

Press Release

## Another Chapter of the Criminality of the Syrian Regime and the World is Watching!!

(Translated)

On Tuesday morning April 4, 2017, the world awoke to a horrific massacre in the city of Khan Sheikhoun of Idlib, west of Syria, where the oppressive Syrian regime used poisonous sarin gas, killing more than 100 civilians and wounding more than 400, mostly children, as confirmed by the Directorate of Health in Idlib.

Al-Jazeera correspondent reported that about 30 children and women were killed instantly, while others died before reaching the hospital. Amid warnings of a humanitarian disaster in the city, which is suffering from a mass displacement after the massacre, was the reappearance of warplanes to bomb defense centers and medical points, destroying Ar-Rahmah Hospital, which was providing first aid for the victims.

This horrific massacre brought to mind the tragic event that took place on 21 August 2013, in which about 1500 people were killed in the city of Ghouta, Damascus. Without the shedding of a single drop of blood, the people died in their sleep, and more than 5,000 others, mostly children and women, were wounded in the most notorious attack with chemicals, again by the brutal bombing of the Syrian regime's forces.

The Syrian regime has carried out attacks with internationally banned chemical and poisonous weapons in various opposition controlled areas over the past years, which amounted to more than 140 attacks which left hundreds of martyrs and wounded. This was amidst a global condemnation of this regime coming from more than 12 independent organizations and 6 governments of major states.

Once again condemnations and expressions of regret and sadness are repeated, hardly without missing the statements of the heads of major countries, especially America, which had previously announced since 2013 a plan to remove the chemical arsenal, as a way to circumvent implementation of Barack Obama's threat to Assad earlier that "the use of chemicals is a red line." Kerry hinted then that the removal of chemical weapons would be a good solution and would prevent American military intervention, a solution which Russia announced that it would adopt and would convince Assad of.

However, the continuation of the Assad regime bombing more Syrian cities with toxic chlorine gas after the Ghouta massacre, the latest of which was days ago in

Khan Sheikhoun city, and without a practical response from the international community, rather the latter seeks to look for a peaceful solution to the Syrian crisis, and without a guarantee on the trial of the perpetrators of those massacres, all this is blatant evidence of the support of those countries for this regime and prolonging it through these negotiations, which despite their many names and different venues, their content remains one and that is, an increase in the killing, displacement and dislodgment to bury the revolution, which was marked by Islamic slogans and demands since its inception. This is as part of restructuring this mangled regime according to their interests and strangling any attempt to breathe outside their colonial system.

The suffering of our people in Ash-Sham has been increased by the silence of the rulers of the Muslims who still flatter their masters to the extent of closing the border crossings in the face of the fugitives escaping the oppression of the regime and in the face of the wounded and injured following this or that terrible massacres under the pretext of security concerns. A Turkish official said that authorities closed Bab al-Hawa crossing with Idlib suburb, on Tuesday, "for security reasons", indicating that it would reopen as soon as possible, despite dozens of ambulances carrying wounded people still waiting in front of the gate after being closed by the Turkish authorities.

The people of Ash-Sham as all Muslims, did not and will not seek their salvation from such rulers, but they are crying with grief and sorrow filled eyes to the armies of Muslims stationed in their barracks, especially those who are a few kilometers away from them, to come to our victory, to the relief of our anguish and the arbitration of our Lord's law through the establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) State on the method of the Prophethood, in which we will enjoy security and safety and will heal our breasts from the oppressors, the abusers of the lives of all of mankind.

Allah (swt) says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ \* وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَتَعْسًا لَّهُمْ وَأَضَلَّ أَعْمَالَهُمْ \* ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ كَرِهُوا مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأَخْبَطَ أَعْمَالَهُمْ﴾

**“O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet. But those who disbelieve - for them is misery, and He will waste their deeds. That is because they disliked what Allah revealed, so He rendered worthless their deeds.” [Muhammad: 7-9]**

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