



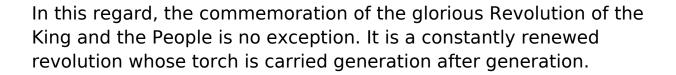
Full Text of Royal Speech on King and People's Revolution Day

HM King Mohammed VI on Saturday addressed a speech to the nation on the occasion of the 63rd anniversary of the Revolution of the King and the People.
Here follows the full text of the Royal speech:
"Praise be to God

May peace and blessings be upon the Prophet, His Kith and Kin

Dear Citizens,

The commemoration of historical events is not simply a cause for celebration. It is also an opportunity to ponder the values and principles that inspired earlier generations and that help build the present and confidently look to the future.

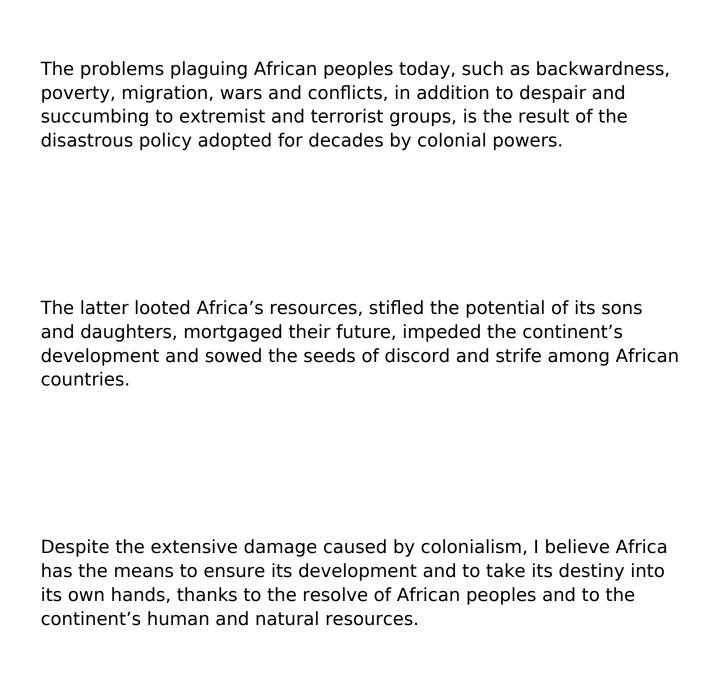


Besides having deep-rooted national significance relating to the Moroccan citizens' strong attachment to their King and their sacrifice for the freedom and independence of the homeland, the celebration of this event is also associated with Morocco being part of the Maghreb and of Africa.

That historical era was characterized by coordination and solidarity between the leaders of the Moroccan resistance movement and the Algerian Liberation Front.

