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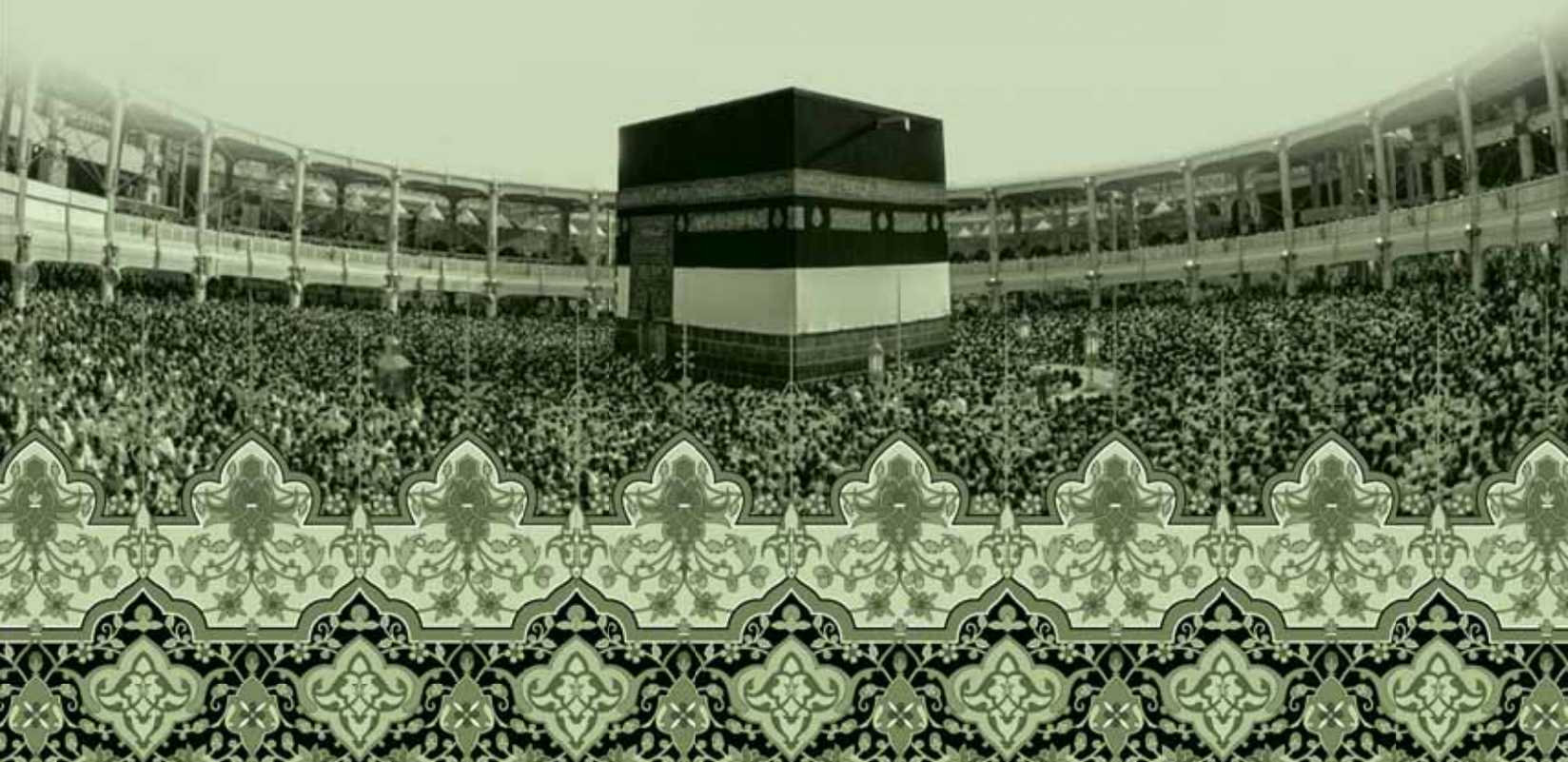
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**We are now coming to the end of the 1437th Hijri year,
it is both exciting and difficult for our Muslim Ummah.**

Exciting that one may have the opportunity to perform the fifth pillar of Islam during this month of Dhul Hijjah to be able to tread the same path as the last Prophet, peace and blessings upon him, to the House of Allah built by the hands of the Prophet Ibrahim and his son, Ismael, to be the ultimate house of worship for Muslims. Yet this time of year proves to be very difficult as millions of Muslims who yearn to fulfil this once in a lifetime obligation seeking the pleasure of the Lord of the Worlds is compromised by corrupt vile rulers who seek to put out the light of Islam in their lands and abroad as well. Despite all odds, Muslims near and far are standing up like never before to raise the High Words of their Lord, calling for the good and rejecting the widespread evil. Proof of this is evident in the land of ash-Sham in which the world's greatest powers have teamed together to put out the brave rebels' demand for Islam or in the situation of the resilient Muslims of Afghanistan and Pakistan who courageously stand against their colonialist regime.

Bringing us back to the great pilgrimage which gathers millions of pious mercy seeking Muslims asking Allah Almighty to bestow the noble Ummah a luminous year with the crown of obligations accomplished and the return of the Islamic society to the Muslim lands. Under the guidance of the righteous Khaleefah as the likes of Omar bin al Khattab and Abu Bakr before him, may Allah be pleased with them, to lead the once tired humiliated Ummah to the forefront of the world stage with the command of justice to humankind, setting a new precedence to the crippling shackles of capitalism and its norms binding to modern day slavery.

The impact of Allah's command upon us as Muslims who face all kinds of harassment, tragedy and despair only to find out that holding on to our Deen will reap great reward that each believer will go back once again to suffer the same sacrifice again and again only to taste the sweet reward of the heavens in the eternal life.

In the following pages of this Mukhtarat issue – we will highlight our sincere dawah carriers and their effort to raise the word of Allah far and wide hoping our message does not fall on deaf ears from the people for power and it is embraced by our Muslim brothers and sisters worldwide from the east to the west.

Then we embrace the new year hopeful with full tawakkul on Allah and His Promise of the coming Khilafah as the beloved Prophet (saw) said then there will be a Khilafah. This will rebalance the scale of humanity returning the sense of humanity to its people and uprooting all sorts of evil that have destroyed and consumed the people. Islam will shine even though the days are dark today but tomorrow Islam will shine as a comprehensive system for all humankind. May Allah (swt) accept the good deeds and acts of worship and forgive any shortcomings of our beloved Ummah.

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Congratulations from Hizb ut Tahrir for the Blessed Occasion of Eid Al-Adhaa Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Laa Ilaaha Illallah... Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Wa Lillahil Hamd

(Translated)

All praise belongs to Allah and prayers and peace upon the Messenger of Allah and upon his family, companions and those who follow him and tread the path that he has trodden; thus making the Islamic Aqeedah the basis of his thought, the Ahkam Ash-Shar'iyah as the measure of his actions and source of his rulings...

O Muslims in every place...

It pleases us in the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir to convey to the Islamic Ummah as a whole on the blessed occasion of Eid, the congratulations of the Amir of Hizb ut Tahrir, eminent Scholar Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah, may Allah protect him. It also pleases us to convey his congratulations to the male and female Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir who connect their nights with their days in confronting the regimes of the oppressive era and in struggling against them to raise high the word of Allah via the establishment of the rightly guided Khilafah state (Caliphate) upon the methodology of the Prophethood, which the slave of Allah and His Messenger (saw) gave glad tidings of its return.

This Eid comes to us at a time when the wounds afflicting the Ummah are many. However, this suffering that we are living through is in itself an indicator of the awakening of the Ummah in its efforts to liberate itself from the colonialist hegemony that has been implemented over it since the Kafir West destroyed the Khilafah state in 1924. So, from the womb of the suffering the hope of an end to this oppressive colonial era increases. In spite of what has befallen the Ummah we all nevertheless have confidence in the promise of Allah that His Deen will prevail over all other Deens and that the glad tidings of His Messenger (saw) of the establishment of the Khilafah upon the methodology of the Prophethood will be realised and that this may be near. In respect to this, Allah Ta'Alaa says:

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"Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [to authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient" [An-Nur: 55].

This is the true promise of Allah and Allah does not break His promise even though liars spread their lies and hypocrites practise their hypocrisy justifying the servitude of the Ummah to the Kafir West under deceptive slogans. The purified Prophetic Seerah has taught us that some of the hypocrites of Al-Madinah used to say: Muhammad used to promise us that we would eat from the treasures of Kisra and Caesar whilst today any one of us cannot even make the call of nature feeling safe.

﴿وَإِذْ يَقُولُ الْمُنَافِقُونَ وَالَّذِينَ فِي قُلُوبِهِم مَّرَضٌ مَا وَعَدَنَا اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ إِلَّا غُرُورًا﴾

"And [remember] when the hypocrites and those in whose hearts

is disease said, 'Allah and His Messenger did not promise us except delusion'" [Al-Ahzab: 12].

And despite that the Messenger of Allah (saw) had promised Suraaqah when he asked him how he would feel if he was to wear the bracelets of Kisra. Then when 'Umar (ra) arrived with the bracelet, belt and crown of Kisra he called upon Suraaqah Bin Maalik and then gave it to him to wear. So he declared, "Allahu Akbar, All praise is to Allah who removed them from Kisra Bin Hurmuz who used to say that he was the Lord of people and then gave them to Suraaqah Bin Malik Bin Ja'sham, a Bedouin from Bani Madlij, to wear".

Therefore all that is required of the sincere believers of this day is to hold fast to the rope of Allah, have sincerity of worship and submission to Him, the determination to support His Deen in accordance to the Shar'i direction that the Messenger of Allah (saw) taught us, patience upon the harm and perseverance upon that Allah comes with His decree.

As I convey to you and the Islamic Ummah congratulations of the Head of the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir and all of those who work in it, I make Du'a to Allah 'Azza Wa Jal that the next Eid comes whilst the Ummah lives under the shade of the Rayah of Al'Uqaab and that it would have been united, victorious and regained its honour by the permission of Allah, in addition to having regained in its leading position in the world. Verily, He Almighty is the Guardian over that and Capable of making it happen.

O Allah, Ya Hayy Ya Qayyoom, Ya Hannaan Ya Mannaan, O Who has raised the skies without any visible pillars honour us with the rightly guided Khilafah upon the methodology of the Prophethood, sooner than later, and the Bai'ah be given to the rightly guided Khalifah who will lead the Ummah in the liberation of humankind from the disgrace of servitude to man... to remove mankind from the servitude and worship to other men to the worship of the Lord of all people, from the constraints of the life of this world to its vastness, and from the oppressiveness of the rotten capitalist civilisation to the justice of Islam and its mercy.

May Allah accept your good acts of obedience

Wasalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakaatuhu,

Glorified are you O Allah and Your Praise is due. We bear witness that there is no god other than You. We seek your forgiveness and turn to you in repentance.

The eve of the blessed Eid ul-Adhaa for the year 1436 AH ■

Othman Bakhach

Director of the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir

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Sacrifice for Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw)

Examples of sacrifice in the pursuit of the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood are not uncommon in our age and are found throughout the Muslim world. Over many decades, many have given great sacrifice, up to and including martyrdom at the hands of the tyrants. It is such sacrifice that has propelled the Ummah ever forward, through earning the Nasr [victory] of Allah (swt). It is such sacrifice that has brought the Ummah to erupting on the world stage as the Just Ummah that is deserving to be witness over all of humankind. Indeed, through such sacrifices the change that we yearn for is not long in coming inshaaAllah and is sensed by even those who are in the peripheries of the call to Islam.

Sacrifice is seen in the one who has decided, when facing the tyranny of the oppressor, that he does not care to return to this Dunya, his loved ones or his wealth. When faced with such willingness to sacrifice, the brutes have absolutely no leverage left, whether through threat or temptation. Indeed, what leverage can the tyrants possibly have over a man who has his sights firmly set on Jannah and sees them merely as obstacles standing in the way? Such a believer is the one that can look the tormenters straight in the eye as if to ask them, now what do you have left? He is the one who frustrates the tyrants to the point of severe desperation and despondency. He is the one who forces them to re-calculate their steps again and again, stricken by doubt. He is the one who undertakes the accounting the unjust ruler by honouring this esteemed duty its full right. He is who serves as yet another glaring evidence to the tyrants that they can never prevail over a truthful and powerful call that compels its adherents to such levels of sacrifice.

Muslims are moved by such noble sacrifice; it revives the tired limbs, throws aside despair and incites a yearning for struggle. However, that is not enough for us, for we seek the same Jannah. Thus, we must acquire the same willingness for sacrifice regardless of our current state and be serious in becoming the one who is capable of bearing all hardships in the path towards victory. Such willingness to sacrifice is the outcome of absolute conviction that Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw) alone are deserving to be more beloved to the person than the whole Dunyaa and everything

that is in it. It is this conviction that allows a believer to sacrifice all of his worldly interests and ties for the sake of Allah (swt), making Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw) the very centre of his sight in this life. This is that which Allah (swt) calls upon us towards in His saying,

﴿قُلْ إِنْ كَانَ آبَاؤُكُمْ وَأَبْنَاؤُكُمْ وَإِخْوَانُكُمْ وَأَزْوَاجُكُمْ وَعَشِيرَتُكُمْ وَأَمْوَالٌ اقْتَرَفْتُمُوهَا وَتِجَارَةٌ تَخْشَوْنَ كَسَادَهَا وَمَسَاكِينُ رَضُوا بِهَا أَحَبَّ إِلَيْكُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ وَجِهَادٍ فِي سَبِيلِهِ فَتَرَبَّصُوا حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الْفَاسِقِينَ﴾

“Say: “If your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your wives, your relatives, the wealth which you have obtained, the commerce wherein you fear decline, and dwellings with which please you, are more beloved to you than Allah and His Messenger and Jihaad in His cause, then wait until Allah executes His command. And Allah does not guide the defiantly disobedient people.” [Surah At-Taubah 9:24]

It is this willingness to sacrifice that qualifies this Ummah as the witness to all of humankind and enables her to convey the message of Islam through Da'wah and Jihad effectively. It is this willingness for sacrifice that saw the Khulafaa Rashideen open the lands of the oppressive Persian and Roman empires to Islam. It is this willingness to sacrifice that allowed the Islamic Khilafah state to be the world's leading state for centuries, a beacon of light for the world's oppressed. Thus, the Muslim is not the one who is content with simply providing maintenance and tarbiyyah (upbringing) for his children. He is the one who is restless to serve his Deen, right the injustice, defy the oppressor and raise the word of Truth above all other ways of life, regardless of the sacrifices that must be made

to ensure that. The Muslim is the one who solemnly heeds to the warning of RasulAllah (saaw),

عَنْ ابْنِ عُمَرَ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا قَالَ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ: «إِذَا تَبَايَعْتُمْ بِالْعَيْنَةِ، وَأَخَذْتُمْ أَدْنَابَ الْبَقَرِ، وَرَضِيْتُمْ بِالرُّزْغِ، وَتَرَكْتُمْ الْجِهَادَ، سَلَطَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ دُلًّا لَا يَنْزِعُهُ حَتَّى تَرْجِعُوا إِلَى دِينِكُمْ»

“If you are conducting business, holding the ears of your oxen and are satisfied by engaging in farming whilst you have abandoned the performance of Al-Jihaad, then Allah will make disgrace and humiliation dominate over you and this will not be removed until you return to your Deen” (Abu Dawood, Ibn Taymiyyah). He is the one who turns away from the temptations of the world that would seduce him away from sacrifice, sincerely mindful of the Hadith of RasulAllah (saaw),

«تُعْرَضُ الْفِتْنُ عَلَى الْقُلُوبِ كَالْحَصِيرِ عُوْدًا عُوْدًا فَأَيُّ قَلْبٍ أُشْرِبَهَا نُكْتُ فِيهِ نُكْتَةٌ سَوْدَاءٌ وَأَيُّ قَلْبٍ أَنْكَرَهَا نُكْتُ فِيهِ نُكْتَةٌ بَيْضَاءٌ حَتَّى تَصِيرَ عَلَى قَلْبَيْنِ عَلَى أْبْيَضٍ مِثْلِ الصَّفَا فَلَا تَصُرُهُ فِتْنَةٌ مَا دَامَتِ السَّمَوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ وَالْآخِرُ أَسْوَدُ مَرْبَادًا كَالْكُوزِ مَجْحِيًّا لَا يَعْرِفُ مَعْرُومًا وَلَا يَنْكِرُ مُنْكَرًا إِلَّا مَا أُشْرِبَ مِنْ هَوَاهُ»

