

Press Release

Congratulations on Eid al-Adha

**Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, La Ilaha ila Allah... Allahu Akbar,
Allahu Akbar, Wa Lillahi Al Hamd**

(Translated)

On the occasion of the blessed Eid al-Adha, the Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah Iraq extends its most sincere congratulations and blessings to the Islamic Ummah in general, and we specialize in congratulating all the Dawah carriers, the workers for the resumption of the Islamic way of life, and foremost of whom is our beloved Ameer, the eminent scholar Ata Bin Khalil Abu al-Rashtah, asking the Almighty to bless him with health and wellbeing and to grant victory and empowerment at his hands.

In the past, the joy of Muslims on this blessed day was a great joy as they offered sacrifices as an act of worship to Allah and in hope of His reward and in compliance with the Almighty's saying: **﴿إِنَّا أُعْطِينَاكَ الْكُوْثَرَ *﴾** **“Indeed, We have granted you, [O Muhammad], al-Kawthar. * So pray to your Lord and sacrifice [to Him alone]. * Indeed, your enemy is the one cut off.”** [Al-Kawthar: 1-3] Their joy was even greater in performing the obligation of Hajj, as their hearts were eager for the coming of this day to make the pilgrimage to the Sacred House of Allah and perform the duty of Hajj. It is the duty that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said about it, as narrated by Al-Bukhari on the authority of Abu Hurairah, who said: I heard the Prophet (saw) say: **«مَنْ حَجَّ لِلَّهِ فَلَمْ يَرْفُثْ، وَلَمْ يَفْسُقْ، رَجَعَ كَيَوْمِ وَلَدَتْهُ أُمُّهُ»** **“Whoever performs Hajj (pilgrimage) and does not have sexual relations (with his wife), nor commits sin, nor disputes unjustly (during Hajj), then he returns from Hajj as pure and free from sins as on the day on which his mother gave birth to him.”** and it is the fifth pillar of Islam. Today, however, after the Kufr has engulfed the Muslim countries, and criminal rulers have ruled over their necks, ruling by other than what Allah has revealed, but rather, they have declared war on Allah and His Messenger, and they have poisoned the Ummah with the worst torment with killing, displacement and starvation until the majority of its people cannot anymore afford the sacrifice (Udhiyah). As for the Hajj, since the rulers of Al-Saud usurped the Two Holy Mosques they are restricting the Ummah in performing this duty, until they had the opportunity to prevent the Hajj and disrupt this great pillar under the pretext of the Coronavirus pandemic, opposing the great text of the Qur'an, **﴿وَأَذِّنْ فِي النَّاسِ بِالْحَجِّ يَأْتُوكَ رِجَالًا وَعَلَىٰ كُلِّ ضَامِرٍ يَأْتِينَ مِنْ كُلِّ فَجٍّ عَمِيقٍ﴾** **“And proclaim to the people the Hajj [pilgrimage]; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass -”** [Al-Hajj: 27], while the land of Hijaz is teeming with renegades and corrupt people and holding concerts, disregarding the feelings of hundreds of millions of Muslims.

O Muslims: It is a war on you and on Islam. At a time when the pilgrimage to the Sacred House of Allah is prohibited, the criminal government of Iraq invites thousands of Christians to the pagan pilgrimage to the city of Ur under the name of the Abrahamic religion. All this is happening while the Muslims are silent and the scholars of evil and sedition are justifying for them!

O Muslims: This reality, which does not please Allah or His Messenger, must be a motive to respond to Allah's command in changing and enjoining good and forbidding evil in order to return to you the goodness that Allah (swt) has described you with in His saying: **﴿كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ﴾** **“You are the best nation produced [as an example] for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah”** [Aali-Imran: 24]. So, the duty upon you, especially the scholars and the people of strength and prevention among you, is to topple the thrones of the Shaytan and establish the authority of Islam, in the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) state on the method of the Prophethood, that will liberate the Two Holy Mosques and the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque from the abuse of the abusers. Oh Allah, we ask you for a mighty and manifest victory. May you be well throughout the year.

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