

### Press Release

## **Neither Presenting Naveed Butt, the Advocate of Khilafah (Caliphate), to Any Court, Even After Eleven Years, Nor Releasing Him, Confirms the Steadfastness of Naveed Butt, and the Falsehood and Cowardice of the Rulers**

On 11 May 2023, it has been eleven years since the Official Spokesman of Hizb ut Tahrir in the Wilayah of Pakistan, Naveed Butt, was abducted by government agencies. Naveed Butt was abducted by government thugs in the city of Lahore, on 11 May 2012, when he was about to return home, after collecting his children from school. The door of every court of Pakistan has been knocked upon, for the safe recovery of Naveed Butt. Even the Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances has ordered the agencies to produce Naveed Butt. However, the political and military leadership follows neither their man-made constitution, nor the divinely revealed Shariah of Allah (swt).

After all, what has Naveed Butt done against this country, people and institutions that he cannot be produced before any court? Why must he instead be kept in the dungeons of the parallel, secret system? Did Naveed Butt kill anyone, or was he involved in corruption, or was he colluding with enemy countries? No! Instead, Naveed Butt is the loyal son of this Ummah and one of its faithful guardians. He waged a peaceful political and intellectual struggle for the establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood, which alone restores the lost greatness of this Ummah. In a country established in the name of Islam, is his struggle such a terrible crime, that Naveed Butt must still be a victim of abduction and enforced disappearance?

Is it a heinous crime to demand the end of the American Raj in Pakistan? Is it a crime to expose the shortcomings of the capitalist economic system, and the democratic system that implements it? Is it a crime to present the details of the economic system of Islam, and all its other systems of life? Is it a crime to call for Islam's ruling system, the Khilafah, that implements Islam practically? Is it a crime to convey Islam through articles, press releases, speeches and presentations, to the journalists, columnists, intellectuals, politicians and general public of Pakistan? Is all this such a terrible stance, that Naveed Butt has been abducted and kept missing for eleven years? Can Naveed really be neither released, nor presented before any court, for this?

Today, the army chief is a man who claims to be a Memorizer of the Noble Quran. The army chief even tries to inspire people by reciting verses from the Noble Qur'an. Yet, during his command, Naveed Butt is not released, even though he conducted

political and intellectual struggle to establish ruling by the Noble Quran and Prophetic Sunnah. This confirms that, like all the army chiefs of the past, the master of the current army chief is also the United States. The US will always insist its servants work to prevent the spread of the call for establishing Khilafah (Caliphate) in Pakistan. This is also why, in the case that Naveed Butt has been martyred, the current leadership cannot even gather the courage and decency to confirm his martyrdom.

Let the friends and family of Naveed Butt, as well as his supporters and well-wishers in the Islamic Ummah, be assured that Naveed Butt's imprisonment in agency jails, is not a loss for him. His imprisonment, release or martyrdom, all contribute to his success in the Aakhirah. Allah (swt) said, ﴿أَمْ حَسِبْتُمْ أَنْ تُدْخَلُوا الْجَنَّةَ وَلَمَّا يَأْتِكُمْ مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ خَلَوْا مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ مَسَّتْهُمُ الْبَأْسَاءُ وَالضَّرَّاءُ وَزُلْزَلُوا حَتَّى يَقُولَ الرَّسُولُ الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا مَعَهُ مَتَى نَصُرَ اللَّهُ أَلَا إِنَّ نَصْرَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ﴾ **“Or think you that you will enter Paradise without such (trials) as came to those who passed away before you. They were afflicted with severe poverty and ailments and were so shaken that even the Messenger and those who believed along with him said, ‘When (will come) the help of Allah’ Yes! Certainly, the help of Allah is near!”** [TMQ Surah Al Baqarah 2:214].

If the ruling elite of Pakistan think that they will stop the arrival of the Khilafah (Caliphate), by making an example of Naveed Butt for the Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir, they are mistaken. The advance towards Khilafah, and the resumption of Islam as a way of life, is surging forwards with energy and diligence, regardless. This fact is well-known to the rulers. The Shabab of Hizb have raised the word of truth before the oppressors in the entire Muslim World. They have embraced prisons, borne torture and traded their lives for the pleasure of Allah (swt). The cruelty of the tyrants only strengthens the determination of men, who fear none but Allah (swt).

Indeed, Naveed Butt, and brave sons of the Ummah like him, are examples of courage and determination for us all. As for Naveed Butt and his family, they will be rewarded for their patience in the Hereafter. Allah (swt) said, ﴿جَنَّتٌ عَدْنٍ يَدْخُلُونَهَا وَمَنْ صَلَحَ مِنْ ءَابَائِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجِهِمْ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِمْ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ بَابٍ﴾ **“Gardens of perpetual bliss: they shall enter there, as well as the righteous among their fathers, their spouses, and their offspring.”** [TMQ Surah Ar-Ra'd 11: 23].

As for the rulers of Pakistan, however, they must relieve themselves of the burden of the huge sin of the abduction of Naveed Butt and many others. They must ask Allah (swt) for forgiveness for their sins. They must immediately release all those innocent people, whose “crime” is nothing but that they say “Our Lord is Allah (swt).” We warn these rulers of the severe punishment of Allah (swt) in the Aakhirah. As for this Dunya, we warn them of the justice of the courts of the Khilafah, which will punish the criminals who oppressed the Ummah, soon, inshaaAllah.

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