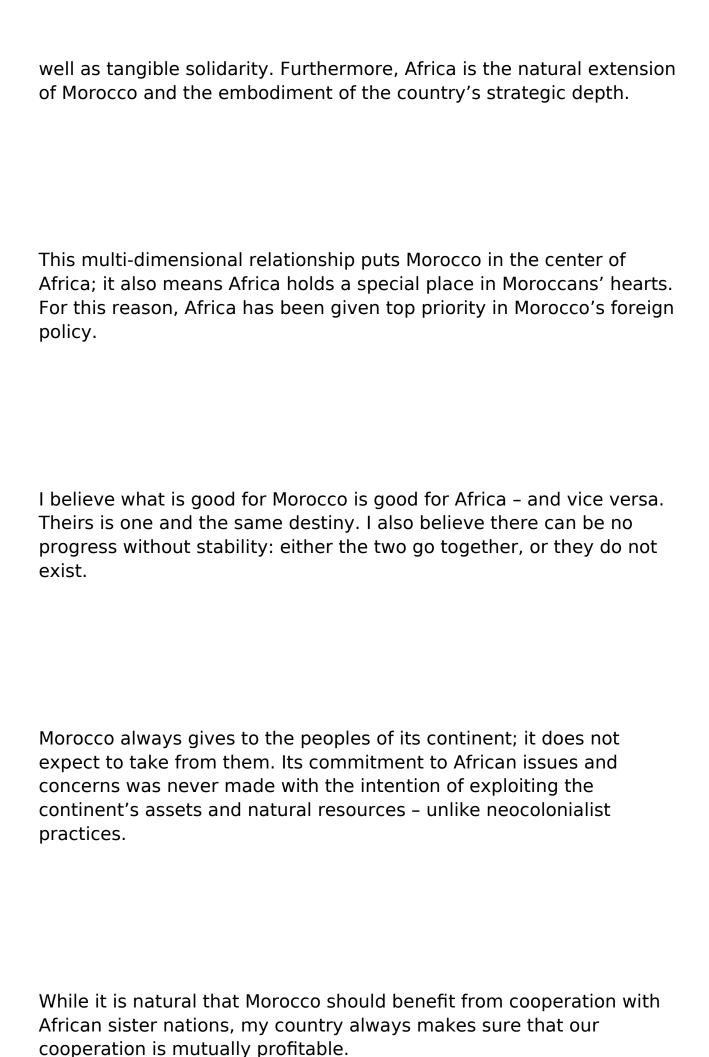
It was agreed to turn the commemoration of the second anniversary of the Revolution of 20 August into an opportunity to extend the revolution to Maghreb countries. As a result, popular uprisings took place across Morocco and Algeria.

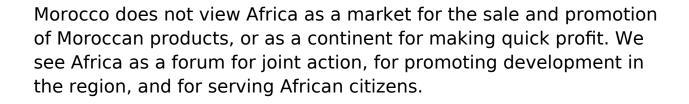
Moreover, the Moroccan resistance movement provided moral and material support to the Algerian revolution which, at the time, was facing a fierce campaign by colonial forces seeking to quash it before it celebrated its first anniversary.
That uprising and that solidarity breathed new life into the Algerian revolution, and the two countries also played a major role in the liberation and independence of Africa.
Today, given the current circumstances facing Arab peoples and the Maghreb region, we are in great need of that spirit of solidarity to enable us to rise to common development and security challenges.
We hope that the commitment and sincere solidarity which have always bound the Algerian and Moroccan peoples will be rekindled so that we may continue to work together, honestly and in good faith, to serve Arab and Maghreb causes and rise to challenges in Africa.
Dear Citizens,



Our decision that Morocco should take its natural place, once again, within the African institutional family clearly illustrates our commitment to continue supporting the causes of African peoples.

For Morocco, Africa means more than just being part of a geographical area, or having historical bonds with the continent. Africa also means sincere affection, appreciation, close human and spiritual relations as

