

Press Release

**Prisons and Arrests will Never Deter Us...
We will not Recoil and We will not Quit**

(Translated)

Tuesday the 21st of December, the Court of Cassation issued a verdict endorsing the imprisonment of both brothers, Abdullah Ar-Raashid and Abdul Aziz Al-Munayyis for a period of three years and four months enforced imprisonment and labour. This was for what it considered to be the charge for affiliation with Hizb ut Tahrir which the public prosecution considers to be a proscribed group whose thoughts are established upon the Takfeeri ideas that is anti-State and calls for disobeying its authority and bringing down the fundamental systems through illegitimate means!

To begin with we say with our loudest voice: That the establishment of the rightly guided Khilafah upon the method of the Prophethood is from the most important obligations of Islam and indeed it is the crown of obligations; the Ahkaam of Islam are implemented within it internally and through it. Islam is carried externally by way of invitation and Al-Jihaad. The entity of the Ummah is preserved and safeguarded through it in addition to safeguarding its sanctities and resources. This is because the Imam is just how the Prophet (saw) described him: «**Verily the Imaam is but a shield who is fought behind and protected by**» (Related by Muslim).

Through the Khilafah Islam is brought into the realm of life, the Islamic civilisation comes into being and the standing, power and honour of the Ummah returns.

Allah (swt) said: «**وَأَن احْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَاحْذَرْهُمْ أَن يَفْتِنُوكَ عَن بَعْضِ مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ**» **And judge, [O Muhammad], between them by what Allah has revealed and do not follow their inclinations and beware of them, lest they tempt you away from some of what Allah has revealed to you** [Al-Ma'idah: 49]. And the Messenger of Allah (saw) said: «**مَنْ خَلَعَ يَدًا مِنْ طَاعَةِ لِقَىٰ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ لَا حُجَّةَ لَهُ**» **Whoever removes his hand from obedience will meet Allah on the Day of Judgment with no argument for himself and whoever dies without a Bai'ah upon his dies a death of Jahilliyah (pre-Islam ignorance)** (Related by Muslim).

As for the methodology of Hizb ut Tahrir for the establishment of the rightly guided Khilafah upon the method of the Prophethood, then it is well known that the Hizb adheres strictly to the intellectual and political work and that it does not resort to any material (or armed) acts. That is not due to its fear of the authority or for self-preservation but rather it is due to abiding strictly and precisely to the method of the Prophet (saw) in respect to establishing the State.

The work to establish the rightly guided Khilafah upon the method of the Prophethood means that the Khilafah must represent the vital issue of those working for it and indeed it must be the vital issue for the Ummah as a whole. As such in its way sacrifices are permitted however great they may be, difficulties are trivialised however many they reach and the trials are made insignificant however severe they may become. The method to establish the Khilafah is a Shar'i method and there is no crookedness permitted within it and it is a path surrounded by adversity. And in the case when the Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir fully comprehended all of that then they have also comprehended the consequences of matters. They have therefore prepared and strengthened themselves upon beautiful patience and perseverance in addition to contentment with the Qadaa of Allah.

In this context we say: We in Hizb ut Tahrir will continue going forward upon our path for the establishment of the rightly guided Khilafah upon the method of the Prophethood whatever that costs and demands in terms of effort, sacrifice and time. We are proceeding upon the straight Shar'i path whatever that costs us in terms of sacrifices. Prisons, arrests and unjust verdicts will by the permission of Allah never dissuade or divert us until Allah's command comes to pass. We will not be dismissed and we will not quit.

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