**Second Place: Peaceful People in Non-Peaceful World**

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How many times have we heard this word, do we really know what it means? Are we ready to spread peace in this non-peaceful world? First, let us find out the definition of this graceful word. Yes, it does mean freedom, a state, or a period in which there is no war. Can we find the meaning of this term in this universe nowadays? People from different ages and nationalities are shot, killed, and murdered. What is the crime of these victims?

Is it because of their strong faith in their religion that commands them not to hurt others and spread peace? These are the people whose motto is peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah. When they meet one another, they start with the greeting, "peace be upon you." Imagine being in their position, waking up to the sound of explosives and bombs, watching children getting killed, people screaming, terrorists preventing you from going to school and reaching out for your dreams and living with the uncertainty whether you are going to be killed today or the day after.

What type of life would this be? You would rather be dead than seeing a family member or a friend being shot by these evil terrorists. When we wake up each day, we need to thank Allah that we can learn, reach out for our dreams without someone preventing us, and not worry about murderers like those who spread terror in other countries. We also need to be grateful that we are blessed with our beautiful country, Oman.

In addition, we need to help and stand by the victims in other parts of the world. We should provide them with food, clothes, and other materials they need. We, also, all should pray to Allah to protect them from these sinful people. They need to follow their dreams, face their challenges with strength, and help one another. We should encourage them to always continue dreaming and work hard to make their dreams come true, because dreaming is the one way that helps a person encounter difficulties with hope and courage. They also need to be equipped to keep their beloved families and homes away from enemies.

As human beings, we have a mission to make this world a better place to live in. Without a doubt, there will be so many obstacles along the way. However, we need to confront and face all obstacles to accomplish this noble mission.

I believe that after facing these difficulties and working very hard, our magnificent dreams will start coming true! Additionally, our mission will be accomplished in making this world more peaceful and a better place to live in.

In short, peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or difficulties. It means to be in the midst of all of these things and still be calm and kind hearted and extend a helping hand to those who need it. It also means not to let the behaviour of others destroy your own peace.

Peace be upon you