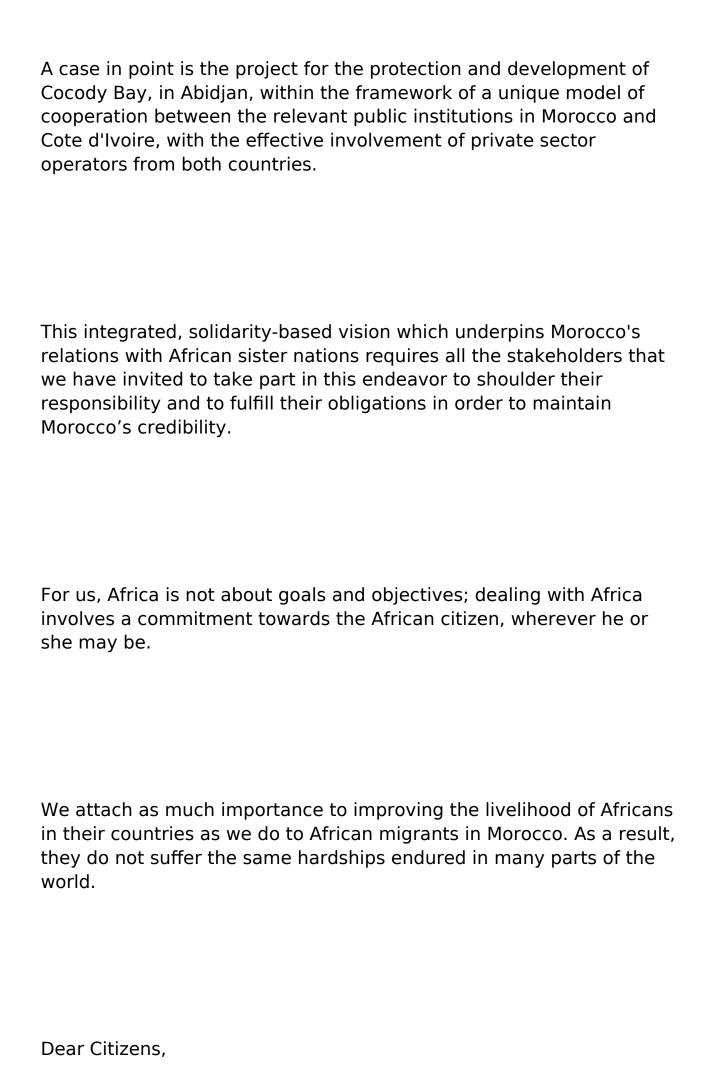


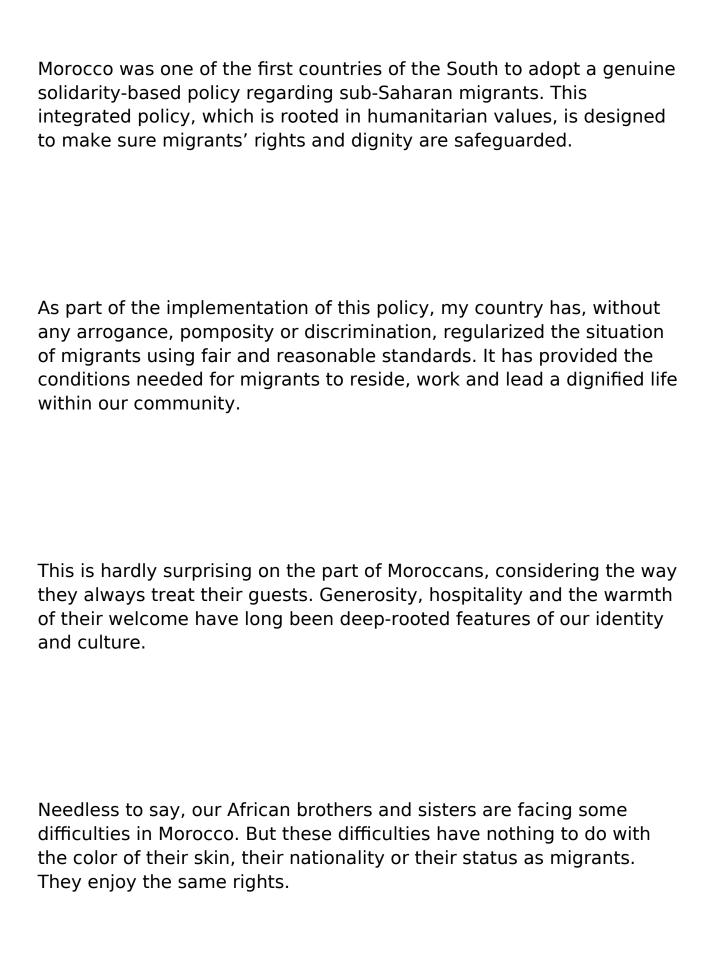


In this respect, Morocco contributes, along with other African countries, to the implementation of human development projects and the provision of social services which have a direct bearing on the lives of people in the region.

