

Press Release

Joining the Saudi-Led Military Alliance is a Treacherous Crime The So-Called Coalition's only Purposes are to fulfil the Geopolitical Goals of Crusading America and annihilate the Revival of Political Islam

Month-long military exercises dubbed "Joint Gulf Shield 1" - under the Saudi-led Islamic military alliance of 42 nations has ended on Monday, April 16, 2018 in Saudi Arabia's eastern city of Jubail in the presence of the Saudi King Salman bin Abdul Aziz and the leaders of 24 of the participating Muslim countries, including Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Tens of thousands of soldiers of Muslim countries have joined the military exercise, considered to be the largest in the region in terms of the number of participating countries and the modern military equipment used including US warships.

It is noteworthy that after the commencement of the Gulf Shield 1 military drills, the Royal Saudi Land Forces (RSLF) and US army were also carrying out another drill concurrently (Joint Friendship Military Drill 2018) with an aim to strengthen the mutual military relations, unify planning procedures, coordinate and cooperate between the two sides. While Saudi Arabia was leading the joint drill with other Muslim countries, the training of its armies separately by its master America signifies the very fact that the so-called Islamic military alliance under the leadership of Saudi Arabia is nothing other than a deceptive American ploy to utilize the Muslim countries to safeguard its geo-political interests in the Middle-East and other Muslim lands. As it has already realized that all its interventions in the Muslim lands under the pretext of "war on terror" has miserably failed, and now exhausted both financially and militarily to further carry on with its never-ending war with Muslims. Hence, America was badly in need of this alliance which it materialized through its biggest puppet of the region – the backstabber Saudi Arabia. On November 29, 2015, US Senator Lindsey Graham along with John McCain said in a TV interview that in future most of the fighting will have to be done by the Middle East countries and they will also pay for the war expenses. And shortly after that we saw the formation of the 'grand military alliance' of 34 Muslim countries (which has now expanded to 42 countries) by Saudi Arabia on December 15, 2015 to combat "terrorism". Hizb ut Tahrir, Wilayah Bangladesh immediately issued a press release on December 18, 2015 (Ref: 1437-03/01) to warn the people and the sincere officers of Bangladesh military about this great deception designed by the US to extinguish the resurgence of Islam by having the Muslim armies do its proxy wars. And we, **Hizb ut Tahrir**, have been proven right as already it has become evident that America is allowing the Saudi-led coalition to massacre Yemen by bombing just only to eliminate the EUbacked players from the field, whereas we see no Saudi-led alliance interventions against the real terrorists of Syria, India and Myanmar. But alas, we saw with regret that once again Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's action did not reflect the values and aspirations of the people of Bangladesh when she said that the Saudi-led alliance had created scope for Muslim unity to fight against 'terrorism' (Daily Star, June 23, 2016), and forced Bangladesh army to be a part of this treacherous alliance, which is under the supervision and control of crusader America.

O Sincere Officers of Bangladesh Army! The heinous conspiracy of the colonial America to exploit this Saudi-led alliance for her own purpose is now fully exposed. Did you not witness the ugly face of this alliance and its absolute silence while the spoiled child of America, the cursed Jews of 'Israel', killed 15 of your Palestinian brothers on the Gaza border last month and injured hundreds more? When the Buddhist Mushrikeen of Myanmar killed thousands of our Rohingya brothers, dishonored the chastity of our sisters and slaughtered our children there and burnt their bodies alive, did the treacherous rulers of this alliance call for mobilizing the coalition armies? When the butcher of Syria, Bashar al-Kalb (the dog), used chemical weapons in Douma recently and massacred the beloved Ummah in Aleppo right in front of your eves few days ago, did the force of this mighty alliance move an inch, or did they leave those Muslims helpless in front of the raging murderous armies of Bashar? So do not be fooled by this military alliance that has been formed by the crusader America for its own interests. Beware, O officers! Fear Allah about being a part of this neo-colonial alliance for which those who fight the Mushrik forces in Kashmir, or the Jewish entity in Palestine, or the American dog Bashar in Syria are the "terrorists", whereas the real terrorists in the eyes of Allah are those spilling the blood of the beloved Ummah of Rasulullah (saw). Is not the traitorous statement of the main leader of this alliance, Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Muhammad bin Salman, sufficient for you to understand the veiled purpose of this alliance when he said last month in his tour to America that Israelis were entitled to live peacefully on their own land!

Again we, **Hizb ut Tahrir**, remind you that you will be accountable in front of Allah Azza wa Jal for your participation in this crusader's coalition to harm the Muslims. Reject Sheikh Hasina's decision of joining this alliance and unleash yourselves from the chain of this treacherous regime who will not release you to fight against the enemies of Allah who are tormenting Muslims for so long. They will keep you as slaves of America to be used for her crusading purpose which will bring you shame in this world and regret and agony on the hereafter. Give support to **Hizb ut Tahrir** in Bangladesh to establish the promised Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the method of the Prophethood that will challenge the crusader West under the brave leadership of its Ameer Sheikh Ata bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah.

"O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet." [Muhammad: 7]

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