drawn the attention of millions all around the world from different

generations since it shows the meaning of being human by providing universal moral values.

Recently (only last week) there was an International Symposium on Risale-i Nur Collection and Bediuzzaman Said Nursi by participation of about hundreded academicians from nearly 50 countries including aproximatly 20.000 people in Istanbul, Turkey.

***“THIS MOVEMENT DO NOT FORM ANY KIND OF POLITICAL ORGANIZATION”***

Many academic studies from several universities have shown that Risale-i Nur does not support or include any illegal, religious, **extremistic organization** and/or action. The ones reading these books have no relation to any specific political act or group. This has become very well-known truth in courts and academia.

The ones reading these books, which are only aiming to reinforce belief, ethics and moral aspects of the mankind, have no earthly goals even though they are accused of destroying the ethnical and religious stability.

In his books and defenses, Bediuzzaman has always emphasized the peace and manhood. Human rights, democratic liberty, and justice have become the mark of him. The ones reading these books have **never stood up for the extreme activities**, on the contrary, they have **always acted positively**.

**RISALE-I NUR, PROVIDING THE MOTIVATION AND STRENGTH AGAINST STRESS AND DIPRESSION**

Risale-i Nur reinforces the hopes and motivates people against the challenges of life and removes the common fear of death as exclaimed in Risale-i Nur several times: “Death is a change of residence, the liberation of the spirit, a discharge from duties; it is not annihilation, non-existence, and a going to nothingness.”

***THE BOOKS DO NOT PROMPT HATRED, BUT RATHER HUMANITY, PEACE AND LOVE***

Risale-i Nur respects the independence and territorial integrity of all nations. The main theme of these books is to educate people and decrease illiteracy within the societies regardless of the nation or state.

It is unfortunate to see that Risale-i Nur is confused with some other books, and the followers with some other radical, extremist and terrorist groups. In contrast to this mistake, the main goal of Risale-i Nur is to form a faithful, moral, peaceful, helpful society.

The followers had no any kind of violence, aggressiveness and bad behaviors in any country.

In summary, the assertions of "extremism", "extremism", terrorism, "changing the regime of the government", or "islamising the government" is **unacceptable**. On the contrary, Risale-i Nur aims to reinforce public security and eliminates any **intention of terrorism and chaos**.

***CONCLUSION: WE HOPE FROM RUSSIAN JUSTICE ...***

We expect that the **misunderstandings** against Risale-i Nur books, which completely provides scientific and moral teaching, will be fixed soon, restoring their honor in Russia.

We believe that Russian Jurisdiction will result in a decision that will remove the unfair imputations of **radicalism, extremism, anarchy and terrorism** on Risale-i Nur books and its readers.

We hope that the Russian Courts will have a fair decision about these completely scientific, philosophical and moral books and their readers considering the strong justice system.

**Announcement:**

**There will be a Side Events today at 6pm at Meeting Room 2.**

**You are all invited to kindly participate for more information.**

Thank you