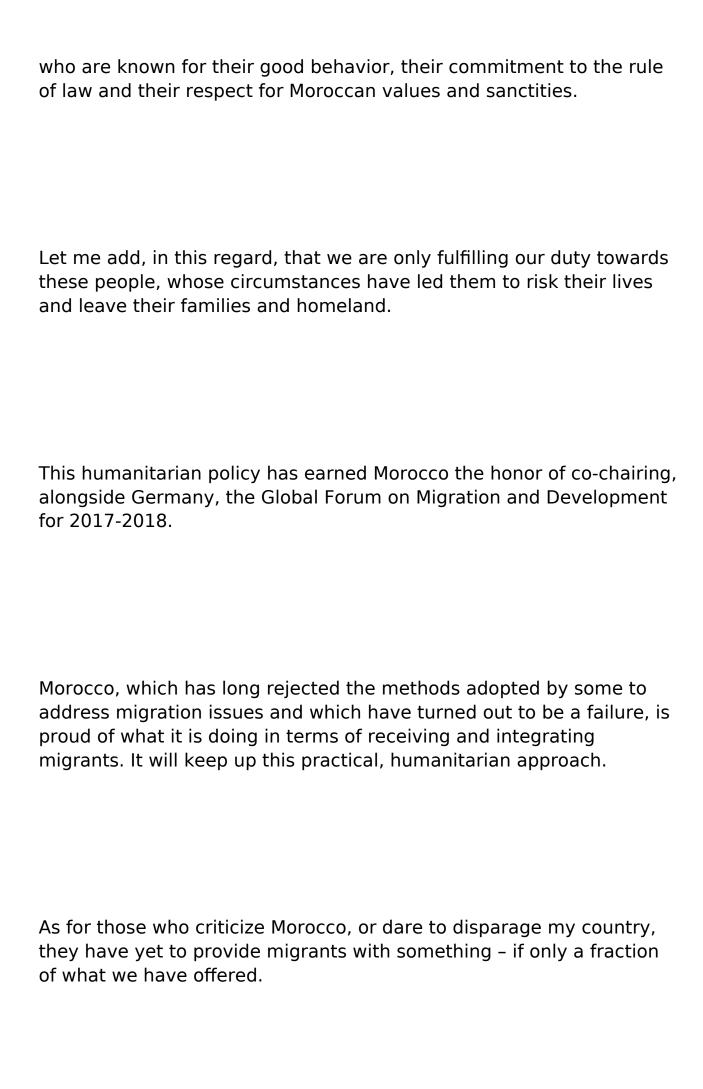
For instance, Morocco does not merely export medicines to Africa; it also makes sure to set up pharmaceutical companies and healthcare centers.

