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Headline News

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Indeed, Hizb ut Tahrir, the pioneering guide that does not lie to its people, calls upon you to strive with it for the establishment of the Second Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) upon the Method of the Prophethood, a state whose leaders will not be satisfied until the people they serve are satisfied. The Prophet (swt) said, «اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ وَلِيَ مِنْ أَمْرِ أُمَّتِي شَيْئاً فَشَقَّ عَلَيْهِمْ فَاشَقُّ عَلَيْهِ، وَمَنْ وَلِيَ مِنْ أَمْرِ أُمَّتِي شَيْئاً فَرَفَقَ بِهِمْ فَارْفُقْ بِهِ» **“O Allah, whoever is given authority over any affair of my Ummah and makes matters difficult for them, make matters difficult for him; and whoever is given authority over any affair of my Ummah and is gentle with them, be gentle with him.”** The Khilafah (Caliphate) alone is what can save the Ummah, spreading goodness, providing its citizens with their basic needs, and enabling them to attain comforts and necessities beyond the basic essentials. As for today, under these unjust rulers, the situation continues to worsen day after day. Allah (swt) says, «وَمَنْ أَغْرَضَ عَنِ ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكاً» **“Whoever turns away from My Reminder will certainly have a miserable life.”** [TMQ Surah Taha: 124].

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Neither Have They Gained This World, Nor Have They Preserved Their Deen

As part of a cultural exchange program between Morocco and Greece, and within the framework of a Mediterranean cultural event organized in the Greek capital Athens to showcase handicraft products and highlight the skills of traditional artisans, the Moroccan Secretary of State in charge of Handicrafts and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Lahcen Saadi, from the ruling National Rally of Independents party, presented a Greek monk with a wooden Christian cross. The Christian cross had been crafted in Essaouira, located in southwestern Morocco, approximately 470 kilometers from Rabat, using juniper wood, for which the region is well known.

Ar-Rayah Newspaper: The question was asked to Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy on him) about a tailor who sewed silk belts for Christians, with a gold cross on them: is there sin in his sewing, and is his wage lawful or not?

He replied, «إذا أعان الرجل على معصية الله كان آثماً» **“If a man assists in disobedience to Allah ﷻ, he is sinful.”** Then he said, «كما لا يجوز عمله بأجرة ولا غير أجر، كما لا يجوز بيع الأصنام ولا عملها. كما ثبت في الصحيح عن النبي ﷺ أنه قال: «إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ بَيْعَ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْتَةِ وَالْخَنْزِيرِ وَالْأَصْنَامِ» متفق عليه وثبت أنه لعن المصورين. وصانع الصليب ملعون لعنه الله ورسوله» **“The Christian cross is not permitted to be made for a wage or otherwise, just as it is not permitted to sell idols or make them. As it is authentically recorded in the Sahih from the Prophet (saw) that he said, «إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ بَيْعَ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْتَةِ وَالْخَنْزِيرِ وَالْأَصْنَامِ» “Indeed, Allah has forbidden the sale of wine, carrion, pork, and idols.”** (Agreed upon). It is also established that he cursed the makers of images. The maker of the cross is cursed may Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw) curse him.”

«أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ لَمْ يَكُنْ يَتْرُكُ فِي بَيْتِهِ شَيْئاً فِيهِ تَصَالِبٌ إِلَّا نَقَضَهُ» **“The Prophet (saw) would never leave in his house anything containing Christian crosses without destroying them.”** What is meant by “crosses” in the hadith is images of the Christian cross, and “destroying” means removing the image while leaving the garment intact.

The ulema of the Permanent Committee for Islamic Research and Fatwa (3/437) said, «صنع الصليب حرام، سواء كان مجسماً، أم نقشاً، أم رسماً، أو غير ذلك، على جدار، أو فرش، أو غير ذلك، ولا يجوز إدخاله مسجداً، ولا بيوتاً، ولا دور تعليم: من مدارس، ومعاهد، ونحو ذلك. ولا يجوز الإبقاء عليه، بل يجب القضاء عليه، وإزالته بما يذهب بمعاملته: من كسر، ومحو، وطمس، وغير ذلك. ولا يجوز بيعه، ولا الصلاة عليه» **“Making the Christian cross is**

forbidden, whether it is a statue, an engraving, a drawing, or otherwise, on a wall, carpet, or anything else. It is not permissible to bring it into a masjid, houses, or educational places like schools, institutes, and the like. Nor is it permissible to leave it in place. Instead, it must be erased and removed by eliminating its features through breaking, erasing, obliterating. It is not permissible to sell it nor to make Salah upon it.”

