

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

﴿هَذَا بَلَاغٌ لِلنَّاسِ وَلِيُنذَرُوا بِهِ﴾

“This [Qur'an] is notification for the people that they may be warned thereby” [Surat Ibrahim:52]

(Translated)

In the name of Allah, all praise is due to Allah, and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah.

We praise Allah who granted the people of Ash-Sham the fall of tyrannical rule accompanied by cries of "Allahu Akbar." This occurred despite the fact that some related states had planned a limited battle to ease the tension of the revolutionaries, reduce their pressure, and compel the regime to sit at the table for a political solution. However, the rapid collapse of the faltering regime surprised all those states, depriving them of the opportunity to rush to its rescue. What was meant to be a controlled release turned into a massive explosion before which the regime's forces disintegrated after eleven days. All thanks and praise belong solely to Allah, and victory is in His hands Alone. While those states had their schemes, plots, and strategies, Allah Almighty had His Own plans and strategies. ﴿وَمَكَرُوا مَكْرًا وَمَكَرْنَا مَكْرًا وَهُمْ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ﴾

“And they planned a plan, and We planned a plan, while they perceived not.” [Surat An-Naml:50]

With the fall of the regime, the people of Ash-Sham now face a critical crossroads and a great test. They must either complete the objectives of their revolution by uprooting the influence of colonial powers and establishing the deen of Allah or succumb to the demands of the countries that supported the fallen regime, and their chief America. America has mobilized, bared its fangs, and made its intentions clear: the establishment of a secular state subservient to its interests.

If the people of Ash-Sham fail to navigate this situation and do not fulfill what Allah has commanded of them, namely, establishing the rule of Allah, the Khilafah Rashidah (the Rightly guided Caliphate), then they risk undoing thirteen years of struggle. Their sacrifices and spilled blood would go in vain, and they might become, may Allah forbid, as Allah Almighty has said: ﴿وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّتِي نَقَصَتْ غَزْلَهَا مِنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ أَنْكَاثًا﴾ **“And do not be like she who untwisted her spun thread after it was strong” [Surat An-Nahl:92]**

Leadership requires those at the forefront to have a clear vision and a defined project, with a comprehensive understanding of the structure, institutions, and systems of the state they aim to establish. This vision must be clearly communicated to the people, not left to be shaped by external events or manipulated by adversaries, leading to improvisation and reactive measures dictated by the enemies' agendas.

In this context, we in Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah Syria present our vision for the project that must guide this critical phase. We share it with all our people in Ash-Sham and outline some essential steps we believe should be taken in Syria as part of the broader Islamic Ummah's project:

1- Comprehensive Abolishment of the Secular Constitution: Completely annul the secular state constitution, rather than merely amending or revising it. Replace it with a new constitution whose articles are entirely derived from Islamic beliefs and based on Sharia evidence (the Quran, the Sunnah, consensus of the sahaba (the Companions), and Islamic legal analogy). Announce the initiation of implementing Sharia rulings across all aspects of life. Hizb ut-Tahrir has prepared a draft constitution, derived from Sharia evidence, ready for implementation with Allah's permission. It is designed to resume the Islamic way of life and fulfill the words of the Prophet (swt): «ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَىٰ مِنْهَاجِ النَّبُوَّةِ» **“Then there will be a Caliphate upon the method of Prophethood.”** And the saying of the Prophet (swt): «أَلَا إِنَّ عَقْرَ دَارِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الشَّامُ» **“Indeed, the stronghold of the believers is Ash-Sham.”**

2- The announcement that the form of the state in Syria will be Al-Khilafah, with its system of governance based on four principles that are essential for Islamic rule: sovereignty belongs to Sharia, not to the people; authority belongs to the Ummah; appointing a single Khalifah (Caliph) is an obligation upon all Muslims; and only Al-Khalifah has the right to adopt Sharia rulings, as he is the one who enacts the constitution and all other laws.

3- Swiftly Establish a Strong Army: Immediately begin building a powerful army to protect the country, drawing its core strength from sincere Mujahideen. Shut down Russian and American military bases in the country and expel foreign forces. Borders with other Muslim lands must remain open, and a call should be made for jihad against the Jewish entity, opening the door for all Muslims to participate. This step aims to fulfill the glad tidings of the Prophet (swt) regarding their ultimate triumph. «نَقَاتِلْكُمْ يَهُودُ فَتَسْأَطُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ» **"You shall fight the Jews. You will gain such control over them,"**

4- Establish a strong internal security apparatus founded on the Islamic culture of guardianship. Its role is not to spy on, oppress, or degrade the dignity of the people but to protect the security of the country and society from spies, agents of foreign states, saboteurs, disobedient individuals, and the suspicious. The state's citizens, both Muslims and non-Muslims, must enjoy security and safety.