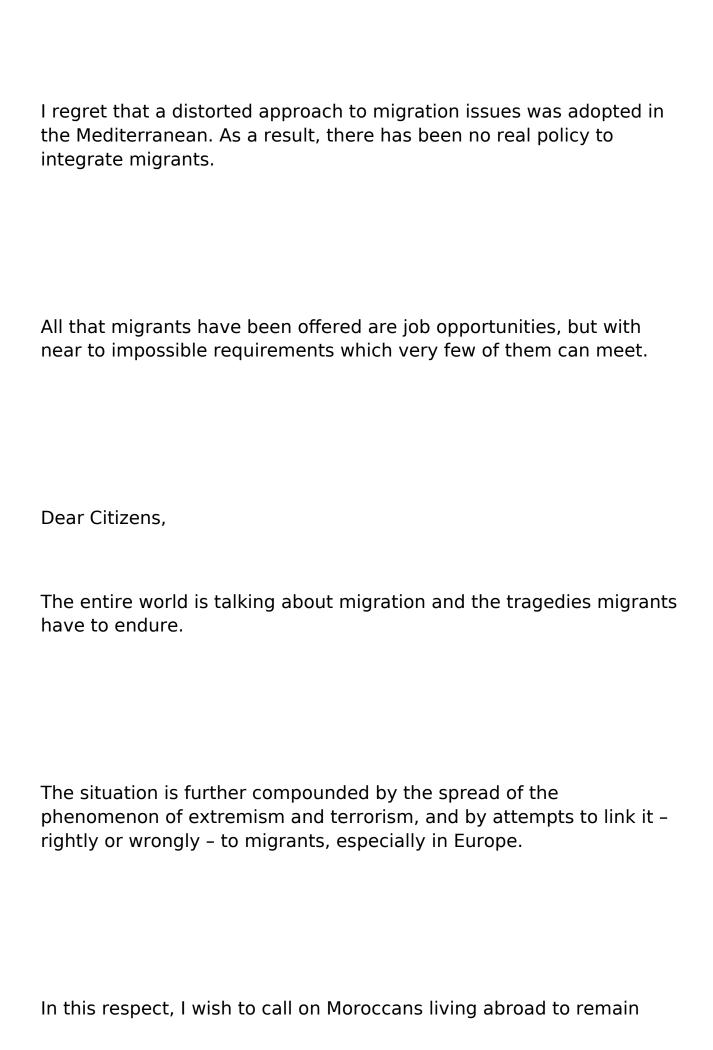
It develops infrastructure, builds vocational and technical training centers and implements projects that offer steady jobs and income – such as fishermen's villages – and that support smallholders and encourage the preservation of ecosystems.