“Temptations will be presented to men’s hearts as reed mat is woven stick by stick and any heart which is impregnated by them will have a black mark put into it, but any heart which rejects them will have a white mark put in it. The result is that there will become two types of hearts: one white like a white stone which will not be harmed by any turmoil or temptation, so long as the heavens and the earth endure; and the other black and dust-coloured like a vessel which is upset, not recognizing what is good or rejecting what is abominable, but being impregnated with desire.” (Sahih Muslim). He is the one who suffocates in the constricting atmosphere of boasting over worldly gains, whilst the thrives in sacrificing to ensure the best for the Ummah and humankind, for his heart has embraced the saying of Allah (swt),

﴿اعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا لَعِبٌ وَلَهُوٌّ وَزِينَةٌ وَتَفَاخُرٌ بَيْنَكُمْ وَتَكَاثُرٌ فِي الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَوْلَادِ﴾

“Know that the life of this world is only play and amusement, pomp and mutual boasting among you, and rivalry in respect of wealth and children.” [Surah Al-Hashr 57:20]

The Muslim who strives to sacrifice so that he becomes beloved of Allah (swt) is aware that this Dunya and its adornments are a test, for his Lord said,

﴿إِنَّا جَعَلْنَا مَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ زِينَةً لَهَا لِنَبْلُوهُمْ أَيُّهُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا﴾

“Verily, we have made that which is on earth an adornment for it, in order that We may test which of them are best in deeds.” [Surah Al-Kahf 18:7]. and RasulAllah (saaw) said:

﴿إِنَّ الدُّنْيَا خُلُوعٌ خَضِرَةٌ، وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ مُسْتَحْلِفُكُمْ فِيهَا فَمَا ظَرُّ مَاذَا تَعْمَلُونَ، فَاتَّقُوا الدُّنْيَا، وَاتَّقُوا النِّسَاءَ، فَإِنَّ أَوَّلَ فِتْنَةِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ كَانَتْ فِي النِّسَاءِ﴾

“This world is sweet and green, and Allah makes you generations succeeding one another, so He is watching what you will do. Beware of (the beguilements of) this world and beware of women, for the first affliction that Children of Israel suffered from was that of women.” [Muslim] He knows well that this Dunya, over which the tyrants he faces destroy their eternal Aakhirah over, is merely a temporary abode. Moreover, this world itself will pass away and come to an end, its greenery and joys lost forever, for Allah (saaw) said,

﴿وَإِنَّا لَجَاعِلُونَ مَا عَلَيْهَا صَعِيدًا جُرُزًا﴾

“And verily, We shall make all that is on it bare, dry soil.” [Surah

al-Kahf 18:8] which means that ‘after having adorned it, We will destroy it and make everything on it bare and dry, with no vegetation or any other benefit. Al-`Awfi reported from Ibn `Abbas that this means everything on it would be wiped out and destroyed. Mujahid said, “a dry and barren plain.” Qatadah said, “A plain on which there are no trees or vegetation.” So why foresake the everlasting pleasures of the Jannah of Allah (swt) for the sake of a Dunyah that one day will be barren of all life and pleasure? Why cower away from the chance to sacrifice for Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw)? Let us become the one who will turn away from this Dunya’s comforts and embraces the hardships that arise in the relentless pursuit of seeking the pleasure of his Lord (swt).

The current Muslim generation has arisen in a time of great opportunity, where the Western civilization is beset by rot, its economy in ruins through the greed of its elite, its colonialist foreign policy tattered and exposed before the world’s eyes, its social fabric torn by the absence of chastity, dignity and family values and its people in misery through a spiritual vacuum. The world stage is set for the Ummah of Muhammad (saaw) to return to its rightful place, a Just Ummah that is a guardian and relief for all of the oppressed people of the world. Today, each of us must seriously prepare ourselves to make the sacrifices that are needed to resume Islam as a way of life and carry its guidance to all of humankind. And inshaAllah each of us will be instruments for a huge change which will begin with the return of the Khilafah (Caliphate) of the Prophethood and continue onwards to a time when Islam will dominate the entire globe. RasulAllah (saaw) said,

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ رَوَى لِي الْأَرْضَ فَرَأَيْتُ مَشَارِقَهَا وَمَغَارِبَهَا وَإِنَّ أُمَّتِي سَيَبْلُغُ مَلْكُهَا مَا رَوَى لِي مِنْهَا وَأَعْطَيْتُ الْكُفْرَيْنَ الْأَحْمَرَ وَالْأَبْيَضَ وَإِنِّي سَأَلْتُ رَبِّي لِأُمَّتِي أَنْ لَا يَهْلِكَهَا بِسِنَةٍ بَعَامَةٍ وَأَنْ لَا يَسْلُطَ عَلَيْهِمْ عَدُوٌّ مِنْ سِوَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ فَيَسْتَبِيحَ بَيْضَتَهُمْ﴾

“Allah drew the ends of the world near one another for my sake. And I have seen its eastern and western ends. And the dominion of my Ummah would reach those ends which have been drawn near me and I have been granted the red and the white treasure and I begged my Lord for my Ummah that it should not be destroyed because of famine, nor be dominated by an enemy who is not amongst them to take their lives and destroy them root and branch” [Muslims] Imam Ahmad recorded from Tamim Ad-Dari that he said, “I heard the Messenger of Allah saying,

﴿لَيَبْلُغَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرُ مَا بَلَغَ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ، وَلَا يَتْرُكُ اللَّهُ بَيْتَ مَدْرٍ وَلَا وَبَرَ إِلَّا أَدْخَلَهُ هَذَا الدِّينَ، يُعَزُّ عَزِيرًا وَيُذِلُّ ذَلِيلًا. عَرَا يُعَزُّ اللَّهُ بِهِ الْإِسْلَامَ وَذُلًّا يُذِلُّ اللَّهُ بِهِ الْكُفْرَ﴾

“This matter (Islam) will keep spreading as far as the night and day reach, until Allah will not leave a house made of mud or hair, but will make this religion enter it, while bringing might to a mighty person (a Muslim) and humiliation to a disgraced person (who rejects Islam). Might with which Allah elevates Islam (and its people) and disgrace with which Allah humiliates disbelief (and its people).” ■

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The Transcript of the Interview Conducted by Hizb ut Tahrir in the Wilayah of Syria Radio with

the Engineer Othman Bakhsh, Director of the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir, about the Al-Rayah Newspaper

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(Translated)

Question 1: Would it be possible for you to provide us with a general overview of the Raiah newspaper; its beginnings, goals and contents?

The Raiah Newspaper (also spelled as al-Rayah) is a newspaper issued by Hizb ut Tahrir and it has been called Al-Raiah, aimed at the Rayah of Islam and Muslims based upon the Shahaadah of Laa Ilaaha Illallah Muhammadur Rasoolullah. The newspaper is therefore Islamic and addresses the issues of the Muslims that relate to the resumption of the Islamic life, whether that is in terms of pursuing the political events taking place and exposing and explaining the colonial plotting and schemes lying in wait of the Ummah with evil, or in terms of shedding light upon the Islamic concepts, provoking the Ummah to have awareness of them and to work so that their context becomes one of practical application and action. As such, the Raiah Newspaper aims to be a platform for the Haqq (truth) to proclaim the truth in the midst of the chaotic media existing in the world today. All of the media platforms today serve the interests of their owner or those in charge of them. As for the Raiah of Hizb ut Tahrir then it is distinguished by not being tied to a state, official agency or party. Rather, it only comes from the basis of Islam and seeks to raise the call of Islam and support all of the Muslim issues. The Raiah Newspaper had been issued previously where its first edition was published in 1954. However, the transgressing rulers in Jordan at that time could not bear to hear the word of truth and so after 13 editions Glubb Pasha, the head of the Jordanian English army at that time, closed it down and the authorities prevented its issuance.

Question 2: Why did the Raiah Newspaper stop for so many years previously? And why has it been issued once again after all of these years?

When the Raiah Newspaper was launched from Amman the

existing regime, a fosterling of the English colonialism, could not bear to hear the word of truth and so it prevented its issuance and so it was suspended for all of these long years. We were hoping for the reissuing of the paper to coincide with the coming of the dawn of the rightly guided Khilafah (Caliphate) which we hope to be soon. And so the Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir, scholar Sheikh Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah, may Allah support him, decided that the current time is appropriate and fitting to reissue it in order to participate and share in shedding light upon the Muslims' issues and to accompany the activities of the Da'wah after this blessed Da'wah has spread to all corners of the world; from Indonesia and Malaysia in the East to Central Asia and Siberia in the West, including the Anatolian Plateau, Ash-Shaam and North Africa. Indeed, the concepts of the Da'wah have even spread to the world as a whole across the continents, the Raiah Newspaper therefore comes as a distinct media platform that proclaims the word of Haqq (truth) and it is a platform that people can go to in order to know the true realities of the events that the Islamic Ummah is facing. That is particularly in the circumstances of the rival colonial states from Europe, Russia, China and America, working to prevent the return of the Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the path of the Prophethood. We therefore want the Raiah Newspaper to be a luminous platform of truth to expose the darkness of the colonialist scheming, which works to attach the Islamic Ummah to the western civilisation, just as it works to promote the political schemes of the oppressive transgressing rulers who are agents of the western states. The Raiah Newspaper therefore represents a flame of truth that exposes this deception and this darkness so that it can be a beacon of light that lightens up the path for all those working for the resumption of the Islamic life. That is what we ask Allah (swt) to assist us to undertake and perform this in the best possible manner.

Question 3: In the midst of the tremendous advancement in other means of communication like the internet and satellite, is there any practical worth or point in reissuing the Raiah Newspaper?

Yes, we realise that the world today has witnessed a technological revolution in terms of communications in media and the means utilised in it, including what is written, read and heard, the great number of newspapers, satellite channels in addition to the means used for expressing opinions which have become known as 'social media' (Facebook, Twitter and YouTube amongst others). It is clear that there is a flood and abundance of media outlets and platforms that turn the patient into the bewildered, not knowing where the truth lies in respect to what one hears and sees, whilst one flips from one media means to another. As for what distinguishes this paper whilst it speaks in the name of Hizb ut Tahrir, then it is distinguished by that which Hizb ut Tahrir is distinguished by itself. Meaning that this party is the pioneer that does not lie to its people, the pioneer that has taken it upon itself to proclaim the word of truth, expose the falsehood and the scheming plots of the colonialist states and their agents, the rulers. Just as it sheds light upon the Islamic concepts that are based on to the Shar'iah evidences from what the Wahi (Divine Revelation) came with in the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger. And the Hizb, as we know, and everyone knows, is not linked to any official body, role, organisation or state. Rather, it is based upon the Islamic Aqeedah and seeks to support this Deen and raise the word of Allah. Similarly, it is this same policy that this media newspaper "Al-Raiah" is committed to, and so it does not seek other than the pleasure of Allah (swt) and to proclaim the truth, whatever the consequences. So yes, whilst looking at all of these facts we can say that the newspaper is truly a distinguished media outlet or platform and is unparalleled in the world. We have the honour, whilst all praise belongs to Allah, to oversee it and prepare its materials whilst relying upon the help of Allah (swt) and adhering to the methodology that is necessary in order to support this Deen without bending to this authority or directive or that one, without any fear from proclaiming the word of Haqq (truth).

Question 4: Where is the Al-Raiah Newspaper issued and how many followers does it have?

The Raiah Newspaper is issued as you know by Hizb ut Tahrir whose Da'wah, Al-Hamdu Lillah, has been launched and spread out to the horizons of Indonesia and Malaysia in the East, Bangladesh, India, Central Asia reaching to Pakistan and the Caucasus, Turkey, Anatolia, Shaam to Africa. No, rather it has reached the five continents wherever Muslims are found. Therefore, the newspaper is grasped by the male and female affiliates of Hizb ut Tahrir in all regions and they work to deliver it to the varied people of the Ummah wherever they are located. Of course the Raiah has two editions; a paper edition printed and issued on Wednesday morning and alongside an electronic version which is available upon the internet. As such, there are those who receive a paper edition and there are others who follow it online. Therefore, it is difficult to give you a clear number in respect to the number of readers and followers

however what has reached us in terms of comments, responses and suggestions from our dear readers, Baarakallahu Feehim, and what we receive from a variety of lands including Yemen, Sudan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Turkey and others, it tells us that, Al-Hamdu Lillah, Al-Raiah has spread to the horizons and across the Muslim lands. That has led to some of the other biased media outlets to undertake a campaign of distortion against Al-Raiah, to whom we respond when appropriate and necessary, as we are not able to follow up with every criticiser.

Question 5: What is the nature of the topics published in the newspaper?

The newspaper is a comprehensive Islamic newspaper concerned particularly with political matters. It is a weekly newspaper that addresses the most important hot political issues and events, whether it relates to the Muslim lands like if we were to write about Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Turkey or Syria etc. Or relating to global politics like the global economic crisis or the struggle between Russia, America and Europe. We are therefore concerned with general political matters in addition to ideological topics. Thus we shed light in the newspaper about the Islamic viewpoint and the Islamic treatments for the issues of the state and society whether these relate to the social, economic or other aspects. In addition, from what we gather together from other media sources in terms of articles, subjects and statements that deal with the Islamic Ahkam and Islamic concepts, that which has significance from that we address across the articles that we publish. An example of this is clarifying the Islamic viewpoint in respect to how to treat the poverty crisis, clarifying the nature of the Islamic economic system and how it is distinguished from the capitalist system. It also includes responding to some writers who distort the Islamic rulings whether that is related to the Khilafah (Caliphate) or other matters. As such, we in the Raiah Newspaper address all of these issues, that is we strive to shed light upon these issues and clarify the Islamic viewpoint in respect to them and to exhort the Muslims to have an awareness about them and to adhere to them, so as to discriminate the correct from the incorrect. In this way we are a platform proclaiming the truth, disclosing the falsity of falsehood and speaking the word of truth by the permission of Allah Ta'Alaa.

Question 6: Who are the writers of the Raiah Newspaper?

The writers of the newspaper, Al-Hamdulillah are a group from the select best of the Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir. In truth, we have an expansive team. We have writers, each of which is distinguished by his precision of examination and accurateness in understanding the topics they are addressing, and in respect to their pursuing of the details of the political events, ideological issues and other than these. As such, the list is long, however we have a distinguished team of brothers writing from Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia and even from within the lands of emigration. The truth is that the list is long and within the writing team some of the noble sisters from the team of the Central Media Office participate with us. Those sisters also participate with us in the carrying of this Da'wah and as such they take charge of writing about subjects that cover the activities and issues that the Women's

Section of the Central Media Office is concerned with and this is within a number of regions. By the favour of Allah, this Da'wah has spread and the number of writers, male and female, are many, whilst the followers of the pages of the newspaper read the articles by these writers, may Allah reward them with all goodness for the benefit they bring to us.

Question 7: Does the newspaper publication express the opinion of Hizb ut Tahrir or does it express the opinion of the writer alone?

The newspaper, my brother, is issued from Hizb ut Tahrir and consequently it expresses the opinion of Hizb ut Tahrir and not the personal opinion of this or that writer. That has been mentioned in the heart of our page (issued from Hizb ut Tahrir). Therefore, everything it contains abides by the methodology of the Hizb and its vision towards the issues, events and realities.

Question 8: Does the revolution of Ash-Shaam hold a special place within the newspaper?