The rulers’ disregard for Islam and its Shariah rulings has reached a high level. They are now striking at the core of the rulings of belief, and their subservience and sycophancy to the disbelievers has reached such an extent that it has made them leap over the basics of the Deen, and delve into nullifiers of Iman, actions that expel one from the fold of Islam, whilst smiles fill their faces!

This action cannot be attributed to that individual alone, because he holds a position of authority, he is at the rank of a minister, not an ordinary person. Nor can it be considered an isolated act on his part, evidenced by the fact that the state has not issued anything condemning his behavior or disavowing it. When this act is placed within the context of numerous similar acts by other state apparatuses, it becomes clear that it indicates a general trend within the state and the ruling political establishment, whose broad banner is: seeking the pleasure of the disbeliever, and groveling before him by every means possible to win his approval, hoping that he might keep them in power and guarantee them the crumbs of privileges that have blinded their insight. They do not realize that the more they humiliate themselves before the disbelievers, the more the disbelievers’ appetite for humiliating them increases, and the more the disbelievers turn away from them, because they know that they have become burnt-out cards with no popular credibility, and thus cannot be relied upon. Then they will be overtaken by disgrace in this world and the Hereafter, they will have gained neither this world nor preserved their Deen. Allah (swt) said, ﴿قَاتِلْهُمْ اللَّهُ أَنْتَى يُؤْفَكُونَ﴾ **“May Allah condemn them! How can they be deluded from the truth?”** [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah: 30].

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Under the Feature Article

The Problems of the Muslims Will Not Be Resolved Unless the Khilafah (Caliphate) is Established

Thus, the rulers of Lebanon and the other rulers of Muslim countries, instead of liberating Palestine and eliminating the Jewish entity, are striving for normalization with it. They are conspiring with America and the Jewish entity to guarantee its security. These rulers do not realize the danger of allying with disbelievers that it is a disgrace in this world and a painful punishment in the Hereafter, ﴿الَّذِينَ يَتَّخِذُونَ الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِنْ دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَلِيَّتُهُمْ عِنْدَهُمُ الْعِزَّةُ فَإِنَّ الْعِزَّةَ لِلَّهِ جَمِيعًا﴾ **“Those who take disbelievers as allies instead of believers - do they seek honor from them? Indeed, all honor belongs to Allah.”** [TMQ Surah An-Nisaa: 139]. They do not realize that disbelieving states are primarily concerned with their own interests and harbor enmity towards Islam and Muslims day and night. If they show any satisfaction with a state that orbits within their sphere of foreign policy, or even with their agents, they do not wish them well. Instead, they conceal and openly declare their evil intentions, even if these rulers, whoever they may be, are the true allies of the Jewish entity. Whether they orbit America, or were its agents, if they understood that America doesn’t value them when its interests require their demise, they would have learned from the lessons of history. How many of its allies has America discarded, after they had served their purpose? If these rulers had any sense, they would have rejected the kuffar (disbelievers) outright, but they are deaf, dumb, and blind, and they will not return. Their loyalty to the disbelieving colonialists has reached such a point that when one of their countries is attacked, the others do not move to its aid. The best among them are those who merely count the dead and wounded! The fundamental principle for Muslims is that they are one Ummah; their peace is one, and their war is one. An attack on any part of the Ummah is an attack on all of it. Although it is the Shariah obligation of every part that is attacked to resist the aggressor, this does not solve the problem. The Revolutionary Guard in Iran resists, and the Hezb of Iran in Lebanon resists, but all of this will

not solve the problem unless the Khilafah (Caliphate) is established, supporting Allah (swt) through obedience and implementing His Shariah Laws, so that it may be victorious, by the Permission of Allah (swt) illuminating the world with its justice and Jihad, so that Allah (swt) honors it with His victory (nashr).

Excerpt from the question and answer issued by the Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir, the eminent Alim Ata bin Khalil Abu al-Rashtah.

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The Future of Energy is Determined by Whoever Holds the Keys to Its Transit

Oil is no longer merely a strategic commodity alone, but instead a complex network of routes. Whoever controls them possesses the ability to reshape the global economy without firing a single bullet. While states seek to diversify supply routes and improve energy arteries, the balance remains fragile, resting on a precise equation between deterrence and flow, between protection and blackmail. Major powers have long been aware of this. China has pursued the Belt and Road Initiative regardless of its success or failure as well as alternative energy. America, too, has long been moving militarily, economically, and politically, using its influence to gain control. What we witness today in terms of wars over influence in the Middle East and its corridors, and in Africa and its wealth, is nothing but a fireless war between two opposing sides, a conflict that could, in moments of darkness, lead to a larger war than we can imagine.