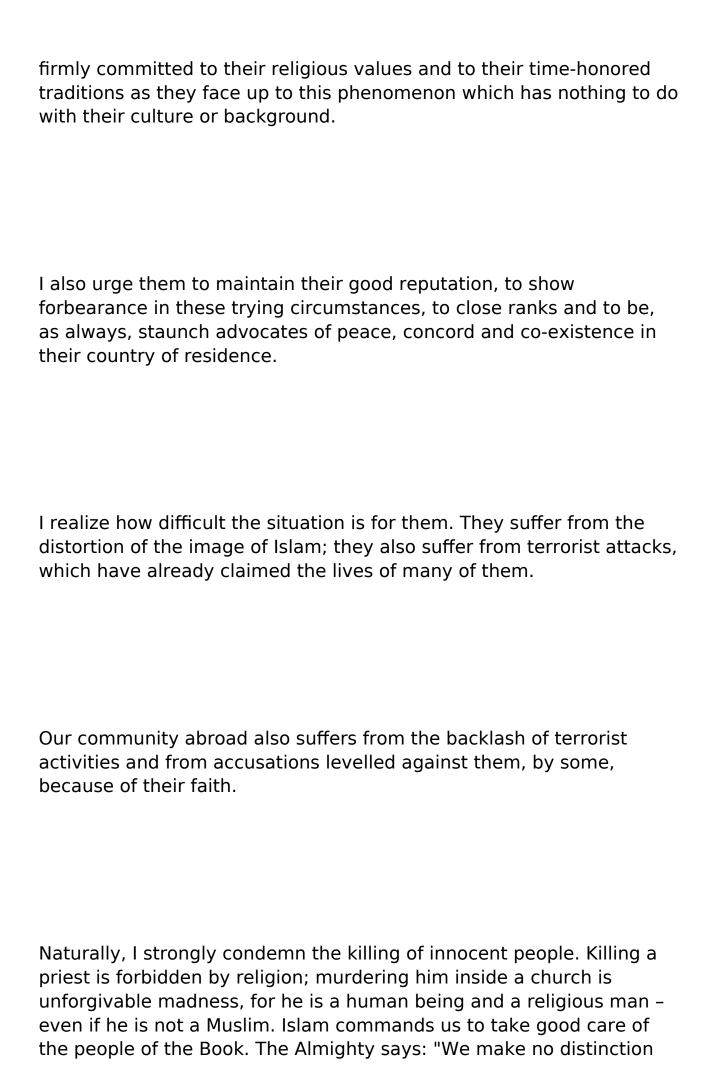




I am deeply satisfied to note that migrants are hardworking people,





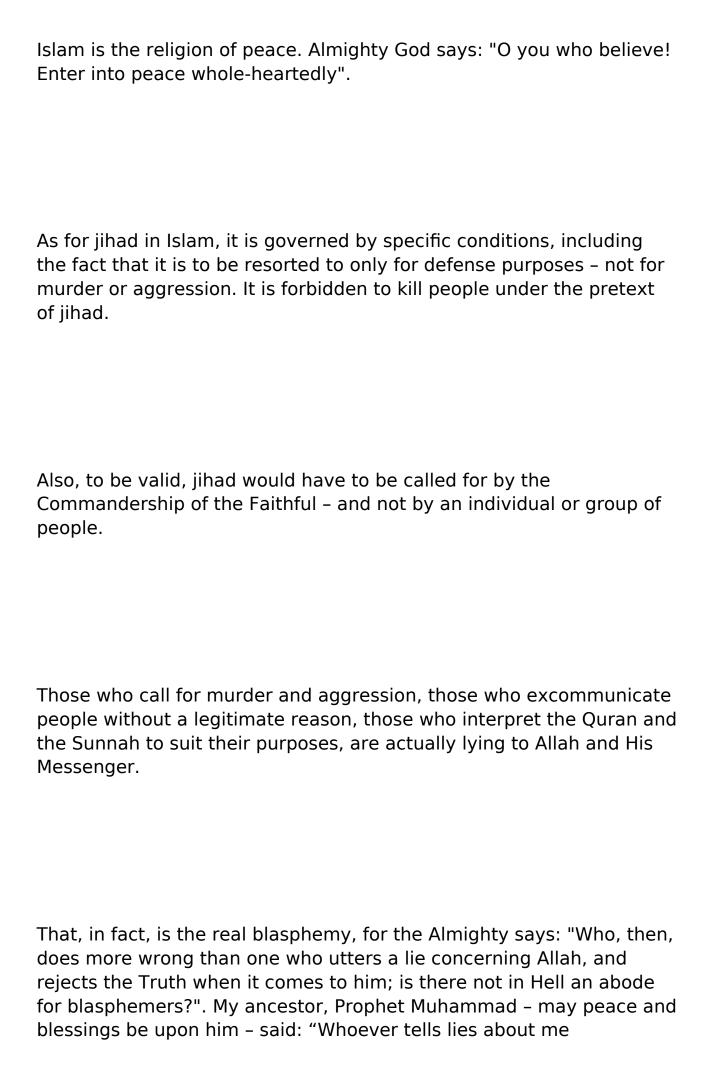


between one and another of His apostles". He also said: "But it is righteousness to believe in Allah and the Last Day, and the Angels, and the Book, and the Messengers."

Those who engage in terrorism, in the name of Islam, are not Muslims. Their only link to Islam is the pretexts they use to justify their crimes and their folly. They have strayed from the right path, and their fate is to dwell forever in hell.

They think – out of ignorance – that they are engaging in jihad. Since when has jihad been synonymous with killing innocent people? The Almighty says: "Do not transgress limits, for Allah loves not transgressors".

Is it conceivable that God – the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate – could order someone to blow himself up or kill innocent people? Islam, as a matter of fact, does not permit any kind of suicide – whatever the reasons or circumstances. The Almighty says: "if any one slew a person - unless it be for murder or for spreading mischief in the land - it would be as if he slew the whole people".