It is not hidden from any follower that the revolution of Ash-Shaam (Syria) has become the focus of attention for all Muslims due to the resolve and resilience that it has been distinguished by and due to the failure and incapability of the colonialist states to eliminate as what happened in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, and amongst other places. The colonialist America and Europe have been unable to take hold of the reins of the revolution so as to eliminate it. For that reason, they resorted to escalating the acts of killing, destruction and terrorising in an attempt to subdue the revolution and stop it. It was then only natural and obvious for the revolution in Ash-Shaam to take a main central place within the Raiah coverage. We have been continuously following the course of events and exposing the plots of the western states and warning about their scheme. Including all that is related to Geneva, the Riyadh conference, and the relevant details. Also included is the effort of some of the groups to promote the slogan of a 'democratic state' in addition to many other issues and details, even including the bloody fighting amongst the groups that took place in Al-Ghouta... In a large variety of issues and details, we follow all of the events of the revolution of Ash-Shaam, in an attempt to disclose the darkness of the western colonialist plotting and its tools comprising of the rulers of the neighbouring lands like Turkey, Egypt, Jordan and the Gulf states. We have given all of this a great share of coverage; we are still following it closely and will continue to do so. Our affair in that is the affair that we have adopted in respect to the adopting the affairs of the Ummah and particular those affairs that we hope for the birth of the Khilafah State upon the methodology of the Prophethood to arise from by Allah's permission.

Question 9: What difficulties have you encountered, whether related to the publishing or any other matter?

The difficulties arise from the newspaper being issued weekly; there is always the pressure of time, the time-factor, meaning that we are bound in our pursuance of a specific time. That which happens, sometimes, is what has been called last-minute, which means that you are in bewilderment regarding what are the most important events and issues are that you want to cover, then all of

a sudden in the last moments important events take place which then places you in a time constraint. This is from the difficulties confronted and sometimes due to the importance of an event we are compelled to give it its full right, then because of time constraints we are forced to delay it until the following edition. That is our reality. Also from amongst the difficulties that we have been informed about from our brothers, the Shabab in some regions, is that the security authorities work to prevent the spread of the Raiah Newspaper. So if one is found to have it in his possession is punished. Despite, that we are not dissuaded from continuing with determination and patience to make this media message reach the segments of the Ummah:

﴿وَاللَّهُ غَالِبٌ عَلَىٰ أَمْرِهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾

"And Allah has full power and control over His Affairs, but most of men know not" [Yusuf: 21].

Question 10: Has the newspaper been published in languages other than Arabic?

No not yet. This, by the will of Allah, falls within our hopes and aspirations, and within the plan that we are working upon, by Allah's permission, to expand the scope of the spread of Al-Raiah. It is not hidden that there are hundreds of millions of Muslims who do not speak the Arabic language and we hope that we will be enabled to deliver it to them in their local languages and even if it is done gradually.

Question 11: Has Al-Raiah accomplished its objective?

The objective of Al-Raiah is to share and partake in the spread of awareness amongst the Muslims upon the reality that the Ummah is facing in respect to the western colonialist scheming that is working to prevent the return of the Khilafah upon the methodology of the Prophethood, and also to shed light upon the Islamic concepts related to the issues of the

state and the society... What has reached us in terms of responses and comments from the Shabab brothers and sisters in the various regions, is that when they distributed "Al-Raiah" amongst the people during their interactions with them, that Al-Hamdu Lillah, they found a strong responsiveness towards it. That is from one angle, from another, when we see the exasperation of some of the hired media outlets when addressing "Al-Raiah" where they attack it and what is written within it, then this is an additional indicator that "Al-Raiah" has been successful in delivering its voice and proclaiming the word of truth. Even though we consider the highest and greatest objective that we strive and aspire to, is to stir and encourage the Muslims to work for the establishment of the Khilafah state. Al-Raiah is only one means amongst a host of activities and actions that Hizb ut Tahrir undertake across its branches and Wilayahs. Therefore, the greatest success that we aspire for and ask Allah (swt) to consolidate for us, sooner and not later, is the establishment of the Khilafah. At that, by Allah's permission, "Al-Raiah" will find for itself a standing of regard that it is worthy of.

Question 12: Is there anything that you would like to say to the followers of the Raiah Newspaper specifically and the Muslims in general?

In conclusion, I remind all of the listening brothers and sisters

that Hizb ut Tahrir is from you and for you. Hizb ut Tahrir works with the Muslims for the resumption of the Islamic life and Al-Raiah Newspaper is a means of media. The aim of which is to make the voice of the Da'wah reach the segments of the Ummah; to those who love them and the supporters and all of those who are concerned with the political issues and the issues of the Muslim lands. In addition, do not hold back from giving us suggestions and providing responses and comments. We know that there are circumstances of pressure on the ground in some of the regions that do not allow readers to make contact with us. However, at the same time, that is possible over means of communication online whether through Facebook, twitter, email or Al-Raiah's internet site... So there is more than one way and means that our dear readers can make contact with us. We hope from them all to cooperate with us and to place their hands in ours so that the Raiah Newspaper

and truly be the newspaper of the Ummah. With what we have of capabilities and modest effort, we ask Allah (swt) to bless us in our work and to write that this newspaper is accepted and becomes widespread. And that He opens the breasts and hearts of the Muslims so that they work alongside us to support this Deen and raise high the word of Allah (swt), that is what we are able to say.

I conclude by thanking you for providing this gracious opportunity to discuss with you the concerns and anxieties of the media work on Al-Raiah Newspaper. Baarakallahu Feekum. And we repeat that we welcome any comment, suggestion or advice because the Deen is An-Naseehah (advice), as we know ■

*Baarakallahu Feekum, to all of you,
Wasalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakaatuhu*

Press Release

The New Security Packages in Europe It is Currently Turning into a Police States

(Translated)

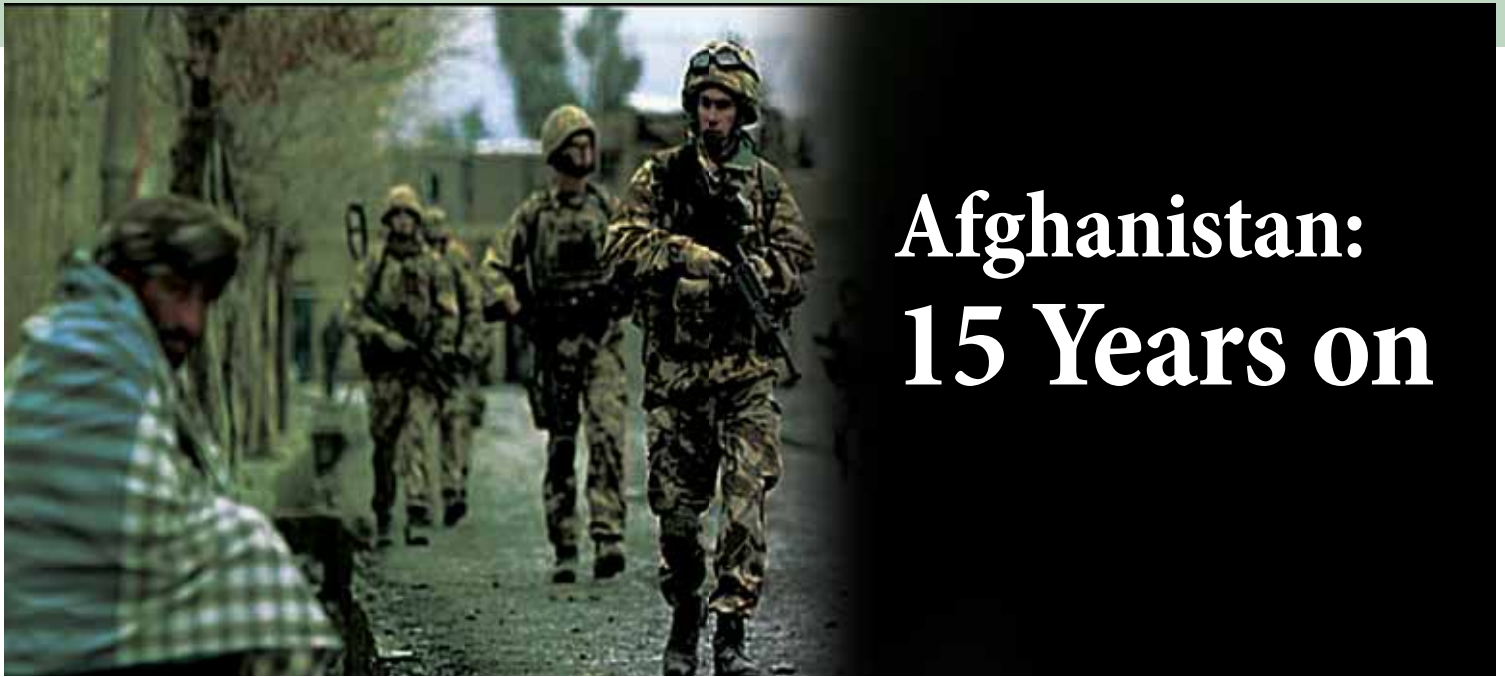
All European countries today are talking about security packages and develop new plans to fight the so-called «terrorism». That is why there for these countries will see the new security measures, including the imposition of tight control over a large number of Muslims and their institutions, and to expand the validity of the police and intelligence services to eavesdrop and arrest. The so called by the new procedures, not exactly in its reality new, these countries has already before stepped up surveillance on Muslims. And gave wide powers to the police and intelligence agencies, But what is new about it is the comprehensive suppressive authoritarian style which depicts all Muslims as enemies of the society, and should be controlled to stop their annoyance. The truth, then, that action in itself is not new, but the degree of severity and rigor are the new repressive.

It seems that Europe's politicians are obsessed by atrocity, and overpowered by arrogance and insolence so They lifted up their policy in dealing with Muslims and their cases to a holly level where looking is prohibited, which prevents consideration or criticism or review or change, inside or outside, in the country and abroad. To the Bible, which prevents consideration or criticism or review and change rank and according to them: they have all the right, and it's all muslim fault, Nor are considering the feasibility of their tight security despite its failure. As since 11/9/2001 event, the European countries talk about security and tighten censorship. And the expansion of police powers. And suppress the Muslim community. How many mosques been closed, and how many imams been fired, and how many schools been shut down, How many of the mosque closed, and how many muslim men and women has arrested and prisoned and jilted, And how many spying devices been planted, and how many repressive law been imposed? What was the result of this policy? The result is failure by confection of the politicians, and the evidence of current events and talk about new security bundles again...

These new repressive measures that European countries are willing to apply will not solve the problem, and will not improve the relationship between muslims and non muslims, and will not achieve security, because restraining generates pressure that generates blast. There for These measures are only an announcement of the transformation of the European countries to a police countries, which prevents any opposition to the regime, whether political or intellectual, And suppress the Muslim community under the pretext of fighting terrorism ■

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Afghanistan: 15 Years on

15 years after the US invaded Afghanistan, 2 years since the official end and withdrawal of US and coalition forces; Afghanistan remains marred in chaos and the US constructed architecture is struggling to survive. The Taliban continue to mount steady gains against the government in Kabul which this week saw them taking control of capital of the Helmond province Lashkar Gah.

In 2015 the Taliban's traditional summer offensive underscored some of the Afghan government's most worrisome security deficiencies. In September the Taliban seized the northern city of Kunduz, and though Afghan troops recaptured the city with the help of US forces, the Taliban have maintained a presence in the country's north ever since. By the end of 2015, the Taliban controlled or had a heavy presence in roughly 30% of Afghanistan's districts. Kabul lost its grip on another 5% of its territory in the first half of 2016. Now, the Taliban hold more territory than they have had at any point since the US toppled their government in 2001.

The Afghan Army and police officials continue to trade blame over why things are going so bad. "The police, as soon as they were inflicted with some casualties, gave up about 27 posts one after another without a fight," complained Third Regiment commander Col. Nematullah Khalil, adding that his troops found their posts surrounded suddenly because of the quick losses. Police chief Lt. Col. Mohammad Omar Jan denied this, saying that the police are suffering far more casualties than anyone else, and that the army is just blaming them to cover up its own weakness in the battle, as they struggle to hold the last line of defense before the capital.

The US invaded Afghanistan under the pretext of 9/11, but always planned some level of permanent presence in Eurasia to deal with Russian and Chinese ambitions and to control the hydrocarbon resources of the Caspian Sea and the Middle East. One of the reasons the US cited for invading Afghanistan was to liberate the Afghan people from the Taliban, promising to bring stability and security for the nation. However after a decade of war the security situation remains a complete failure. The US has gone to great lengths to lay the blame squarely on Taliban attacks. However with 130,000 troops at its peak it has been unable to bring anything in the way of promised security. This has been fundamentally due

to the US working with corrupt politicians, former warlords and opportunists who fill the Afghan government, who have been busy settling old scores and enriching themselves.

By December 2001 on behalf of the US, the United Nations hosted the Bonn Conference in Germany. The aim was the creation of a political process which would bring all the different tribes, warlords and factions into the US constructed political setup. Participants included representatives of four Afghan opposition groups – Pushtun, Hazara, Tajik and Uzbek – all anti-Taliban groups. By the time the US began its invasion of Iraq in March 2003 Hamid Karzai the American stooge had been appointed the head of the interim authority and in 2004 he became the official president of Afghanistan after an election fraught with widespread fraud.

With the US marred in an insurgency in Iraq, the Taliban made a comeback. Whilst the US was able to initially with considerable ease remove the Taliban from power, Stratfor outlined what really occurred: "It is important to remember that the Taliban was never really defeated on the battlefield. Once they realized that they were no match for U.S. air power in a conventional war, they declined battle and faded away to launch their insurgency." It was here the US turned to regional surrogates. Iran brought stability in the North-West through building roads, power transmission lines, and border stations, among other infrastructure projects. Pakistan was ordered to hunt down all the groups and tribes that supported the insurgency in Afghanistan from Pakistan's northern tribal areas. The mess in Afghanistan caused by the US soon spread to Pakistan.

The US by 2008 has begun using predator drones to target the areas on the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan and into Pakistani territory. After conducting thousands of sorties, no high profile target has ever been captured. In fact the US

expanded its drone programme to include innocent villages and towns, in the hope that some high profile target may show up on America's radar. Whilst on the surface the Pakistani government reacted angrily to such attacks this charade was exposed when Senator Dianne Feinstein chairwoman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, publicly commented on where the predator aircraft patrolling Pakistan take off and land. At the hearing in February 2009, Feinstein expressed surprise over Pakistani opposition to the campaign of Predator-launched CIA missile strikes against targets along Pakistan's Northwestern border. She commented "As I understand it, these are flown out of a Pakistani base."

As the US sunk in a quagmire, the Western powers including the US began preparing the ground for reconciliation with the Taliban. In a lengthy message on the occasion of the of Eid al-Fitr, in 2011 the Taliban leader Mulla Muhammed Umar confirmed negotiations have been going with the US. This would indicate the US has accepted it cannot defeat the Taliban and is negotiating with the enemy it was meant to remove. But these negotiations have never made any progress especially when the Taliban could see the weakness in the US military gaining victory.

The US reduced its troops to its lowest levels in 2014 despite declaring this a withdrawal, it maintained its bases across the country. The US handed over day-to-day security and policing to

the Afghan security forces and police, including maintaining the government in Kabul despite their inability to do so. Ever since the days of the Bonn Conference in 2001, America struggled to form a functioning Afghan government whose writ extended beyond Kabul. Even the replacement of Hamid Karzai with Ashraf Ghani did little to change the incompetent governance. Not surprisingly then America has had to change its strategy and postponed its exit date several times. Finally, in May 2012, at a NATO summit in Chicago, America and her allies accepted defeat. The joint communiqué issued expressed the collective desire of all the NATO countries to draw the curtain on their Afghan misadventure. The statement read: "After ten years of war and with the global economy reeling, the nations of the West no longer want to pay, either in treasure or in lives, the costs of their efforts in a place that for centuries has resisted foreign attempts to tame It."

Even with thousands of American soldiers sent to Afghanistan, even with the complicity of the rulers of Pakistan with US and with the increase in the drones attacks, as well as US attempts to strike a chord with the moderate and non-moderate Taliban, Afghanistan remains sunk in a quagmire for the US ■

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If the System is Corrupt and the Rulers Incompetent, Where Will the Change Come From?

(Translated)

On 08/20/2016 Saturday evening, Youssef Chahed announced the “new” government line-up, which they claim that its mission is to salvage Tunisia from the suffocating crisis. And how far for it to achieve this whilst it is hardly any different from Essid’s government, whether in its composition or its programs?

