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## Press Release

## 100 Years without Khilafah. Re-establish it O Muslims!

This Month, Rajab, of this Hijri year of 1442, marks 100 years since the formal destruction of the Khilafah (Caliphate) in 1342 AH, corresponding to 1924 CE. It has been 100 years where the *Ummah* has been living without the comprehensive rulings of Islam in all aspects of our lives, a matter clearly obligated in the Islamic texts. Allah (swt) says: إِنْ الْحُكْمُ إِلَّا يَقْهُ مِنْ الْحُكْمُ اللَّا يَقْهُ مُتَى يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْتَهُمْ ثُمَّ لاَ . Judgement rests with none but Allah" [6:57], and: (swt) says: إِنْ الْحُكْمُ إِلَّا يَقُومِنُونَ حَتَى يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِيمَا شَجَرَ بَيْتَهُمْ ثُمَّ لاَ . But no! By your Lord, they will never be (true) believers until they accept you (O Prophet) as the judge in their disputes, and find no resistance within themselves against your decision and submit wholeheartedly" [4:65].

It has been 100 years where the *Ummah* has been without her 'shield' as described by our beloved Prophet Muhammad (saw) where he (saw) said: «إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتَلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيُتَّقَى بِهِ» "Verily the Imam (khalifah) is but a shield from behind which the people fight and by which they protect themselves." [Sahih Muslim].

It has been 100 years without true unification of the Muslims, a matter emphasised the very moment the Prophet (saw) formed the first Islamic state in Medina where he wrote in the covenant: «وَإِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ بَعْضُهُمْ مَوَالِي بَعْضِ دُونَ النّاس» "the believers are brothers to one another to the exclusion of all other people (of the world)." And «وَإِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَاحِدَةٌ لَا يُسَالَمُ مُؤْمِنٌ دُونَ مُؤْمِنٍ And وَعَدْ لَهُ اللَّهُ فَي قِتَالٍ فِي سَبِيلِ اللهِ إِلَا عَلَى سَوَاءٍ وَ عَدْلٍ بَيْنَهُمْ» (war in the way of God, no believer shall be under any peace (with the enemy) to the exclusion of other believers, unless it (this peace) be the same and equally binding on all." And where Allah (swt) says: (أَلَذُنْ وَالَّذُنْ فَشَنَدٌ قُونُ تَكُن فِتُنَهُ فِي الأَرْضِ وَقُسَدَّ مَوَالَّهُ مُوَالًا مَعْذَرُوا بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاء بَعْضٍ لَا تَكُن فَتُنَهُ فِي اللَّذَاضَ وَقُسَدَة مُوالًا مُوَالًا مَعْدَرُوا مُعْفَالُولُ اللَّهُ فَي قُوْلُولُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ مُوَالًا مُوَالًا مَعْنَى سَوَاءٍ وَعَدْلُ بَيْ عَلَى مَوَاء وَ عَذَلُ اللهُ علَى سَوَاءٍ وَ عَذْلُ بَيْ يَشْهُمُ اللهُ اللهُ مُوْمَ مُوَالَا مَعْلَى سَوَاء وَ عَدْلُ اللهُ مُواللهُ مُعْنَ مُواللهُ مُواللهُ مُواللهُ مُواللهُ مُواللهُ مُعْلَمُ مُواللهُ مُواللهُ مُواللهُ مُعْلَى اللهُ مُعْلَى اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ مُعْلَى اللهُ اللهُ مُواللهُ مُعْلَى اللهُ اللهُ مُعْلَى اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ مُواللهُ مُعْلَى اللهُ مُعْلَى اللهُ اللهُ مُعْلَى أ

for the disbelievers, they are guardians of one another. And unless you (believers) act likewise, there will be great oppression and corruption in the land" [8:73].

It has been 100 years since the *Ummah* had, looking after its affairs, a sincere shepherd/caretaker looking over her through the guidance of the Islamic texts. The Prophet (saw) said: «أَلا كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ، وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ، فَالْأَمِيرُ الَّذِي عَلَى النَّاسِ رَاعِ، وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ....» *Every will be a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. The leader of people is a guardian and is responsible for his subjects....."*[Bukhari, Muslim].

And thus the result of this upon the *Ummah* has been calamity after calamity. Our lands were invaded, our loved ones murdered, our selves forced out of our homes, our devout *ulama* who uphold the truth persecuted, our riches plundered, and our sacred sites desecrated. Examples of these need no introduction whether it be the recent escalation of tragedies of the Uyghur Muslims by China in East Turkistan, the Rohingya Muslims of Burma, the invasion and destruction of Iraq and Afghanistan, or the tragedies of Palestine, Kashmir and India. The list is never ending.

It is not only the Muslims who have suffered, the Communist and Capitalist Liberal ideologies that have dominated since the absence of Islam have wreaked havoc upon the earth due to the injustices of man's rule. This can be seen in the misery that has overcome the vast majority of the world's population resulting from the viscously destructive wars, major economic

imbalances and injustices, disregard for the environment, the breakdown of the family structure, and the weathering of upright and righteous human behaviour. Indeed, Allah (swt) spoke the truth when He said: ﴿ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُدْبِقَهُم بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْجِعُونَ

## "Corruption has spread on the land and the sea in consequence of what people's hands have wrought..." [30:41].

Is it then not time that the noble *Ummah* doubles her efforts to re-establish the righteous *Khilafah*, the glad tidings of which have been relayed to us by the Prophet (saw): «...ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً ...» عَلَى مِنْهَاج النَّبُوَّةِ، ثُمَّ سَكَتَ» (...and then there will be Khilafah upon the Prophetic method and then he remained silent." [Ahmad].

The Khilafah that will bring security and safety to the believers on the back of those who believed and worked righteous deeds: Allah (swt) says: ﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ Allah (swt) says: أَنَدُ اللَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ Allah has promised those of you who believe and do good that He will certainly make them successors(leaders) in the land, as He did with those before them; and will surely establish for them their *Deen* which He has chosen for them; and will indeed change their fear into security..." [24:55].

The Muslim will then not have anything to fear when travelling through the Earth as Islam will be victorious: «واللَّهُ لَيْتِمَنَّ هذا الأَمْرُ، حتَّى يَسِيرَ الرَّاكِبُ مِن صَنَعاءَ إلى حَضْرَمَوْتَ، لا يَخافُ إلَّا اللَه، والذَّنَبَ علَى غَنَمِهِ» "...By Allah, this religion (i.e. Islam) will prevail till a traveller from Sana (in Yemen) to Hadrarmaut will fear none but Allah..." [Bukhari].

The Obligation is a matter well established by all the classical *ulama*. Imam an-Nawawi (ra) says, "They (the scholars) consented that it is an obligation upon the Muslims to appoint a *khalifah*, and that its obligation is by revelation, not reason;" and Imam al-Ghazali (ra) said: "the obligation of appointing an imam is from the necessities of the shari'a that simply cannot be left, so know this - If the Imamah becomes void so too would the delegation (of authority). The judges would dissolve and join the ranks of the people. Proper legal disposal of rights with respect of life, blood, honour and wealth would be prevented, and application of the shari'a would end in all these important matters."

Hizb ut Tahrir warmly invites you, O noble Muslims, towards this great work. We invite you to learn more about this great obligation. We invite you to seize the opportunity to carry out a task not asked of this *Ummah* since the time of the Prophet (saw) and his noble *Sahabah* (ra) - The task of establishing Allah's (swt) *Deen* in the lands! Then we will return with grace, after our obedience to Him (swt), towards His (swt) Pleasure. (if a an an a an article at a a an article at a an ar

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