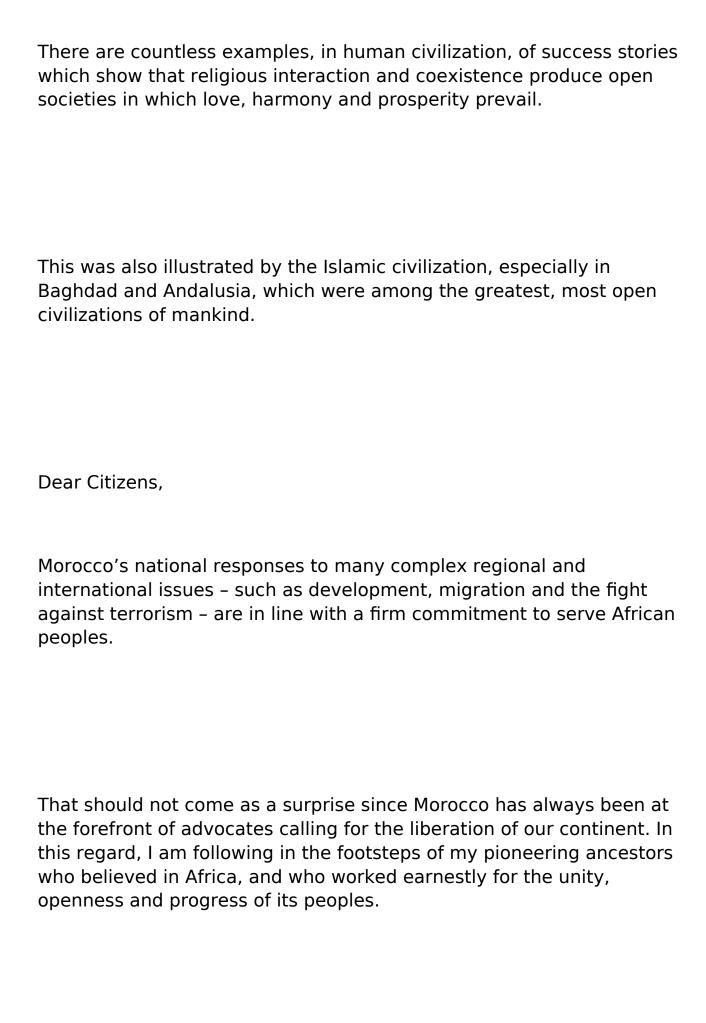


deliberately, let him take his place in Hell".
Terrorists take advantage of some young Muslims – particularly in Europe – and of their ignorance of the Arabic language and of true Islam, to spread their distorted messages and misleading promises.
How could anyone of sound mind believe that the reward for jihad is a number of virgins? How could one possibly accept that anyone who listens to music will be swallowed by the depths of the earth, and other such lies?
Terrorists and extremists use all means to convince young people to join them in order to attack societies profoundly committed to the ideals of freedom, openness and tolerance.
Moreover, several Muslim groups and societies perceive themselves as authorities on Islam, arguing that they represent true Islam – which implies others do not. In reality, however, they could not be further from Islam and its tolerant values.

Such attitudes encourage the spread of the extremist ideology, of excommunication and terrorism, for terror advocates believe that this is the path to true Islam. These people need to take a hard look at themselves and decide to what extent they are responsible for the crimes and human tragedies perpetrated in the name of Islam.
All of us are targets. Whoever thinks or believes in what I have just said is a target of terrorism. That scourge hit Morocco in the past, then it struck in Europe and in many parts of the world.

As ignorance spreads in the name of religion, Muslims, Christians and Jews have to close ranks in order to tackle all forms of extremism, hatred and reclusiveness.

As attested by the history of mankind, it is impossible to achieve progress in a society which is plagued by radicalism and hatred, for the latter are the main ingredients of insecurity and instability.



So it is with great reverence that we remember the heroes of the Revolution of the King and the People, my revered grandfather, His Majesty King Mohammed V, and my venerable father, His Majesty King Hassan II – may they rest in peace – as well as all the nation's glorious martyrs.

Wassalamu alaikum warahmatullah wabarkatuh. MAP 20 August 2016