The announcement of the “new” government was the closure of a course that began with the recognition of the political class of the failure of Habib Essid’s government; nonetheless their confession attributed the crisis to the individual ministers and turned a blind eye on the policies and programs that created the disaster. It is known that whatever is laid down in Tunisia of “constitution and laws” legislations, political programs and economic policies was under the direct supervision of the colonial European countries, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. Whereas the Ministers throughout the successive governments had nothing to do except implementing and signing where they are told to sign. And when the government of Habib Essid failed to implement the West’s policies sufficiently to secure its interests, Beji Caid Essebsi called for a change of government justifying his call by the “lack of courage in the government to take responsibility is what caused the shut down in production companies, oil fields and Petrofac and stopped the production of phosphate”. Which means that the change of government was not to save the people of Tunisia from poor care and negligence, but was changed to do what the government of Habib Essid could not do. Thus Beji chose for this task, Youssef Chahed, the employee in the US embassy, as a head of the government in order to:

1. “Save” the colonial oil companies and to resume looting of phosphate in mining basins and the suppression of every protester demanding his right to the wealth of his country.

2. Pardon the corrupters and looters under the heading of Economic reform to boost the economy as they claim.

3. Complete the disastrous agreement of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the European Union, which will enable Europeans to dominate the agricultural sector and the services sector fully.

4. Safeguard the fiscal balances of the state according to the International Monetary Fund orders, i.e. the state abandoning the welfare of the people in their basic needs for education, health, transport and others... under the pretext of the inability of the state’s budget to support it.

5. Accelerate the approval of the Investment Code that will make Tunisian youth slaves for the European companies.

O Muslims in the Country of Az-Zaytouna:

The “new” government is a modified version of the previous governments, attuned to the World Bank criteria. Brought in to delude of the change, and Youssef Chahed has participated seven parties and the labor union in order to involve everyone in the crime of placing Tunisia under the colonial trusteeship.

O Muslims in the Country of Az-Zaytouna, O People of Power

who are Protecting the Regime:

We are in front of a handful marching Tunis towards the abyss, if we leave them - we will all be destroyed. So, do you let them forsake Tunisia and deliver it to the colonist, while you watch?

We address our forces in the security and the army in charge of protecting society, here you see today with your own eyes that these want evil and treachery for the country, so will you continue to protect them? Will you partake in their crime? We deem you far above to be submissive followers inclined where the leaders tend. Instead, your duty is to search for the sincere leadership, which represents your aspirations emanating from your creed, which imposes upon you that you be part of your people and your Ummah, and not part of a meagre governmental structure concerned with pleasing your enemy. You swore utmost oaths that you will be the protectors of your people and your country, and here your country today is a hostage to the colonist who kidnapped it by the treacherous traitor hands who disgrace themselves and sold it, and they will not hesitate using you to employ you as servants for the colonial firms....

We in Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah Tunisia remind you that your pride and the pride of your people and your country is in your religion which Allah has honored you with, which holds the solution to all your adversities.

And that the solution lies in the:

1. Removal of the ruling class that has crept into governance via the mangled democratic system gaps, because they have sold the country and the people cheaply.

2. Uprooting the Western influence and annulling all agreements and contracts concluded with the colonial countries and international organizations: the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, World Bank and their counterparts, because they are a way for the colonial powers in the mortgaging of our country.

3. Expelling the embassies of the colonial powers, because they control the politicians and the political life in Tunisia, and the criminalization of all those involved in it, because they are a

proven harm to our religion, our country and our people.

4. Retrieval of the country's wealth from the hands of the looting companies. And return the plundered wealth.

5. The immediate application of Islam through the establishment of the Khilafah state (Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood, and resuming Islam as a way of life and as the constitution of the State. Hizb ut Tahrir has prepared a Constitution for the Khilafah State on the method of the Prophethood that includes all the details, from the economic system to the education policy. And it has prepared a team of competent politicians who have learned that politics is attentiveness in the taking care of people's affairs and one of the greatest rewarded acts of worship by their Lord, and not privileges, immunity and exorbitant wages. And they understand that the primary task of the rulers is to protect their people and their country from the enemies. And it, the Hizb, has prepared a practical plan for the conduct of the Khilafah State on the method of the Prophethood from the first day to look after the affairs of Muslims and non-Muslims a righteous guardianship by Islam; the Shariah of Allah. There is no place at the time for hesitation or fawning the enemies of Allah and the enemies of Muslims. And no wherein submission except to the Lord of the Worlds and the Lord of the Heavens and Earth, who has promised us victory and empowerment, and His Promise is the Truth; Which is not only to the prophets but also to the believers. It is not only in the Hereafter with testimony, Allah's pleasure and the Paradise, but also during this world with victory to be for the believers. Allah (swt) says:

﴿إِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهَادُ﴾

"Indeed, We will support Our messengers and those who believe during the life of this world and on the Day when the witnesses will stand." [Ghafir: 51] ■

Hizb ut Tahrir

Wilayah Tunisia

22nd Dhul Qidah 1437 AH / 25th August 2016 CE

The Silk Road ... was Islamic and shall return as such

This region had been under the rule of Islam for hundreds of years at the time of the Islamic Khilafah. The Silk Road and all trade routes in the region and its ports were under the supervision of the Khilafah. The majority of the traders were from the Muslims carrying their goods from here to there and carrying the Da'wah to Islam until millions embraced Islam, which then multiplied to become hundreds of millions. And it will return once again soon as it had been and even better by Allah's permission. At that time there will no longer remain agents be commanded by the command of America, serving them in exchange for remaining in the position of ruling and safeguarding their decrepit and corrupt regimes and national narrow interests. And verily tomorrow is within eyesight.

﴿وَاللَّهُ غَالِبٌ عَلَىٰ أَمْرِهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾

"And Allah is dominant over His affair but most of mankind do not know" [Yusuf: 21]





Lessons from the attempted Turkish military coup

This 15th of July saw a significant impact on Turkey internally and in international political circles globally especially the White House, 10 Downing Street and the Kremlin.

A faction of the Turkish military staged a coup which is anticipated to have succeeded if the President had been arrested, had they had more power and support within the army or if their idea had roots among the people.

The rebel soldiers and army officers arrested the Chief of Military Staff and attempted to take control of the government. But this attempt failed apparently due to hastiness, improper coordination and planning by the engineers of the coup, and largely by the Muslims standing in opposition to the staged coup which was backed by an ultra-secular call. (The reasons for failure is another discussion though.) The perpetrators of the coup were apparently ultra-secularists carrying a neo-colonial agenda. Overall there was no khair (good) in this coup that would have only resulted in fitna and fasad (sedition and corruption).

Subsequent to the failed coup, thousands of soldiers have been detained, in addition to many top government officials being thrown out from their positions in judiciary, interior and foreign ministries.

An in depth analysis of the history of the evolution of Turkey as a nation state, its military, administrative and political structure would reveal that Turkey has never been an independent nation state in the true sense. Its military and political structure has been an arena of power struggle between Britain and America since its inception. Many coups and counter-coups shadow the political history of Turkey where either British or American favoring agents have been trying to gain influence. In present day, the allegiance of Turkish political and military leadership lies with America. And this year there was going to be a meeting of the Turkish Military High Council (YAS), planned for July, where it was expected that many high-ranking army officials would be removed and sent home. This is a meeting which occurs every year where other important decisions are made for example, promotion of upper military ranks, extension of tenures, issues of pensioners and other important decisions

related to the Turkish armed forces. Unlike every year, the fear of being removed was very high especially among the army officials loyal to Britain. This fear of the risk of removal most apparently triggered a response from them before the council meeting. This response was in the form of a military coup intended to take over government before the council moves to retire them.

These British allied engineers of the coup failed to gain support from the rest of the army because many high-ranking officials hold allegiance to America, and some of them have been put into the position by direct American recommendation. Secondly, their idea and call of protection of liberty and human rights did not find a space in the public opinion. The sentiments of the people in Turkey lie with Islam, and this was evident in their 'Takbeers' and slogans of 'Allahu Akbar' when they confronted the coup. They came out to sacrifice on the call of Erdogan but we need to bear in mind that their support for Erdogan is only because of the Islamic garb that Erdogan wears over his secular personality and intentions.

After the coup failed, Erdogan moved swiftly and detained thousands of those involved in the coup. In addition, he went forward to capitalize on this opportunity and started eliminating any kind of opposition or rebellion that he sensed. Hence we see the removal of judges, top ranking administrative officials, and others. So the primary focus of Erdogan is now to remove any kind of British influence in the state government or military, while retaining the American agents among them.

There are definitely great lessons to be derived from this coup for the Ummah and the Dawah Carriers in their quest for revival and re-establishment of the Comprehensive Islamic System, the Khilafah (Caliphate):

1. The Muslim armies have the ability to challenge the establishment and change the ruling order overnight. If they break the shackles and pledge their allegiance to the Deen of Islam instead of allegiance to the secular liberal rulers, they can definitely play the most significant role in changing the government order and the system, leading to the establishment of the Islamic System. Moreover, a move in the direction of Islam will have support from the Creator of mankind contrary to a move in the direction of secularism that is cursed by the Creator.

2. The Public showed support to Erdogan because of whatever minimal Islamic credentials he has displayed outwardly. The Ummah has shown the willingness to come out and sacrifice for the sake of Islam just like in Egypt against Mubarak, or in Syria against Bashar. So imagine the support that the Ummah would show if some leader/group rises up to establish the comprehensive Islamic System. What is required from us as Dawah carriers is to carry the Dawah of comprehensive Islam to the Ummah, teaching them what the Islamic System actually means, and gather support from the Ummah for establishing Islam in the Muslim world.

3. The reaction of the Western powers to this coup was notable. From the White House and 10 Downing street to Kremlin and the UN, everyone was frantically concerned and following up on what's happening fearing that things may go out of their control or contrary to the Western policies in place. Britain though aware of who was behind the coup did not show active involvement because as earlier mentioned, this coup attempt was a hasty reaction to an apparently soon arriving risk.

This reaction was because they understand that a military coup is capable of changing the ruling order overnight if planned and guided properly. This is why they would always want things to steer in their favor. An insincere group claiming leadership does not cause much horror to them compared to a coup or similar action taken by a sincere group of people who have power, for example the Muslim armies.

Now, what is the best way forward for Turkey? The first option it has is that it utilizes this opportunity to remove all of the foreign influence and throws out the British, American, French or Russian influence in its ranks; then move towards the establishment of Islam in compliance with the general sentiments of the Ummah by taking support from the sincere in the military and take up the leadership of the Ummah liberating lands and implementing Islam in order to attain the pleasure of Allah.

The other choice is to stop midway after removing the British influence and continuing under American political, military and cultural hegemony. This would be as quoted by a notable scholar, "Half victory is not victory, it is a move towards the grave."

There should be no doubt in our hearts as Muslims that the only way forward is the path of our leader, our beloved Muhammad (saw). And what was this path?

When Muhammad (saw) moved to establish the Islamic System he started seeking support from the powerful fighter tribes of

Arabia. During this seeking of support (Nussrah) he (saw) met more than 15 tribes of Arabia (according to some historians it is 42 tribes) out of which some tribes rejected his idea, some offered conditional support and in the end unconditional support was offered by the two tribes, Aws and Khazraj tribes from Madina who had the independent setup of a state so as to implement the idea of Islam comprehensively and furthermore protect the Muslims and defend and even wage war if required.

The Aws and Khazraj tribes gave Bay'ah (pledge of allegiance) to Muhammad (saw) and supported his Hijrah to Madina, where he (saw) entered as the de facto ruler and took the ruling position immediately after Hijrah. A significant point to be noted here is that just before Hijrah Abdullah bin Ubai had planned several schemes to take leadership over the city of Madina, but the leaders of Aws and Khazraj secretly gave the Nussrah and leadership to Muhammad (saw).

Before Abdullah bin Ubai could react to this, Muhammad (saw) had taken control of Madinah through what can be called a modern day 'coup' orchestrated by the people of power of Madina i.e. Aws and Khazraj.

Seeking military support for establishing Islamic Ideology is a Sunnah of Muhammad (saw) and it is obligatory on the Ummah to seek Nussrah from today's people of power.

The people of power in today's Muslim world are the armies, and recent upheaval caused in Turkey by the latest coup attempt is a practical example of how the ruling order can be challenged.

These are few practical lessons that we should take from the recent incidents in Turkey. Through this I want to remind my brothers and sisters that we must continue on the Sunnah methodology to establish the Islamic System by carrying the Dawah of comprehensive Islam to the society, challenging the Kufr thoughts, ideas and systems and presenting Islam as an alternative system for life, alongside giving Da'wah to the people of power to give allegiance to the Deen of Allah, so that the Deen be established though which justice may prevail and all kinds of oppression put to an end, concluding in the pleasure of Allah (swt) and a great reward for us on Yaumul Qiyamah (Day of Judgment).

May Allah aid us and guide us Ameen.

﴿أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تُدْخَلُوا الْجَنَّةَ وَلَمَّا يَأْتِكُمْ مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ مَسَّتْهُمُ الْبَأْسَاءُ وَالضَّرَّاءُ وَزُلْزَلُوا حَتَّى يَقُولَ الرَّسُولُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَعَهُ مَتَى نَصُرُ اللَّهُ أَلَا إِنَّ نَصْرَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ﴾

"Or do you think that you would enter the garden while yet the state of those who have passed away before you has not come upon you; distress and affliction befell them and they were shaken violently, so that the Apostle and those who believed with him said: When will the help of Allah come? Now surely the help of Allah is near!" [TMQ Surah Baqarah Verse 214]

Allah knows best and with Him lies the Victory in the Dunya and the Akhirah ■

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Press Release

O Rulers of Saudi: The Spilling of the Blood of the Children of Yemen is More Inviolable than the Destruction of the Ka'bah

(Translated)

On Sunday 14/08/2016, the Doctors Without Borders organisation reported that 10 children had been killed in Yemen and 28 others had been wounded, all of whom were under the age of 15, in an attack undertaken by the Saudi-led Arab coalition upon a school for Quran memorisation in the Haidan region of North Yemen.

This heinous crime took place with the blessing of the United Nations after the Saudi-led Arab coalition in Yemen was removed from the blacklist in their annual report about children and armed conflict. This granting from the UN came with the argument of Saudi's support for 'legitimacy' in Yemen, the support it provides to the democratically elected President Abd Rabbuh Mansur Hadi and the provision of humanitarian assistance to the country. That is in despite of the ugliness of the cases and the numbers mentioned in UN reports which reveal the crimes of the Saudi-led Arab coalition against the children in Yemen.

The children of Yemen are paying a huge price as a result of this colonialist struggle over their land. However, what makes the matter even more alarming is that they are being killed, displaced and starved by the hands of the rulers of Saudi, a Muslim land and the place of the House of Allah Al-Haraam and the Qiblah of the Muslims, which the rulers of the Saudi family pride themselves in serving and covering in silk due to its sanctity and greatness before Allah. However, is not the sparing of the blood of the Muslims greater with Allah than serving His House Al-Haraam in accordance to the Hadeeth of the Messenger of Allah (saw):

«لهدم الكعبة حجرا حجرا أهون عند الله من سفك دم امرئ مسلم»

“Verily the destruction of the Ka'bah, rock by rock, is lighter to Allah than the spilling of the blood of a Muslim”. However, the rulers of the family of Saud do not exalt the Command of Allah, do not extol it and they do not give any weight to the blood of the children of Yemen. Rather, they themselves are engrossed in the shedding of the blood of innocents under the pretext of fighting terrorism and spreading security and peace in the region!

This is whilst it was the Saudi representative to the UN Abdullah El-Muallami who stated, “The Houthis and the supporters of the ousted Saleh are those who have recruited the children and shoved them into this war”. It is as if he intends by this statement that the Houthis and Saleh are those who are killing the children in order to justify their actions! However, it is a justification that has no weight, since the crime has been committed and the gravity of this crime is grave being compared to the destruction of the Kaa'ba as being easier...had they any sense...

The suffering of the children of Yemen resembles the suffering of the children in Iraq, Afghanistan, Burma and Shaam... since the suffering is one even if the executioners number many.

