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## **Brotherhood**

All of us have been stunned and shocked by the magnitude of the earthquake disaster in Northern Pakistan and Kashmir.

It has been heartening to see hundreds of people turning up at the various collection points, to donate cash, clothes, food, blankets and medicines for the victims of the earthquake.

But still, this is not enough. Countless towns and villages have been wiped out, and the survivors have no food, drinking water, shelter, medicines, hospitals, coffins .... It is good that all of us have donated so much, but how long will this enthusiasm to "help" last?

Will we forget about the poor victims after some time, and then in three weeks time, celebrate Eid most lavishly, in our usual way?

I urge all those who are lucky to have escaped from the wrath of the earthquake, not to forget the victims of this disaster, when they celebrate Eid.

I feel we should celebrate Eid as simply as possible, as we should be sensitive to, and respect the feelings of the thousands of people, who have lost everything.

Instead of spending thousands of rupees on expensive Eid clothes, shoes, jewelry and on entertaining extravagantly on Eid, we should donate that money for the benefit of those who have lost everything.

Let us please not forget, that thousands and thousands of people will not be able to celebrate this coming Eid.