

On the Anniversary of its Destruction, Our Glory Lies in the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood

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Since the Makkan period, specifically since the revelation of the verse, **الْمَ * غَلَبْتَ الرُّومَ** “Alif Lam Mim * The Romans have been defeated” [TMQ Surah Ar-Rum 1:2], Muslims have been looking towards the great powers. Although competing with these great powers was not on their minds, the revelation of this verse heralded the universality of Islam. Barely a decade had passed before the armies of the Islamic state were knocking on the doors of the great empire of the Romans in the Battle of Mu’tah. This battle was an immediate response to the martyrdom of the noble Companion Al-Harith ibn Umayr Al-Azdi, whom the Messenger of Allah (swt) (saw) had sent to the king of Busra in Syria. He was killed by the king’s governor, Sharhabil ibn Amr Al-Ghassani, thus violating an established international custom at the time: that an envoy must not be killed. This custom continues to this day in what is known as the immunity of ambassadors.

This was one of the most prominent manifestations of the honor and dignity associated with the application of Islam, **وَلِلَّهِ الْعَزَّةُ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ** “And to Allah belongs all honor, and to His Messenger, and to the believers” [TMQ Surah Al-Munafiqoon: 8]. Thus, the killing of a single Muslim man by the Romans warranted the Prophet Muhammad (saw) preparing a massive army to wage a fierce war in revenge for his death. In doing so, he (saw) laid the foundation for the foreign policy of the Islamic State, proclaiming the universality of the ideology of Islam and the universality of its state. The Prophet (saw) marched at the head of a mighty army to Tabuk to fight the Romans. When they learned of this, the Romans fled, and the Prophet (saw) was victorious through the terror instilled in them from a distance of a month’s journey. Then the Prophet (saw) passed away, having instructed that the expedition of Usama be dispatched. This was the army whose command the Prophet (saw) had entrusted to Usama ibn Zayd (ra), to be sent to the borders of ash-Sham, and the Roman Empire.

After the Prophet Muhammad (saw), the Khilafah (Caliphate) continued to carry the message of Islam to all people, bringing honor, dignity, happiness, and peace to all who accepted Allah (swt) as their Lord, Islam as their Deen, and Muhammad (saw) as their Prophet and Messenger, and to all who were content to live under the protection of the Islamic state. It set the finest examples of mercy, justice, fairness, and humanity. Even in its final days, when it was described as the “sick man of Europe,” the Khilafah (Caliphate) provided relief to the Irish people during the famine known as the “Potato Famine” in the reign of Khaleefah Abdulmejid I between 1845 and 1852 CE.

The Muslims’ situation quickly changed after the disbelieving colonialists, aided by treacherous Arabs and Turks, managed to destroy the Khilafah. The Muslim lands were torn apart into more than fifty fragments, resulting in weakness, humiliation, and degradation. Muslims became insignificant in the eyes of others, and because of their rulers, they became pawns for every kafir colonialist. Their blood flowed like rivers everywhere, and the most despicable and contemptible of Allah’s creation, the Jews, roamed freely in several Muslim lands, killing Muslims in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip,

Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Iran. The corrupt rulers in their lands did nothing, and their wealth became prey for every plunderer. Muslims experienced poverty in all its forms, and nations descended upon them like hungry people upon a shared dish. It became commonplace to see many of their children dying from the bitter cold, spread of diseases, and hunger, and eating from garbage containers! The Muslims lost not only their honor, dignity, and prestige with the fall of the Khilafah, but also their humanity and every praiseworthy quality. There is no power nor strength except with Allah (swt).

A century has passed since the sun of the Khilafah set, and a little more. What befell the Muslims, after those long centuries of honor and dignity under the Khilafah, has befallen them. This should give hope to the Muslims that their honor, dignity, and prestige among nations will return once again through the re-establishment of the Khilafah. How near it is! If the reason is known, the wonder ceases. The Ummah is certain that Allah (swt) honored it with Islam, and that whenever it seeks honor in anything other than Islam, Allah (swt) will humiliate it. This last century is the best witness to this, and it contains lessons for every rational person.

Allah (swt) has described the Islamic Ummah as the best nation brought forth for mankind, due to its Iman in Him, its enjoining of ma'ruf (goodness) and forbidding of munkar (evil). This was indeed its nature throughout the centuries of the Khilafah, and now it is time for it to regain its glory, dignity, and prestige by returning to the role and qualities with which Allah (swt) has described it. It must adopt Islam as a way of life, establish its state, implement its Shariah rulings, and carry its risaalah message to all people, leading them from darkness to light, from the worship of men to the worship of the Lord of men, and from misery to happiness and success in this world and the hereafter.

The Islamic Ummah is capable of reclaiming its former glory, attaining God Almighty's promise of succession on Earth, and fulfilling the glad tidings of His Messenger (saw), «ثُمَّ تَوَلَّ خِلَافَةً عَلَى مِنْهَاجِ النَّبُوَّةِ» **“Then there will be a Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood.”** It possesses the human resources capable of achieving this, the wealth to make it the world's leading state, and a strategic geographical location that makes it the critical axis of the world. Furthermore, it possesses what others lack:

- The great ideology revealed by Allah (swt) to establish justice among humankind.
- Hizb ut Tahrir, the guide who does not lie to its people, has dedicated itself purely to Allah (swt) to re-establish Islamic ruling governance by establishing the Second Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood. It has prepared itself for this endeavor, adhering to the Shariah rulings of Allah (swt) and following the example of His Messenger (saw) in establishing the first Islamic state.

So, to the glory, honor, and dignity we call you, O Muslims, and to the triumph of the two worlds we lead you, O people. So come to the support of Hizb ut Tahrir and the pledging of the Bayah of allegiance to it, to rule by the Book of Allah (swt) and the Sunnah of His Messenger (saw), and to establish the Second Khilafah Rashidah on the Method of Prophethood, for in it is your glory and dignity.