However, what makes this more terrible and horrendous is that both the killer and the killed are Muslims upon Muslim land. Yes, the fighter planes take off from the land of the Haramain Ash-Shareefain, loaded with weapons and bombs, not to liberate Al-Aqsa from occupation or to come to the aid of the honour of Muslims in Shaam, but rather to wipe out children who are reciting the speech of Allah, in front of the eyes and ears of the international community, its institutions and its Fatwaa councils and committees. And how great is the crime when the spilling of the blood of the Muslims is for the sake of democracy and the governance of the disbelieving systems.

O 'Ulamaa in the Land of the Haramain Ash-Shareefain:

O ones who memorise the Book of Allah and recite it throughout the night and the day, in the midst of the Ka'bah and its outskirts. Have you not heard the speech of Allah 'Azza Wa Jalla in Surah Al-Ma'idah:

﴿مِنْ أَجْلِ ذَلِكَ كَتَبْنَا عَلَىٰ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ أَنَّهُ مَن قَتَلَ نَفْسًا بِغَيْرِ نَفْسٍ أَوْ فَسَادٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَكَأَنَّمَا قَتَلَ النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا وَلَقَدْ جَاءَتْهُمْ رُسُلُنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ ثُمَّ إِنَّ كَثِيرًا مِّنْهُمْ بَعَدَ ذَلِكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ لَمُسْرِفُونَ﴾

“Because of that, We decreed upon the Children of Israel that whoever kills a person not in retaliation of murder, or (and) to spread mischief in the land, it would be as if he killed all mankind, and if anyone saved a life, it would be as if he saved the life of all mankind. And indeed, there came to them Our Messengers with clear proofs, evidences and signs, even then after that many of them continued to exceed the limits” [5: 32].

The 'Ulamaa (scholars) are the inheritors of the Prophets and the inheritance of the Prophethood means commanding the Ma'roof and forbidding the Munkar. So speak the word of truth in respect to your rulers, fight against their oppression and do not fear in the way of Allah the blame of the blamer (i.e. any consequences).

O Rulers of the family of Saud:

Take note and remember the speech of Allah Al-Qawwi Al-

Jabbaar in Surah As-Saffaat:

﴿وَقَفُّهُمْ إِنَّهُمْ مَسْئُولُونَ﴾

“And stop them, verily they are to be questioned” [As-Saffaat: 24].

The first that you will be questioned about before Allah on the Day of Judgement is the blood of the people of Yemen that you are shedding without any right, as the Messenger of Allah (saw) said:

«أول ما يُقضى بين الناس بالدماء»

“The first (matter) that will be judged amongst the people will be the blood”.

O Officers and Muslim Soldiers:

The time has come for you to rise up against the rulers of harm. That is because the children of Yemen are your children, their blood is your blood, their lives are your lives and Allah has made the shedding of it Haraam. The time has come to cut the hand of the colonialist that runs the lands of Islam and the hands of the criminal regimes of harm that serve them. And that will never occur except by the resumption of the Islamic life via the establishment of the Khilafah State (Caliphate) upon the methodology of the Prophethood.

﴿الْمَ يَأْنِ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَنْ تَخْشَعَ قُلُوبُهُمْ لِذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَا نَزَلَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ وَلَا يَكُونُوا كَالَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِن قَبْلُ فَطَالَ عَلَيْهِمُ الْأَمَدُ فَقَسَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَكَثِيرٌ مِّنْهُمْ فَاسِقُونَ﴾

“Has the time not come for those who have believed that their hearts should become humbly submissive at the remembrance of Allah and what has come down of the truth? And let them not be like those who were given the scripture before, and a long period passed over them, so their hearts hardened; and many of them are defiantly disobedient.” [Al-Hadid: 16]■

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Press Release

Kyrgyzstan's President Challenges the Religion of Allah by claiming the Islamic Dress is Dangerous for Society!

On August 13th, the BBC reported that the President of Kyrgyzstan Almazbek Atambayev made derogatory, insulting statements regarding the Islamic dress of Muslim women during a press conference, suggesting that it was potentially dangerous by associating it with terrorism. He said, "Women in mini-skirts don't become suicide bombers!.....Terrorists are insane people....Clothes also can change one's thoughts sometimes." His arrogant comments are his latest intervention in a national debate on cultural identity where he has claimed that Islamic clothing is contrary to Kyrgyz national culture. His remarks also follow several weeks of a government-sponsored campaign against the Islamic dress that included the erection of street banners degrading the Islamic headscarf and Niqab. These offensive, schoolyard-like posters showed Kyrgyzstani women in national dress on one side of the picture and women in Islamic dress on the other with the caption underneath, "Poor people! Where are we heading to?"

This absurd link between the Islamic dress and violence is part of a wider Western-led global campaign to demonise Islam and discredit basic Islamic Ahkaam (rulings) in order to distance Muslims from their Deen. The idea that wearing a headscarf or face veil can transform a woman into a 'would-be terrorist' is an insanely ludicrous claim and further proof of just how intellectually bankrupt the leaders of the Muslim world are. The only dress which such rulers have adopted is one of humiliation, submission and servitude to their Western masters, the enemies of Islam. Having failed to convince Muslim women to adopt flawed Western feminist ideas, Atambayev and his like resort desperately to childish scaremongering.

We say to Atambayev... it is NOT the Islamic dress which is contrary to the true identity of the people of Kyrgyzstan, 80% of whom are Muslim and whose beliefs, culture, and heritage all emanate from Islam, but rather secular leaders

such as you and the foreign Western-inspired secular values which are contrary to Islam and that you forcibly impose upon the population – even employing torture and execution if necessary! It is not the Islamic clothing that poses a threat to domestic and international security, but rather those colonial governments who wear the 'suit of Democracy' and who invade, plunder, and bomb lands slaughtering hundreds of thousands of innocents for selfish national interests and who support dictators such as you who do their arresting, torturing and killing at will any who oppose your authoritarian oppressive rule. It is not the Islamic culture which poses a danger to Kyrgyz society, but rather secular rulers like you who import Western liberal culture into the Muslim lands which causes depravity and harmful hedonistic lifestyles to spread amongst the people, eroding the sanctity of marriage and the unity of traditional family life, mirroring the social meltdown affecting Western states.

Do you not know, O Atambayev that you will be thrown into the ravine along with the other destructive rulers who have brought nothing but devastation, oppression and misery to this precious Ummah and we will establish on the ruins of your obsolete regime the glorious Khilafah (Caliphate) based upon the method of the Prophethood.

Dear Muslim women of Kyrgyzstan! We call you dear sisters to be steadfast to the Akhaam of your true Islamic identity and to be patient over what you suffer as Aasiyah the wife of Pharoun and the great Sahabiyyat (ra) were, and to keep your sight always on your ultimate goal – the Eternal Heavens – so that you don't stray even a hairbreadth from your Deen despite the great pressures you face. And we urge you to work with us in Hizb ut Tahrir for the establishment

of the righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the method of the Prophethood which alone will guard your Islamic dress and facilitate you in fulfilling all your Islamic obligations.

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ قَالُوا رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ ثُمَّ اسْتَقَامُوا تَتَنَزَّلُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ أَلَّا تَخَافُوا وَلَا تَحْزَنُوا وَأَبْشِرُوا بِالْجَنَّةِ الَّتِي كُنتُمْ تُوعَدُونَ﴾

“Lo! those who say: Our Lord is Allah, and afterward are upright, the angels descend upon them, saying: Fear not nor grieve, but hear good tidings of the paradise which you are promised.” [41: 30] ■

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News & Comment

Raheel-Nawaz Regime Fulfilling American Demands for Cheap Money

News:

On 16 August 2016, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) stated that an operation was launched «to reinforce troop deployment in Rajgal Valley to effectively check and guard against» movement across the porous border in Khyber Agency. The operation targeted «movement on high mountains and all-weather passes in Khyber Agency,» the statement said. ISPR Chief, Lt Gen Asim Bajwa, claimed, «nine terrorist hideouts were destroyed through aerial strikes».

Comment:

The Raheel-Nawaz regime has been under consistent pressure from its masters sitting in Washington to bring the Afghan Taliban and Haqqani network to the negotiation table, for over two years. In order to do so, the regime in Islamabad applied a carrot and stick policy. The regime launched an extensive North Waziristan operation in June 2014. Since then, there have been ups and downs regarding bringing the Afghan resistance to the negotiation table, in order to compel them to accept the American envisaged political process for Afghanistan, which ensures the American presence in the region. However, the Raheel-Nawaz regime could not bring the Afghan resistance effectively to the negotiation table, which frustrated America. In order to further pressurize its agents in Islamabad, the Obama administration changed the terms of selling F-16 fighter aircrafts to Pakistan and eventually the deal broke down in May 2016. On 21st May 2016, a US drone killed Afghan Taliban leader Mullah Mansoor in Pakistan which further humiliated the regime. On 10 June 2016, a high-level delegation of the US, including Gen. John Nicholson, Commander Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan, and Richard Olson, US Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan visited Islamabad and met Pakistan's Chief of Army Staff, Gen. Raheel Sharif. Gen. Raheel insisted that they must understand Pakistan's challenges with regard to the porous border, inter-tribal linkages and decades-old presence of over three million refugees. In order to prove their commitment Raheel-Nawaz regime arranged a visit of Senator John McCain, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, to the North Waziristan region. Although McCain endorsed the claims of the regime that it has cleared the bastion of the Haqqani Network, the Pentagon blocked USD 300 million military aid to Pakistan on 3

August 2016 after Defence Secretary Ashton Carter declined to give a certification to the Congress that Pakistan is taking sufficient action against the defiant Haqqani network.

So in order to fulfill its master's demands, the Raheel-Nawaz regime launched some new initiatives, including a new offensive in Rajgal Valley of the Khyber agency. As well as the Pak-Afghan border management system. The purpose of these steps is to create pressure on the Afghan resistance on two fronts. One is on the battlefield and the other is by increasing the misery of Afghan Muslims, which has increased many folds, as millions of them are now forced to leave Pakistan soon, whilst creating hurdles in their daily crossing of the Pak-Afghan border, which seriously damages their businesses and relations with their relatives living on both sides of the border.

The Raheel-Nawaz regime only cares about the interests of its master, the US, which is an enemy of Islam and Muslims. The misery and destruction faced by the Muslims of Pakistan and Afghanistan can never end, unless the US presence is uprooted from this region. And this will never happen until the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood is established because only the Khilafah implements Islam and Islam has made it mandatory to expel the enemy from Muslim lands.

﴿وَأَقْتُلُوهُمْ حَيْثُ تَقْبَضُوهُمْ وَأَخْرِجُوهُمْ مِنْ حَيْثُ أَخْرَجُوكُمْ﴾

“And kill them wherever you find them, and turn them out from where they have turned you out” [Al Baqarah: 191] ■

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Press Release

Immediately Release Dr. Iftikhar The Regime's Hatred of Islam is Reflected in its Inhumane Treatment of the Advocate of Khilafah, Dr. Iftikhar

On the instructions of its American masters, the Pakistani regime has intensified its efforts in the so-called "War on Terror." Although the regime claims that this war is against militants who use violence against the state, the real target of the regime in this renewed push, called the National Action Plan, is what it calls its war on "extremism". The war on "extremism" is the prohibition, suppression and removal of Islamic concepts from the society, through the use of state force. These Islamic concepts are a threat to American hegemony in Pakistan and the wider region and so the Raheel-Nawaz regime is acting as the guardian to the American Raj. Concepts like Jihad against foreign occupation in Afghanistan and Hindu rule in Kashmir, the rejection of American Raj and American interference in Pakistan's political and military affairs, rejection of colonialism and colonial institutions like United Nations and IMF, the belief and demand that Muslim armies must be mobilized to help the Muslims of Syria, Palestine and Kashmir and calling for implementation of Shariah laws by the re-establishment of Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood, all such Islamic concepts are considered dangerous by the masters of the regime and so its puppets in Pakistan's civilian and military leadership have sought to criminalize them under the label of "extremism".

In this despicable war on "extremism," through which the regime seeks to ban and remove Islamic concepts and values from the society, it has focused its oppression on Hizb ut Tahrir, the Islamic political party, which is the foremost national advocate for the Islamic ideology. Hizb ut Tahrir is the sincere leader of the Khilafah Project in Pakistan and is at the forefront of resisting the American Raj in the region through its political and intellectual struggle. Its Shabab are strongly and courageously accounting and exposing American agents in Pakistan's political and military leadership, who conspire with colonialists to protect their interests at the expense of the Muslims of Pakistan.

Dozens of members and supporters of Hizb ut Tahrir have been abducted and jailed by the thugs of the regime across the country,

where they have been beaten, tortured, electrocuted and kept missing for months in some cases. Some of the members and supporters of the party have been in jail for more than one and a half years without any charge proven against them whilst the Official Spokesman of Hizb ut Tahrir in the Wilayah of Pakistan, Naveed Butt, remains missing for more than four years, since May 2012.

The oppression of this regime against the party seems to have no limits and is not constrained by any moral, ethical or basic humanitarian concerns. We would like to highlight here, the case of Dr. Iftikhar, a well-known political activist and advocate for Khilafah from Lahore who was abducted and then jailed by the regime in May 2015 under the draconian Pakistan Protection

Act. Dr. Iftikhar was afflicted by ulcerative colitis, a serious disease of the gut which had adversely impacted his health even before his incarceration. In its mad rush to jail anyone who called for re-establishment of Khilafah in Pakistan, this merciless regime seized and jailed this peaceful political activist despite his illness. Even when his serious condition became well known to the regime, when his legal counsel tried to secure bail on medical grounds, the regime prevailed on the courts to ruthlessly deny him bail. Dr. Iftikhar was initially refused the special diet he requires due to his condition and which is arranged by his family and even medication required for his treatment was obstructed. After his health deteriorated significantly and a medical checkup in jail by a medical specialist recommended surgery, the jail authorities did not allow it. Even after a court order for surgery, it was delayed for months. Finally, after much delay when the surgery was allowed to take place, the regime's thugs interfered in hospital matters, including assaulting medical staff, and forced Dr. Iftikhar's transfer from a surgical ward to a medical ward, compromising his post-surgery care including the delay in the treatment of post-surgery complications which are potentially life threatening, including internal bleeding and infection. Dr. Iftikhar today lies in chains in a hospital bed in Lahore, his eyesight weakened significantly and his family fearing for his life due to hurdles created by the regime in provision of medical care to him. Yet, this heartless regime remains adamant that Dr. Iftikhar must return to jail and its pitifully inadequate hospital, even though he may die as a consequence and this would be nothing less than an extra-judicial murder. And all Dr. Iftikhar did to warrant such inhumane and oppressive treatment was to call for the establishment of Khilafah in Pakistan. Allah (swt) said,

﴿وَمَا تَقْتُمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ﴾

“And they resented them only because they believed in Allah, the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy.” [Al-Buruj: 8]

We warn this criminal regime of the wrath of Allah for its oppression and mistreatment of the Dawah Carriers of Khilafah for Allah (swt) said,

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحَادِّثُونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أَوْلِيَاءَ فِي الْأَدْلِيِّينَ﴾

“Indeed, the ones who oppose Allah and His Messenger - those will be among the most humbled.” [Al-Mujadilah 58:20] Like so many other regimes in the Muslim World, Hizb ut Tahrir will face this criminal regime with patience and perseverance, satisfied with the promise of Allah of His Victory for the believers and the good tidings of RasulAllah (saaw) of the return of the Khilafah on the Method of the Prophethood. We ask Allah (swt) to be pleased with the followers, believers and successors of Musa (AS) who challenge the Firouns of their time and account them for their evil deeds. We remind this criminal regime to take heed from the example of Firoun who was deluded enough to think his power and authority will never end for Allah (swt) said,

