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"His Eminence Sheikh Dr. Salman bin Fahd al-Odeh—General Administrator of 'Islam Today' Foundation—assured that the incident instigated by Nidal Hasan—who worked as a psychiatrist at the Texas-based American military base, and accused of shooting inside the Fort Hood Military Base in the state of Texas, which resulted in the death of 13 and the injury of 40 others—cannot be justified, and it has a negative effect on Muslims in America and Europe."

"And Sheikh Salman said at the Friday night program 'Life is a Word,' which airs on the satellite channel MBC under the title 'Balance': this incident has a very negative influence in the West because they [Westerners] see that a man from within the [American] environment and society, and had reached the highest levels [in his career]; despite that, he carried out this attack, so what about the thousands of Muslims who are in the depth of the official establishment, which pushed them to question: are Muslims a Fifth Column [or Rank]?"

"And Dr. al-Odeh continued: incidents as those have bad consequences, and undoubtedly this man might have a psychological problem; he may be a psychiatrist but he [also] might have had psychological distress, as he was being commissioned to go to Iraq or Afghanistan, and he was capable of refusing to work whatever the consequences were."

"This came as a comment that said: there's who speaks about this man's balance and there are many like him, as he reached a level of balance explosion: military service; he is supposed to serve an ideology he is completely convinced with, while inside of himself there exists an entirely different religious value."

"And Sheikh Salman explained: this action taken out by Nidal Hasan was irrational and is empty of thought, and what pushed him to that might be a kind of emotion unrest at some moment, pointing that this action has effected Muslims in America and Europe and other places, and they need a while to recover from the outcome of this action, and to be able to overcome the Zionist power that celebrated these events, because they invest in them [actions] and employ them to warn about the Muslims and abort any attempt to deal with them moderately."

“And His Eminence pointed that Islam is the religion of mercy, and that at a time there were many Christian citizens under the rule of the Islamic State who paid Jizya in exchange for being relieved from the Army service, because military engagement could have been with a Christian country, which means that those would have had to face their [Christian] brothers, so they got relieved of that [service] in exchange for the sum of money they paid, and that shows the Islamic justice.”