Thus, the future of energy will not be determined solely by who owns the oil, but by who holds the keys to its transit. At a moment when interests intersect and corridors narrow, the conflict may evolve into a struggle for control over them, leading to a rewriting of the rules of power in the international order.

The lands of Muslims are not far from being able to move and bring about a major change. They possess a divine ideology, immense wealth, and major corridors. They are at the center of the world, and if Allah (swt) wills, they will transform from being a follower into a controller within the closed loop from the fields to the ports. They possess a power that comes not only from the quantity of reserves but from continuous, connected control. They control production fields and reserve capacity, transportation - pipeline networks and internal facilities -, and also transit, because all the straits from the Strait of Hormuz, Bab el-Mandeb, the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, and others will become possessions within this state. Thus, the mechanisms of pricing, selling, contracts, and currency will all be in the hands of the Khaleefah (Caliph) of the Muslims.

After critical infrastructure is built such as multiple deep-water ports, strategic reserve storage facilities, refineries close to shipping points, and so on then, the ideological state, the Khilafah (Caliphate) that will soon be established by the Permission of Allah (swt), once it tightens its grip on the energy chains and corridors, will transform into a global transit platform, that manages the flow rather than chases after it.

True power does not lie in closing the arteries but in the ability to keep them open at a price, and under the conditions set by this ideological state. Managed stability becomes the highest form of influence. What the major powers seek to possess today is, in fact, already the property within the Khilafah state. The Belt and Road is on our lands, the New Silk Road is on our lands, the straits are our straits, energy is our energy, and raw materials of all kinds belong to us.

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Central Asia Between Two Choices: Subordination or Liberation

The peoples of Central Asia today stand before two paths: either to be servants in the corridors of major powers such as America, China, and Russia, or to present to the world a new system of justice, relying on their Iman and unity. History shows that whenever we have unified upon the Deen of Allah (swt), we have been strong and honorable, and whenever we

have been deceived by the cheap promises of the colonialists, we have faced injustice and subordination. Today's geopolitical storms call us once again to that glorious unity. And this unity is not merely an economic alliance, but rather a political and creedal integration under the shade of the Khilafah (Caliphate) state.

Moreover, with the return of the Khilafah, the artificial borders and narrow nationalistic interest barriers that separate the countries of Central Asia from one another will be removed. This great state will transform the region from a geopolitical toy for foreign powers into the world's leading centre of power. Under the Khilafah, transport corridors will not serve the transfer of the colonialists' usurped wealth, but instead will serve to meet the needs of Muslims and to spread the Risaalah message of Islam to the entire world. The honor of our Ummah and the true liberation of the region are tied to the return of this divine system. Indeed, these bright days, by the permission of Allah (swt), are truly near, **﴿لِلَّهِ الْأَمْرُ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَمِنْ بَعْدُ﴾** **“The whole matter rests with Allah before and after victory. And on that day the believers will rejoice * at the victory willed by Allah. He gives victory to whoever He wills. For He is the Almighty, Most Merciful.”** [TMQ Surah Ar-Rum 4–5].

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Blessed Are Those Who Realize the Value of Their Life Before It Is Lost, and Makes Their Life a Witness for Them, Not Against Them

The most dangerous matter facing the youth of this Ummah today is not merely the abundance of trials, but the squandering of lifetimes in idle talk, vain amusement, and preoccupation with what is of no benefit, such that days and years pass without any trace left in the Deen or life. How many young men and women have wasted their strength and time in empty gatherings, social media, and following the news of people, while their obligation towards their Deen weakens day by day?!

Indeed, youth are the strength and support of the Ummah. If they become preoccupied with trivialities, grow accustomed to excuses, and abandon their Shariah obligations, within ritual worships and the Dawah, the entire Ummah weakens. Time that passes does not return, and one day a person will stand before Allah (swt), the Exalted, to be asked about his or her youth, and how youthfulness and time was spent.

It is not befitting for the young Muslims to be mere spectators of their Ummah's reality, nor a prisoner to comfort and procrastination. Instead, they must make their youth a path to obedience and action in service to Islam, even if it be with a kind word, supporting the truth, or defending the causes of the Ummah. Allah (swt) said, **﴿أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا وَأَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا تُرْجَعُونَ﴾** **“Did you then think that We had created you without purpose, and that you would never be returned to Us?”** [TMQ Surah Al-Mu'minun: 115].

So blessed are those who realize the value of their life before it is lost, makes their life a witness for them not against them, and dedicates their youth to what pleases Allah (swt) and benefits people, before a day when regret will be of no avail.

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