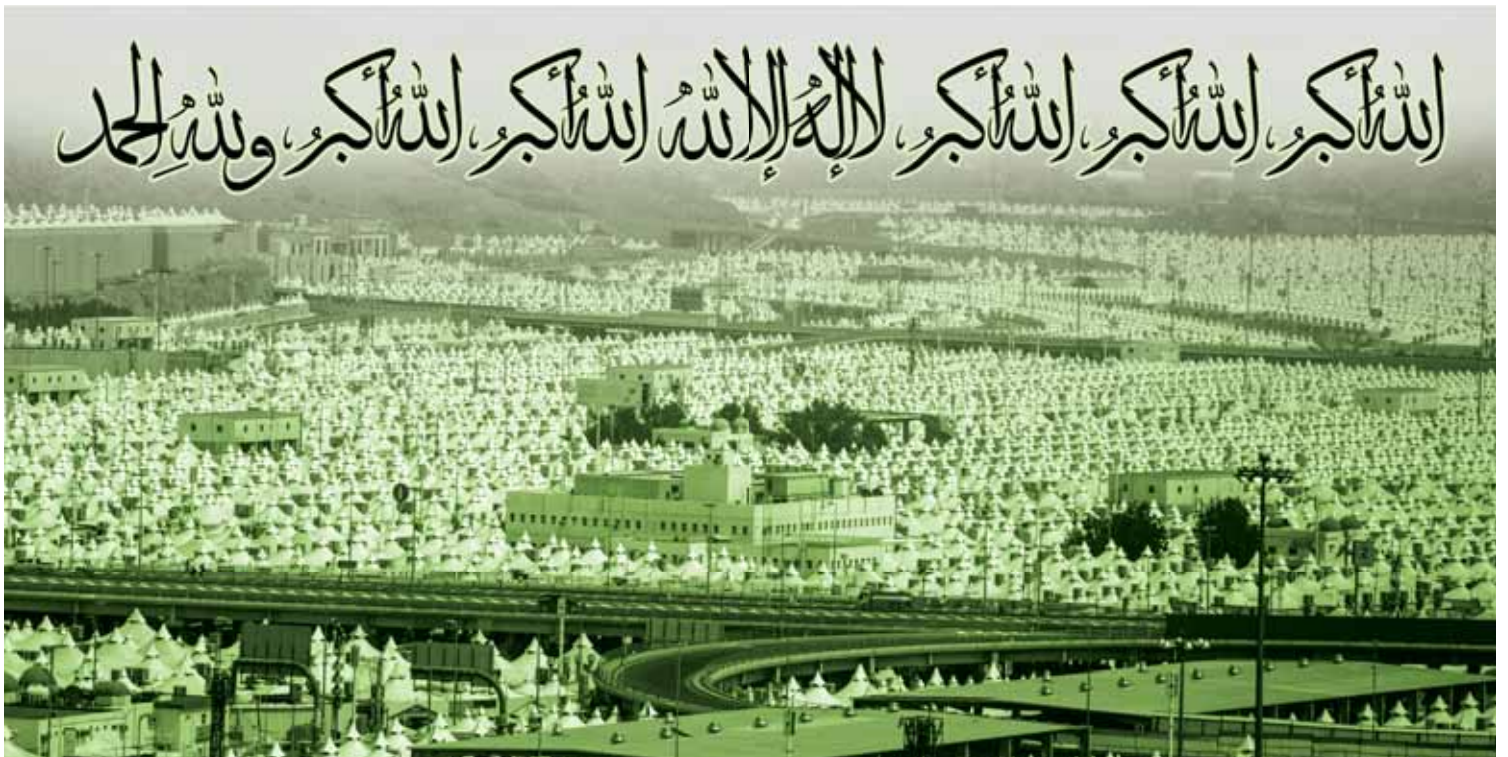
﴿كَذَّابٍ آلِ فِرْعَوْنَ وَالَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ كَذَّبُوا بِآيَاتِنَا فَأَخَذَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَاللَّهُ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ﴾

“Like the behavior of the people of Fir'aun (Pharaoh) and those before them; they belied Our Ayat (proofs, evidences, verses, lessons, signs, revelations, etc.), so Allah seized (destroyed) them for their sins. And Allah is Severe in punishment.” [Aal-i-Imran 3:11] ■

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Patience is Speaking the Truth in front of Tyrants, Despite their Tyranny

Around the world, it is clear to us, perhaps more than ever before, that there are severe consequences to upholding the truth before the tyrants. One region above all inspires the advocates of the Khilafah (Caliphate) wherever they find themselves facing persecution at the hands of the current rulers, from Tunisia to Malaysia, Syria to Pakistan – that region comprises of the states of the former Soviet Union, after its collapse, namely, Russia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan. Thousands of men and women in these countries are exposed daily to various tortures and humiliations just for the sake of one requirement, to abandon their views and the way they follow, specifically the path of reviving the Islamic way of life in the ranks of Hizb ut Tahrir. On 24th March 2016, Russia's Republic of Tatarstan Special Services violated the sanctity of Muslims' homes and seized women. After targeting nine Muslim women, three were arrested and accused of involvement in Hizb ut Tahrir, which according to Russian laws is an accusation of terrorism. Among the detainees were Akhmetzyanova Eleanor, mother of two young children, including the infant baby, Mukhametzyanova Gulia, a mother of two young children and Farrahova Irina, mother of two young children, one of whom is also an infant. In Kazakhstan, 25th April 2016, Radio Liberty in Kazakhstan published an article about imprisoned member of Hizb ut Tahrir Rafis Galiulin, forced to drink boiling water and to eat charred food. He is not allowed to use the bathroom, deprived of sleep and they even tried to infect him with tuberculosis, by intentionally imprisoning him with infected people, urging him to defame Hizb ut Tahrir "and to say that people who following that –are misled." In Tajikistan, over a period of a decade, over 300 members of the Hizb ut Tahrir have been sentenced to long jail terms and spent their sentences in detentions, while some members have embraced martyrdom behind the thick walls of the security colonies and prisons. And then there is the long caravan of martyrs from the advocates for the Khilafah in Uzbekistan, struck down by the hands of Karimov, may Allah (swt) end him soon at the hands of a Khaleefah Rashid.

What inspires the sincere Muslim striving to please His Creator, is the patience in the face of immense prolonged tyranny. Indeed, patience means we speak and act upon the truth, bearing the severe hardship that results in the path of Allah without deviation, weakness or compliance. Patience is not as the mouthpieces of the regimes proclaim, isolating ourselves from the people and leaving the oppressors to commit their evil (munkar) no matter how much the Ummah suffers of violation of its lands, usurping of its resources and undermining of its Deen. These shayateen amongst men would wish that we not dare to speak the truth or undertake

the actions that are pleasing to Allah (swt). Instead they would wish that we remain silent, hiding in our homes and our dunya work, confining ourselves to the mundane lives whilst quietly deluding ourselves that we are patient and so will be safe from the wrath of Allah (swt). No, this is not the patience for which Allah promised the gardens of bliss:

﴿إِنَّمَا يُوفَى الصَّابِرُونَ أَجْرَهُمْ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ﴾

"Only those who are patient shall receive their rewards in full, without reckoning." [Surah Zumar 30:10] No, this is not patience but cowardice from which the Messenger of Allah (saw) used to seek

refuge from in his du'a:

«اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ غَلَبَةِ الدَّيْنِ وَقَهْرِ الرِّجَالِ»

“O Allah, I seek refuge in You from worry and grief, from helplessness and laziness, from cowardice and stinginess, and from overpowering of debt and from oppression of men.”

The whispering shayateen amongst men further seek to belittle and pour scorn on our patience in the face of their oppression. Facing a wall of defiance from the advocates of Khilafah under interrogation, torture and prolonged imprisonment, the regimes' thugs then resort to approaching families, friends and work colleagues, proclaiming that the advocates must be restrained or boycotted, because they invite hardship on themselves! How so, when RasulAllah (saaw) said,

«إِذَا أَحَبَّ اللَّهُ قَوْمًا ابْتَلَاهُمْ، فَمَنْ صَبَرَ فَلَهُ الصَّبْرُ، وَمَنْ جَزِعَ فَلَهُ الْجُرْعُ»

“When Allah ‘azza wajalla loves a people he tests them. The one who is patient will be granted the patience. The one who shows anguish will be given anguish.”? How so when RasulAllah (saw) said:

«مَا مِنْ مُسْلِمٍ يُصِيبُهُ أَدَى شَوْكَةٍ فَمَا مَوْقَهَا إِلَّا كَفَرَ اللَّهُ بِهَا سَيِّئَاتِهِ كَمَا تَحْطُ الشَّجَرَةُ وَرَقَهَا»

“No Muslim is afflicted with any harm but that Allah will remove his sins as the leaves of a tree fall down.” (Agreed upon)? And how so when RasulAllah (saaw) said,

«عَجَبًا لِأَمْرِ الْمُؤْمِنِ إِنَّ أَمْرَهُ كُلَّهُ لَهُ خَيْرٌ لَيْسَ ذَلِكَ لِأَخِي إِلَّا لِلْمُؤْمِنِ إِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ سَرَاءٌ فَكَانَتْ خَيْرًا لَهُ وَإِنْ أَصَابَتْهُ صَرَاءٌ فَكَانَتْ خَيْرًا لَهُ»

“Wondrous are the believer's affairs. For him there is good in all his affairs, and this is so only for the believer. When something pleasing happens to him, he is grateful, and that is good for him; and when something displeasing happens to him, he is enduring (sabr), and that is good for him.” (Muslim)?

Let the advocates of the Khilafah and their wider circle of family, friends and supporter throw back the whispering of the regime's thugs back in their faces. Let them remind them that such patience is needed as much today as it was needed previously when the righteous faced the tyrants in the time of RasulAllah (saaw). Patience which strengthens the resolve and brings the path to Jannah closer is needed today as it was then. Such patience is the patience of RasulAllah (saaw) in the face of beating by the thugs of the regime, for Al-Haakim reported, in al-Mustadrak that Anas (ra) said: “They beat Allah's Messenger until he fainted. Abu Bakr came and started to shout and say: Woe to you! Do you kill a man just because he says my Lord is Allah? They said: “Who is this?” They replied: “This is the son of Abu Quhaafah, the madman.” It is the patience of RasulAllah (saaw) who was pelted by Abu Lahab with stones, causing his ankles and hamstring to bleed just after he proclaimed to the people in the market of Zil Majaaz

«يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، قُولُوا: لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ تَفْلِحُوا»

“O people, say there is no god but Allah and you shall be successful.” It is the patience of Abu Dharr (ra) upon his reversion to Islam as narrated by Muslim, “I came to Makkah and I selected an insignificant person from amongst them and said to him: “Where is he whom you call a Sabi?” He pointed towards me, saying: “He is Sabi. Thereupon the people of the valley attacked me with sods and bows until I fell

down unconscious. I stood up after regaining consciousness and I found that I resembled a red idol...” It is the patience of Bilal (ra) who was made to wear metal armour and stand in the sun and then dragged to the street, to force him to renounce Islam. And it is the patience of Yaasir (ra) regarding whom RasulAllah (saw) said,

«صَبْرًا آلَ يَاسِرٍ فَإِنَّ مَوْعِدَكُمْ الْجَنَّةَ»

“Have patience O family of Yaasir for indeed your abode is the Jannah.”

Let the advocates of the Khilafah and those who love and support them surge forwards as one unified block for their Deen, knowing that the reward of the patient is forgiveness and mercy, for Allah (swt) said,

«وَلَتَبْلُوَنَكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ - الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ - أُولَئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ»

And certainly, We shall test you with something of fear, hunger, loss of wealth, lives and fruits, but give glad tidings to As-Sabirin (the patient) - Who, when afflicted with calamity, say: “Truly, to Allah we belong and truly, to Him we shall return.” - They are those on whom are the Salawat (i.e., who are blessed and will be forgiven) from their Lord, and (they are those who) receive His mercy, and it is they who are the guided ones.” [Surah al-Baqarah 155-157]. Let us speak the truth and face the consequences with patience, knowing that this testing distinguishes between the truthful and the liar, for Allah (swt) said,

«وَلَتَبْلُوَنَكُمْ حَتَّى نَعْلَمَ الْمُجْتَهِدِينَ مِنْكُمْ وَالصَّابِرِينَ وَتَبْلُوَ أَخْبَرَكُمْ»

“And surely, We shall try you till We test those who strive hard (for the cause of Allah) and As-Sabirin (the patient), and We shall test your facts (i.e., the one who is a liar, and the one who is truthful).” [Surah Muhammad 47:31]. Let us be patient in these times of intense and prolonged adversity for this is the true path for success in the Afterlife, a life of eternal bliss for Allah (swt) said,

«يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ»

“O you who believe! Persevere in patience and constancy. Vie in such perseverance, strengthen each other, and be pious, that you may prosper.” [Surah Aali Imran 3:200] ■

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International Institutions will not liberate Kashmir

The idea of the United Nations and international law is a flawed one for a number of reasons. Law in the traditional sense of the word means a consensus of the society to govern itself based on certain values, principles and ideals. This consensus generally is achieved in societies after hard fought ideological battles. One such ideological battle is being witnessed in Muslim lands as to what sort of law should we have, secular or divine. What sort of ruling system should we have, democracy or Khilafah.

Once a consensus is reached on the ideals which will form the basis of law, we need an authority to implement the law. It is important to understand this point. Societies are huge groups of human beings living together permanently. What we will achieve in terms of a consensus will be agreed upon by a majority or a super majority but not by all members of the society. Therefore it is an established principle that the authority (the state) which will implement the law will have coercive power. It will implement the law on both who agree or disagree with the law, using force if necessary.

The idea of international law is flawed because there was really no consensus on it neither a debate which preceded it. It was a law designed by the victor nations of the West, after World War 1 and World War 2. It is therefore based on ideals and principles drawn from Western civilization and although it is called international law, it is for all practical purposes Western law. If you have ever wondered why death and destruction in Western capitals cause a huge international outcry while none of that grief is witnessed when Muslim lives are lost, then here is your answer. International law, traditions, norms, values and ideals are basically Western law, traditions, norms values and ideals. The international society shaped by the international law therefore only seeks to protect Western interests and Western lives.

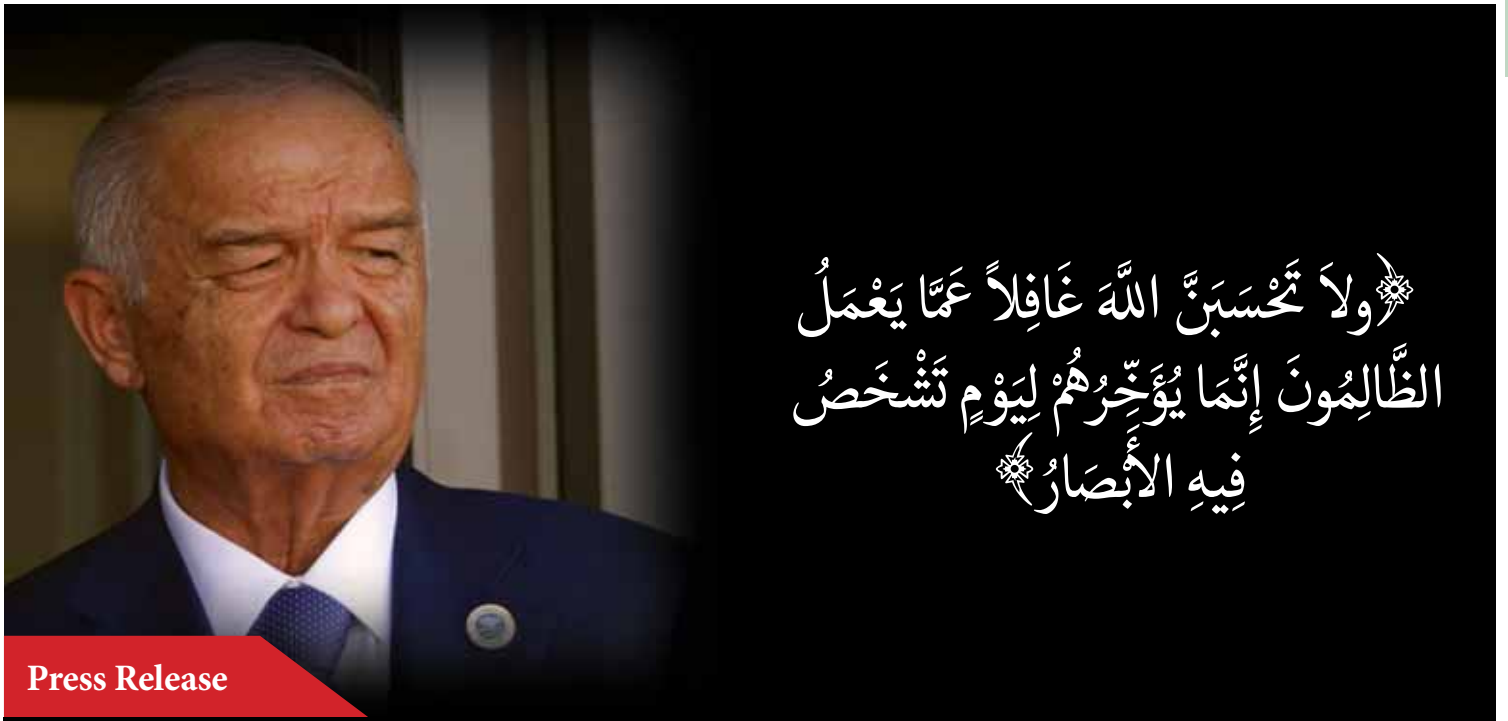
Secondly and most importantly, the idea of international law and institutions is a flawed idea because there is no law without an authority to implement it. And if at the international level you appoint an authority to implement international law then it goes against the concept of sovereignty of states. You can have an authority called a

state for the national society but you cannot have an authority for an international society, for submission to that authority will mean loss of sovereignty of states. This is why the West has never submitted to international law and institutions when it is against its interests because this will mean loss of sovereignty. Infact loss of sovereignty was the reason cited by British politicians to call for an exit from European Union which was seen as a supra-national institution.