5- Address the Kurdish Muslims specifically and non-Arabs generally with a message of unity, emphasizing that we are one Ummah forged by Islam, which transcends ethnicities and races. Efforts should be made to eliminate the pretexts used by separatist parties and to call them to sever ties with Western states.

6- Islam stipulates that allegiance to the Islamic state is a requirement for citizenship. Anyone residing permanently in the Islamic state, whether Muslim or non-Muslim, is granted citizenship. The state must not discriminate among citizens in governance or care for their affairs. Thus, the concept of "minority protection" as defined by the West has no place in Islam. Falling into the trap of "minority rights" must be avoided, as the West uses this narrative to fuel separatist tendencies, instigate conflicts between so-called majorities and minorities, and justify interference in the state's affairs under the pretext of defending minorities.

7- The state must enforce Islamic Sharia on all citizens, whether Muslims or non-Muslims, as follows:

- All Islamic rulings must be applied to Muslims without exception.
- Non-Muslims are free to practice their beliefs and worship within the boundaries of public order.
- Apostates from Islam are subject to the rulings for apostasy if they themselves are apostates. However, if they are the children of apostates born as non-Muslims, they are treated as non-Muslims according to their status, whether they are polytheists or People of the Book.
- Non-Muslims are dealt with regarding food and clothing according to their religions, as permitted by Sharia rulings.
- Matters of marriage and divorce among non-Muslims are governed by their religions, while matters between Muslims and non-Muslims are governed by Islamic rulings.
- The state enforces all other Sharia rulings, including transactions, punishments, evidence, governance systems, and economic regulations, on everyone. These are applied equally to Muslims and non-Muslims, as well as to treaty-holders, temporary residents, and all individuals under Islamic rule.

8- Bring to trial anyone who committed crimes against Islam and Muslims, including the pillars of the fallen regime, senior army leaders, security apparatus officials, and prominent criminals of that era. These trials must be just and serve to heal the hearts of the believers. Efforts must also be made to prevent conspiracies by these individuals and to guard against the infiltration of remnants of the fallen regime and its corrupt individuals into state institutions, particularly the military, security, and key government positions.

9- Declare that individual or group contacts with the intelligence agencies of colonial powers foremost among them the U.S. and Britain and regional regimes aligned with these powers are treason. These contacts must be criminalized, and measures must be taken to sever their influence, prevent their interference, and eliminate their presence in the country. Colonial powers must not be allowed to establish permanent embassies that serve as hubs for espionage and recruitment of agents. Any contact with these nations should be deemed an act of high treason.

10- Withdraw from the United Nations and highlight that it is merely a tool of the colonial powers, used to interfere in the affairs of subjugated nations and peoples. The illegitimacy of what is called "international law" must also be emphasized, while distinguishing between it and genuine international norms.

11- The state must directly manage public resources, especially oil, without allowing foreign companies and capital to exploit these resources under the guise of investment. Efforts should be made to attract Islamic capital and involve it in economic development, ensuring that the wealth's proceeds are used to stimulate the economy and benefit the people. The state must not rely on foreign aid.

12- Develop an urgent economic plan to achieve food security and direct agriculture to counter any potential economic blockade that could compromise the state's sovereignty. Begin supporting and building local industries, focusing on military, electronic, and digital industries, and attract emigrated talent by providing necessary incentives.

13- Immediately reform the education system and policy, basing it on Islamic culture to produce scholars, thinkers, doctors, engineers, technicians, and experts across all fields who can contribute to the development process.

14- Align media policies and institutions to serve the state's Islamic vision and governance objectives. Media should showcase the state's efforts in serving the people and managing their affairs according to Sharia.

15- Organize the judiciary and courts based on Islamic principles, dividing them into ordinary courts, Hisbah courts, and grievance courts, with all rulings derived from Sharia.

These are some critical steps that we believe are essential to sever the ties of the West and its allies, liberate the Ummah from their control, and ensure the implementation of Allah's Sharia and the establishment of His rule by founding Al-Khilafah Al-Rashidah on the method of Prophethood. These steps serve as a decisive criterion in judging any system in Muslim lands regarding its validity, integrity, and whether to support or oppose it.

In conclusion, we reiterate that Hizb ut Tahrir has presented a draft constitution for Dawlat Al-Khilafah (the Caliphate state), encompassing all aspects of life, with articles derived from the Islamic creed and Sharia evidence. We call upon the sincere revolutionaries, particularly those with power and influence, to examine and adopt it and grant Hizb ut Tahrir their support to implement it, resume the Islamic way of life, establish Al-Khilafah Al-Rashidah, liberate all Muslim lands from colonialism, free Al-Aqsa Mosque and other occupied territories, and carry the Islamic message to the world to save it from disbelief, oppression, and tyranny. Allah is the Helper and has power over all things.

﴿إِنَّ فِي هَذَا لَبَلَاغًا لِّقَوْمٍ عَابِدِينَ﴾

“Indeed, in this [Qur'an] is notification for a worshipping people.” [Surat Al-Anbiya:106]

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