Therefore when you see Pakistani Politicians and Generals calling for the United Nations to resolve the Kashmir dispute and the international community to take action in support of Kashmiri Muslims know that they are fooling you. Know that they have absolutely no intention of doing anything about Kashmir or to end the plight of the oppressed Muslims of the valley. Know that they only see the Kashmir issue as an opportunity to earn goodwill with you because they know that even though they don't care about Kashmir, you do. And it is good politics to sympathize with Kashmir to earn your vote or support.

There are words out there to define one's political convictions. Whether you define yourself as a realist, a moderate, an Islamist or a radical. There is only one solution for Kashmir and it is organized military action by Pakistan's armed forces in defiance of international law and international institutions. Either that or continued tyranny awaits the people of the valley ■

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وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ اللَّهَ غَافِلًا عَمَّا يَعْمَلُ
 الظَّالِمُونَ إِنَّمَا يُؤَخِّرُهُمْ لِيَوْمٍ تَشْخَصُ
 فِيهِ الْأَبْصَارُ

Press Release

“Do not consider Allah to be unaware of what the wrongdoers perpetrate. He is merely deferring them to a Day on which their sight will be transfixed” [14:42]

Allahu Akbar! Allah is the Greatest! There is no power and strength except with Allah! The day when we hear about the death of the dictator Islam Karimov has finally come! After a quarter century of his rule in which the people of Uzbekistan in general and in particular the Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir have suffered from various types of injustice and oppression, domination and despotism.

In an attempt to test the persistence of Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir, this wretched tyrant imprisoned thousands of them in horrid prisons with no safe water to drink or fresh air to breath, since these prisons are located either in the steppes in the bitter cold, or in the deserts in the extreme heat. Thousands of children orphaned, thousands of wives widowed, and thousands of mothers bereaved because of Karimov's hatred towards Islam and his perpetration against Muslims.

Yes, this dictator is now under the ground! But it is still too early to rejoice the greater joy. Because we are concerned about the future of Uzbekistan, and what awaits the people of this country in the following days. In any case, we know that Karimov was only a gear in this huge wheel of torture. This gear has now fallen and he will be placed to take his turn in the cycle, it may be as bad or maybe worse. This is the example of Egypt for all to see. Yes, Mubarak had been a tyrant, but Sisi is more brutal and tyrannical than him.

While thousands of Muslims in Uzbekistan are in prisons, while millions of Muslims forced to leave the country in search of food, in search of salvation from the tyrant's oppression and can not return home. While thousands of Muslims from the people of Uzbekistan languish in prisons, while millions were forced to leave their country in search of work to quell their hunger, or to escape from the tyrannical oppression, and can not return to their homes afterwards, the old regime continues to be. Nothing has changed.

O Muslims of Uzbekistan! Dictator Karimov's death proves once again that every tyrant's life will come to an end! No tyrants live forever! And their power is not eternal! Their reign is not eternal! The day when we hear the promise of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw) will come soon:

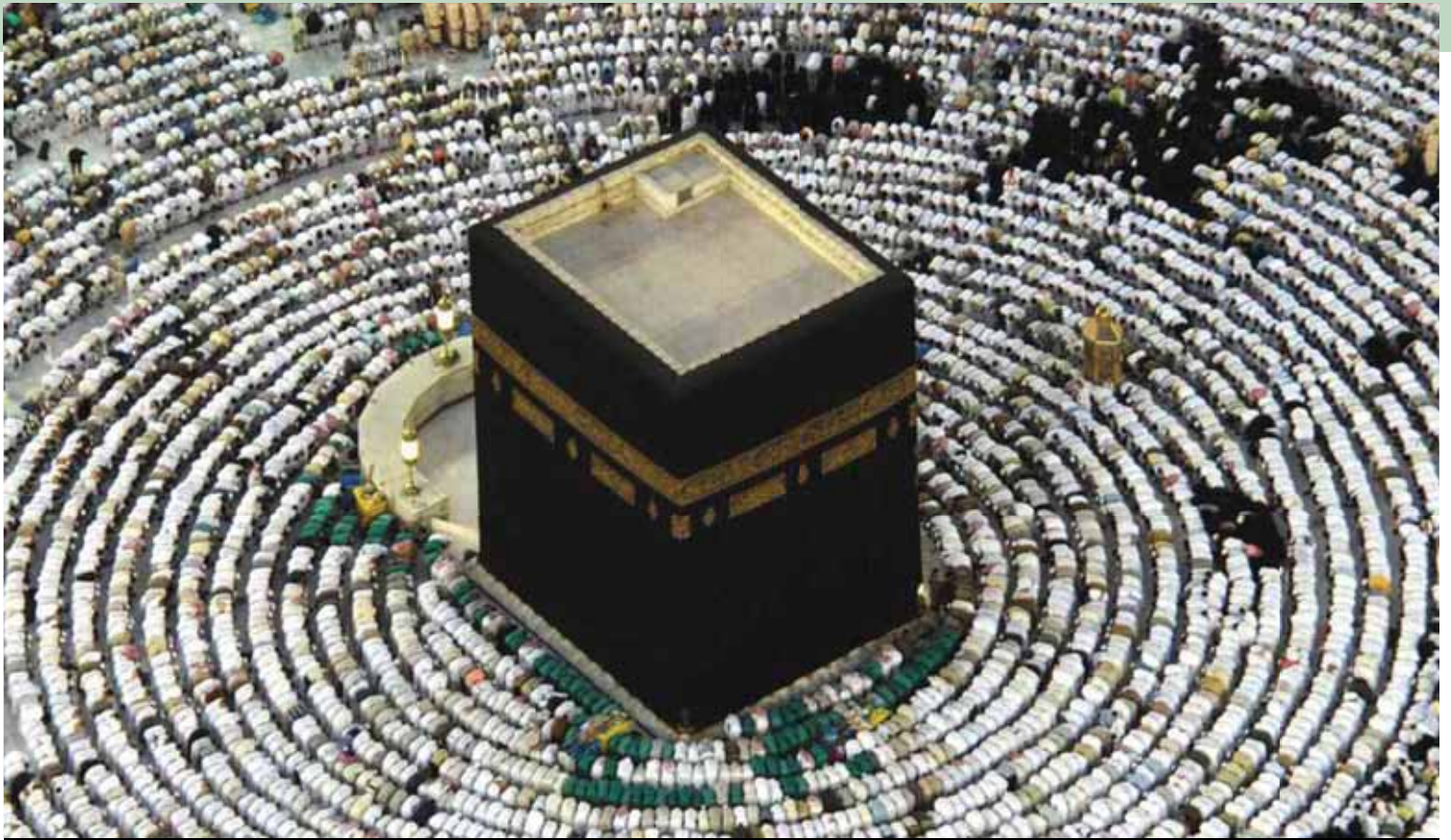
«ثم تكون ملكاً جبرية فتكون ما شاء الله أن تكون، ثم يرفعها الله إذا شاء أن يرفعها، ثم تكون خلافة على منهاج النبوة، ثم سكت...»

“...After that, despotic kingship would emerge, and it will remain as long as Allah wills. Then, the Khilafah (Caliphate) shall come once again based on the method of the Prophethood” (Abu Daud, Ahmad).

O Muslims of Uzbekistan! It is time for your diligent work to establish the righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) state on the method of Prophethood! Do not allow anyone to fool you with false promises and slogans. Do not be fooled today, as you were fooled in the past. The Messenger of Allah (pbuh), urging Muslims to be prudent and vigilant, said:

«لا يلدغ المؤمن من جحر واحد مرتين»

“A Believer is not bitten from the same hole twice”. (Bukhari) ■



“And Proclaim to the People the Hajj”

Mus’ab Ibn Sa’d narrated from his father (May Allah be pleased with him) that he said: “I said, ‘O Messenger of Allah, which people are most severely put to trial?’ He said:

«الأنبياءُ ثمَّ الأُمَّثُلُ فالأُمَّثُلُ؛ يُبْتَلَى الرَّجُلُ عَلَى حَسَبِ دِينِهِ، فَإِنْ كَانَ فِي دِينِهِ صَلْبًا اشْتَدَّ بِلَاؤُهُ، وَإِنْ كَانَ فِي دِينِهِ رِقَّةٌ ابْتَلِيَ عَلَى قَدْرِ دِينِهِ»

“The Anbiyaa’ (Prophets), then the next best (like them) and then the next. Man will be tried according to his Deen. So if he his firm in his Deen his trial would be more severe and if he some weakness in his Deen, his trial will then be in accordance to the level of his Deen”. And I am not aware of trials and tests in the history of man which were greater than those which Khalil Ar-Rahman (‘Alaihi-s-Salaam) was tested with. Ibrahim Al-Khalil was patient for one hundred years waiting until Allah granted him a son. Then when Allah gifted him Isma’eel (‘Alaihi-s-Salaam), He commanded him to depart from him and to leave him in a barren valley with no vegetation, no water in it, no people and no shade to seek shelter. Then when the mother of Isma’eel, Haajar (‘Alaiha-s-Salaam) knew that this command was from Allah, she surrendered to the command of Allah with certain belief that He would never abandon them. If she had been able to be patient within her own self, then how would her affair have been whilst she knew that between her hands lay a newly born baby with her in that barren arid land! Then when his son had grown to health, Allah commanded him (Ibrahim (as)) to slaughter him. So he responded to the command of Allah without hesitation and the mother of Isma’eel, Haajar (‘Alaiha as-Salaam), responded positively to the command of Allah without hesitancy. She stood regarding how Ism’eel (as) had submitted and surrendered to the command of Allah and his father was by his forehead and the knife was about to run across his neck had it not been that Allah had exchanged it for a great sacrifice. That was the matter that Islam has made everlasting through the Eid ul-Adhaa.

And that House – the House of Ibrahim Al-Khalil – the Blessed House (Al-Ka’bah). This blessing was only attained due to the great following of the command of Allah, however difficult it was. Haajar (as) passing between the Safaa and Marwa was worthy of remaining for all time and she was worthy of the blessing of the water of Zamzam that sprung up from between the two legs of her infant (‘Alaihi-s-Salaam). Bukhari related from the Hadeeth of Ibn

‘Abbaas:

«وجعلت أم إسماعيل ترضع إسماعيل، وتشرب من ذلك الماء، حتى إذا نفذ ما في السقاء عطشت، وعطش ابنها، وجعلت تنظر إليه يتلوى، أو قال: يتلَبَط، فانطلقت كراهية أن تنظر إليه، فوجدت الصفا أقرب جبل في الأرض يليها، فقامت عليه، ثم استقبلت الوادي؛ تنظر هل ترى أحداً، فلم ترَ أحداً؛ فهبطت من الصفا، حتى إذا بلغت الوادي رفعت طرف درعها ثم سعت سعي الإنسان المجهود، حتى جاوزت الوادي، ثم أتت المروة، فقامت عليها، ونظرت هل ترى أحداً، فلم ترَ أحداً؛ ففعلت ذلك سبع مرات»

“Isma’eel’s mother went on suckling Ishmael and drinking from the

water (she had). When the water in the water-skin had all been used up, she became thirsty and her child also became thirsty. She started looking at him (i.e. Isma'eel) tossing in agony. She left him, for she could not endure looking at him, and found that the mountain of Safa was the nearest mountain to her on that land. She stood on it and started looking at the valley keenly so that she might see somebody, but she could not see anybody. Then she descended from Safa and when she reached the valley, she tucked up her robe and ran in the valley like a person in distress and trouble, till she crossed the valley and reached the Marwa mountain where she stood and started looking, expecting to see somebody, but she could not see anybody. She repeated that (running between Safa and Marwa) seven times." Ibn 'Abbaas (May Allah be pleased with him) said: The Prophet (saw) said: «فذلك سعي الناس بينهما» "This is the source of the tradition of the walking of people between them (i.e. Safa and Marwa)".

Ibrahim (Alaihi-s-Salaam) was deserving and worthy of Allah making His proclamation to the people for the Hajj a call for them to come from every place. Allah taught him the Tawaaf (circumambulation) of the House and the Salah to be performed in it with its standing, bowing and prostration:

﴿وَإِذْ بَوَّأْنَا لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ مَكَانَ الْبَيْتِ أَنْ لَا تُشْرِكْ بِي شَيْئًا وَطَهِّرْ بَيْتِيَ لِلطَّائِفِينَ وَالْقَائِمِينَ وَالرُّكَّعِ السُّجُودِ * وَأَذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا وَعَلَىٰ كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ﴾

"And [mention, O Muhammad], when We designated for Abraham the site of the House, [saying], "Do not associate anything with Me and purify My House for those who perform Tawaaf and those who stand [in prayer] and those who bow and prostrate. And proclaim to the people the Hajj [pilgrimage]; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass." [Al-Hajj: 27-28]

Ibn Khuzaimah narrated in his Saheeh and Al-Haakim in his Mustadrak and classified as Saheeh by Al-Albani in At-Targheeb and At-Tarheeb, from Ibn 'Abbaas (May Allah be pleased with him) that he said:

«لما أتى إبراهيم خليل الله صلوات الله وسلامه المناسك عرض له الشيطان عند جمرة العقبة، فرماه بسبع حصيات حتى ساخ في الأرض، ثم عرض له عند الجمرة الثانية، فرماه بسبع حصيات حتى ساخ في الأرض، ثم عرض له عند الجمرة الثالثة فرماه بسبع حصيات حتى ساخ في الأرض»

"When Ibrahim, Khalilullah (as) approached the rituals (Manaasik) of Hajj Shaytan appeared to him at the Jamrat ul-Aqabah, so he threw seven pebbles until he sunk into the ground. Then he appeared (again) at the second Jamrah, so he threw seven pebbles at him until he sank into the ground. He then showed himself at the third Jamrah and so he (Ibrahim) threw seven pebbles at him until he sank into the ground". The Manaasik (rituals) of Hajj are therefore Tawqeefiyah (set) by Allah Ta'Alaa and none other than Him has the right to change or replace what Allah has legislated. This implants inside the person the truthfulness of the 'Ibaadah (worship) and its sincerity to Allah 'Azza Wa Jalla, and the complete submission to His command and that the Shar'a (legislation) is that which Allah has legislated. There is therefore no argument and no discussion left in the matter. So what is the thinking of the nations, when it is said to them to comply and follow the command of Allah that they cling heavily to the ground? And when it is said to them, establish His commands and go beyond the action of the children of

Isra'eel when He commanded them to slaughter the cow, when they slaughtered it in the end after much give and take. But what is the thinking of people who go beyond that and do not comply (obey) and innovate by taking the legislation from the East and the West! Al-Khalil (Ibrahim) complied with the command that included the slaughtering of his own son whilst we have not been commanded except with His commands and his intention is the wellbeing of our affair. And so by greater reason we were more worthy to comply, be patient and of making good implementation!

How whilst this Hajj has taught us that Allah Ta'Alaa did not reveal the Shareeah and its commands except that in which our good lies, the one who has known it has known it and the one who has been ignorant of it has been ignorant of it. That is because within the Hajj there is a balance between the remembrance of Allah Ta'Alaa and His worship, and between the worldly aims of the people which include benefits for them:

﴿لِيَشْهَدُوا مَنَافِعَ لَهُمْ وَيَذْكُرُوا اسْمَ اللَّهِ فِي أَيَّامٍ مَّعْلُومَاتٍ﴾

"That they may witness benefits for themselves and mention the name of Allah on known days" [Al-Hajj: 28].

The same applies in respect to the Deen of Allah; it has not suppressed the desires of the human and it has not let them free without any restriction. Rather, it has regulated and organised them with the best system; it has prohibited Ribaa (usury) and permitted trade, upon that which Ribaa has of harms and upon that which trade has in terms of benefits. That does not mean that the goodness of Islam and its suitability lies in it being a middle path, meaning halfway between good and evil or between the two edges of extravagance and deprivation as some nations have claimed. Rather its middleness lies in its justice and its good manner of taking care of the affairs and the goodness of its Ahkam (rulings) for humanity.

There is no doubt that the Hajj is a global reminder for the Muslims that they are one Ummah to the exclusion of all nations; there is no favour to an Arab over a non-Arab, nor of a white over a black, except by Taqwa. So the gathering of the Muslims together for Hajj is a reminder for them that their concern is one, the aim of their efforts is one and their afflictions are one. And that their following of the Ameer of Hajj, whom the Ameer ul-Mu'mineen appoints, represents a following to the one whom they have given Bai'ah to hear and obey to implement the command of Allah amongst them. The Hajj is a gathering place where the Muslims confer with each other in that which relates to the wellbeing of their affair, and are acquainted with each other's affairs. They embody in that a host of Ahadeeth that explain that the believers in their mutual affection and mercy are like a body, that they are a brotherhood in belief and that they are an Ummah to the exclusion of all nations...

﴿قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ﴾

"Say, "Indeed, my prayer, my rites of sacrifice, my living and my dying are for Allah, Lord of the worlds" [6: 162].

The features of this ritual display the most elevated of what the human is elevated by in terms of the attributes of patience, forbearance, mercy, compassion, altruism and cooperation. These characteristics and others are implanted by many of the acts of Hajj whilst it purges out the ugly, vile and bad characteristics like Allah

Ta'Aalaa said:

﴿الْحَجُّ أَشْهُرٌ مَّعْلُومَاتٌ فَمَنْ فَرَضَ فِيهِنَّ الْحَجَّ فَلَا رَفَثَ وَلَا فُسُوقَ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ﴾
 "Hajj is [during] well-known months, so whoever has made Hajj obligatory upon himself therein [by entering the state of ihram], there is [to be for him] no sexual relations and no disobedience and no disputing during Hajj." [2: 197].

So Hajj is the gathering place in which the Muslims stand out like the vegetation which its sprouts emerge, that strengthen it, thicken it and then rises up upon its stalk so that the best of vegetation comes out from it whilst every filth and vileness is negated which does not befit the believer who comes forth before Allah.

If the one performing Hajj has that then it is for Allah Ta'Aalaa to forgive and respond in return:

«الحجاج والعمار وفد الله، إن دعوه أجابهم، وإن استغفروه غفر لهم»
 "Those performing Hajj and 'Umrah are visitors of Allah; if they supplicate to Him he answers them and if they seek His forgiveness then he forgives him" related by An-Nisaa'i, Ibn Majah, Ibn Khuzaimah and Ibn Hiban in their Saheeh and Al-Albani verified it as Saheeh in "Saheeh At-Targheeb and At-Tarheeb".

Moreover, in the Hajj the person moves from one act of worship to another, gaining closeness to Allah, expending mighty efforts that purifies his Nafs (disposition), rooting it upon patient and acts of obedience and to bear the hardships. Then when he has attained the station of closeness to Allah Ta'Aalaa and his sins have been wiped from him, he would make himself used to being removed from the causes of his sins and he would strive against them upon patience upon the hardship of the acts obedience so as to live the sweetness of obedience and then gain closeness to Allah which he is fit for in terms of desire and awe.

In that way the Hajj is the climax that the Mukallaf (one held accountable) rises to, carrying with sincerity and removal from the bad speech and acts, gaining closeness to Allah with consecutive acts of obedience, joining together with his brothers in belief, repentant and penitent, desiring to be free from sins and errors,

bearing the hardships and returning to the House of Allah in security:

﴿وَإِذْ جَعَلْنَا الْبَيْتَ مَثَابَةً لِّلنَّاسِ وَأَمْنًا﴾
 "And [mention] when We made the House a place of return for the people and [a place of] security" [2: 125].

Following the rituals of Ibrahim Al-Khalil, emulating Muhammad (saw), not innovating, in a state of Ihraam wearing simple clothing dishevelled and dusty, separated from the deceptive adornments of the Dunya, seeking that which is with Allah Ta'Aalaa.

The Hajj is from amongst the pillars of Islam and its structures of the worship of the life, the seal of the matter, and the perfection of Islam, completion of the Deen and in respect to which Allah Ta'Aalaa revealed:

﴿الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا﴾
 "This day I have perfected for you your Deen and completed My favour upon you and have chosen for you Islam as your Deen" [5: 3].

So O Allah, we ask You to facilitate for us an accepted Hajj that has no recompense other than Paradise. It was mentioned in the Hadeeth that he (saw) said: «الحج المبرور ليس له ثواب دون الجنة» "The accepted (Mabroor) Hajj has no reward other than Jannah". It was asked, "What is its Birr?" And so he (saw) said: «العج والنج» "Its 'Ajj (noise) and its Thajj (flow)" and the 'Ajj is the raising of the voice with the Talbiyah and the Thajj is the slaughtering of the camel and other than it where its blood flows. It is therefore upon this is the meaning Al-Mabroor (accepted), that in which its obligations and Sunnah acts have been undertaken. And in the Hadeeth of Jaabir it was said: 'O Messenger of Allah what is Birr ul-Hajj?' He (saw) said: «إطعام الطعام وإفشاء السلام» "Feeding the food and spreading the Salaam" and so what is intended is the acts of piety (Birr) in the Hajj and it is said that Mabroor means Maqbool (accepted).

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This is the Pilgrimage and here is its Greatness

Allah Almighty says:

﴿وَلِلَّهِ عَلَى النَّاسِ حِجُّ الْبَيْتِ مَنِ اسْتَطَاعَ إِلَيْهِ سَبِيلًا﴾

“And [due] to Allah from the people is a pilgrimage to the House – for whoever is able to find thereto a way.” [Al-i-Imran: 97]. Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, arrived in Medina during two days in which they were celebrating. The Prophet said, «مَا هَذَانِ الْيَوْمَانِ؟» “What are these two days?” They said, “We would celebrate these two days in the time of ignorance.” The Prophet (saw) said, «إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَبْدَلَكُمْ بِهِمَا خَيْرًا مِنْهُمَا يَوْمَ الْأَضْحَى وَيَوْمَ الْفِطْرِ» “Verily, Allah has replaced these two days with two better days: the day of sacrifices (Eid al-Adha) and the day of breaking fast (Eid al-Fitr).” (Sunan Abu Dawood) And Ibn Abbas reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, «مَا الْعَمَلُ فِي أَيَّامٍ أَفْضَلَ مِنْهَا فِي هَذِهِ» “No good deed is better what is done on these days...” Some companions of the Prophet said, “Not even jihad in the cause of Allah?” The Prophet said, ...

﴿وَالْجِهَادُ، إِلَّا رَجُلٌ خَرَجَ يُخَاطِرُ بِنَفْسِهِ وَمَالِهِ فَلَمْ يَرْجِعْ بِشَيْءٍ﴾

“Not even jihad in the cause of Allah, except in the case of a man who goes out with his life and wealth in danger and returns with nothing.” (Narrated by al-Bukhari)

Allah Almighty has obligated Hajj upon every capable Muslim once during his lifetime, it is the pilgrimage of Islam.

﴿وَمَنْ تَطَوَّعَ خَيْرًا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاكِرٌ عَلِيمٌ﴾

And whoever volunteers good – then indeed, Allah is appreciative and Knowing.” [Al-Baqara: 158]. Hajj is purely an act of worship, every single ritual (Nusk) of it suggests that Allah is worshiped by his servants, and the Muslim senses with it his servanthood to the Almighty Creator.

Therefore, we find millions of Muslims from around the world eager every year to perform this great obligation, which is a pillar of the five pillars of Islam, the Messenger of Allah said (saw):

«بني الإسلام على خمس: شهادة أن لا إله إلا الله، وأن محمداً رسول الله، وإقام الصلاة، وإيتاء الزكاة، والحج، وصوم رمضان»

“Islam is built upon five (pillars): the testimony that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, the observance of the prayer, payment of Zakat, Hajj to the House (i.e. Ka’bah,) and fasting in Ramadan.” (Agreed upon, Narrated by Bukhari)

However, the revulsion practiced by Muslim rulers from the Sacred House, as the revulsion they practiced from the arbitration the law of Allah, intervenes between Muslims and the performance of this great rite. The Almighty says:

﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَيَصُدُّونَ عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ الَّذِي جَعَلْنَا لِلنَّاسِ سَوَاءً الْعَاكِفُ فِيهِ وَالْبَادِ وَمَن يُرِدْ فِيهِ بِالْحَادِ بِظُلْمٍ نُدَقُهُ مِنَّ عَذَابِ أَلِيمٍ﴾

“Indeed, those who have disbelieved and avert [people] from the way of Allah and [from] al-Masjid al-Haram, which We made for the people - equal are the resident therein and one from outside; and [also] whoever intends [a deed] therein of deviation [in religion] or wrongdoing - We will make him taste of a painful punishment.” [Al-Haj: 25]. Thus, to allot a certain percentage of the allowed pilgrimage from each country, which is a ratio of one per thousand, is revulsion from the Holy Mosque, and is preventing Muslims from performing this duty which is Allah obligated on them. And to specify a certain allowed age to perform Hajj is revulsion from the Holy Mosque, and to impose charges on

the pilgrims such as visa, Tawaaf and transportation fees is taking the money from the people unjustly, becomes a type of revulsion from the Holy Mosque.

This great season, the first ten days from the month of Dhu al-Hijjah, Eid al-Adha and Hajj, comes this year, as dozens of years ago since the destruction of the Ottoman Khilafah State, and the Muslims are preoccupied with their concerns and problems, and what afflicted them of tragedies, calamities and despairs. Millions of Muslims go to Hajj carrying these concerns with them to complain their sorrow and grief to Allah, the Grand, the Exalted, raising to Him Almighty their palms of supplication to lift from them what befell them of scourge and distress. Fixated before their eyes, and embedded in their memories the crimes committed by America and Britain, and behind them the disbelieving Crusader West against the Muslims in Yemen, Afghanistan, Libya, and Pakistan. And what the vindictive West does of chilling and horrifying massacres against the Muslims in Ash-Sham, directly or through its allies, agents, tools and its local associates, and its quest to abort the blessed revolution of the people of Syria to prevent the establishment of the second Khilafah State (Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood. Also not fading from the sight of the pilgrims, as they humble themselves before Allah Al-Jabbar Al-Aziz, seeking His Mercy and the acceptance of their supplications, the criminality of the sadistic Jews in the Holy Land (Palestine), who their hate and criminality exceeded all criminality. Nor the criminality of Russia and its massacres against the people of Chechnya and the Caucasus, and against the people of Syria, and its support for the tyrant of Ash-Sham. And not the criminality of the Hindus, the cow worshipers, against Muslims in Kashmir, Bangladesh, Pakistan; the criminality of Buddhists idolaters against the Muslims of Arakan (Burma), or the criminality of China against the Muslims in East Turkestan, which culminated in preventing them from fasting the Holy month of Ramadan... The list of the criminalities of the Kufar against the Muslims is long. Hasbuna Allahu wa Ni'ma Al-Wakil (Allah Alone is sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs for us), and Laa Hawla Wa Laa Quwwata Illa Bil-laah (there is no strength and no power except with Allah the Exalted).

Muslims stand before their Lord to complain to Him of their rulers who are colluding with their enemies against them. Standing between His hands with broken hearts, pleading hands, reiterating tongues and shedding tears; asking Him the Glorified and the Exalted, to remove from them what they are in of humiliation and suffering, to loosen this shackle from them, and to lift from them these concerns, and relieve them of their traitorous agent rulers.

Since the demolition of the Ottoman Khilafah State the situation of Muslims and their conditions changed, and they became deprived of the Khaleefah who rules them by the provisions of Islam, takes care of their affairs with justice and fairness, and takes them to the scopes of splendor and glory through jihad for the sake of Allah. They became ruled by traitorous agent rulers, who the Kafir West appointed over their necks in order to afflict them with the worst torment. In order for the Crusader West to perform through these rulers its projects in plundering the wealth of the Muslims, looting their capabilities, and disseminating its destructive ideas and corrupt concepts and values in the Muslims countries.

Unfortunately, this is the situation of Muslims, after the demolition of

the Khilafah, instead of being led by the Ameer who unites their word and gathers their ranks, who loves them and who they love, who prays for them and they pray for him, and who preaches them with Khutbah and advises them. Like how the Messenger of Allah (saw) did in his speech at Arafah during the Farewell Hajj. And like the caliphs used to do, where they used to meet with their governors, asking them about the conditions of the citizens and reassure about them. Where they used to ask Muslims about the governors and workers, so that to take the right of the citizens from them if they wronged and to account them if they failed.

Hajj is one of the rituals of Allah that brings together all Muslims in one ground, and reflects the unity of Muslims in many aspects including: unity of rites, feelings, purpose, and cause. So there is no regionalism, nor racism or Asabiyyah for color, gender or class. The Lord is One, the Deen is one, and the Qibla is one. Thus, Hajj links this life with the Hereafter with the bond of obedience and submission to Allah Almighty and resorting to Him alone in every issue, seeking His forgiveness and repenting to Him (swt) from all sins.

Yes, the meeting of millions of Muslims from different schools of thoughts, irrespective of their colors shapes, and ethnic backgrounds, and despite their various regional and partisan affiliations; Their meeting in one ground, chanting with one voice, "Labaik Allahuma Labaik, Labbaika la shareeka laka labbaik. Innal hamda wal ni'matha laka wal mulk, laa shareeka lak" (Here I am in Your service, O Allah, here I am. Here I am, You have no partner, here I am. Verily all praise and blessings are Yours, and all sovereignty, You have no partner) confirms that the Islamic Ummah is one nation to the exclusion of other nations, in spite of the Muslim rulers and their masters the vindictive Crusader West.

The disbelievers are shivering from the masses of pilgrims parading around one House, and their Sa'i in one place, and their standing in one site. So they and their agents pursued to hit the importance and the vitality of Muslims meeting in Hajj by depriving this Hajj its truth, strength and unity, in its form and content. So the most important and most insidious of what they did was that they gathered their guile in wars, conspiracies and the purchase of consciences and agents until they were able to eliminate the Ottoman Khilafah at the beginning of the past century. Thus they removed the power of the masses of pilgrims in the rituals of pilgrimage and in their countries. So after they were one community, under one banner, and under the command of one Ameer, they became dispersed crowds, meeting in the rituals of Hajj and dispersing after it, under the rule of the states of damage for which Allah has sent down no authority.

The Hajj and Eid al-Adha season is a witness to our unity, we as Muslims, and it is crying for us to restore our bond, unite our ranks, establish the state of the second Khilafah on the method of the Prophethood, and pledge allegiance to our Khaleefah; and thus only we will return to be strong cohesive community, led by our Khaleefah, who establishes in us the Book of Allah, and leads us to Jihad for the sake of Allah, to liberate our usurped lands, and spread Islam, a message of light and guidance for all mankind.

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Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Laa Ilaaha Illallah...

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Wa Lillahil Hamd

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