

Press Release

End Persecution of Hizb ut Tahrir

Let the Just Speak Now in Favor of the Honorable Advocates of the Khilafah

O People of Influence from within the Muslims of Pakistan... Its Judiciary, Legal Fraternity, Security Apparatus and Human Rights Advocates in Particular!

We address you regarding the severe and prolonged persecution of the advocates for Khilafah in Pakistan. Many have suffered severe torture, including sleep deprivation, merciless beatings, forced mind-altering medication and electric shocks at the hands of security agencies. Some have been imprisoned and some have been abducted, their whereabouts unknown until now. The authorities have repeatedly denied essential medical treatment and visitation rights to those in prison. And families, friends and well-wishers of both the imprisoned and abducted have been repeatedly threatened by the security agencies.

As is clear from the list that we present to you at the end of this open letter, this brutal treatment is inflicted upon noble Muslims, dutiful sons and upright fathers, from many walks of life and varied levels of education. Moreover, it is well-known that **Hizb ut Tahrir** is a political party that works exclusively according to the non-violent method clarified by the Messenger of Allah (saaw), throughout the Muslim Lands including Pakistan.

So, we must ask you directly that how, on your watch, did simply calling for the Khilafah become such a grave crime? How, on your watch, did calling for Islam become deserving of such severe punishment in a state that was established in the name of Islam? Indeed, how can the call to implement Islam ever be regarded anything but a duty, when Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَمَنْ لَّمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ﴾ **“And whosoever does not judge by all that Allah has revealed, such are the Zalimun (oppressors)”** [Surah Al-Maida 5:45]? And how can advocacy of Khilafah ever be regarded as anything but the noblest of pursuits, when RasulAllah (saaw) foretold of its return as being the cause of the end of oppression, «ثُمَّ تَكُونُ مَلَكًا جَبْرِيَّةً فَتَكُونُ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ ثُمَّ يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَىٰ مِنْهَاجِ النَّبُوءَةِ ثُمَّ سَكَتَ» **“Then there will be an oppressive rule, and things will be as Allah wishes them to be. Then Allah will end it when He wishes. Then there will be a Khilafah according to the method of Prophethood.”** Then he (RasulAllah) (saaw) fell silent. [Ahmed]?

However, matters are determined by their conclusions, so, it is not too late for you to raise your voices now to right these injustices. Indeed the atmosphere is favorable for you to do so now, for the crimes against Hizb ut Tahrir have become so numerous, that discussion about Hizb ut Tahrir has now entered the mainstream of society. Thus, those who raise their voices in favor of the Khilafah will be heard and appreciated, setting themselves apart from those who are silent over, or even applauding, the lowly actions of the brutal regime. Thus, we leave in your care and trust, a list of some of the advocates of the Khilafah that are currently imprisoned or abducted, reminding you of your duty to right the injustice and end the oppression.

| | Name | Age | Background | Family | Current location |
|----|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Aga Tahir | 39 | Textile engineer | Married with four children | Kot Lakpat Central Jail, Lahore |
| 2 | Arshad Jamal | 38 | Information Technology Professional | Married with three children | Kot Lakpat Central Jail, Lahore |
| 3 | Asad Jagranvi | 45 | School Teacher | Married with seven children | Kot Lakpat Central Jail, Lahore |
| 4 | Dr. Iftkhar Ahmed | 40 | Medical doctor | Married with three children | Kot Lakpat Central Jail, Lahore |
| 5 | Kamran Sheikh | 39 | College Lecturer | Married with three children | Unknown |
| 6 | Manzar Aziz | 57 | Businessman | Married with four children | Unknown |
| 7 | Naveed Butt | 47 | Electronic engineer | Married with four children | Unknown |
| 8 | Saad Jagranvi | 42 | Businessman | Married with nine children | Kot Lakpat Central Jail, Lahore |
| 9 | Saleem Sethi | 38 | Masters in Journalism | Married with no children | Kot Lakpat Central Jail, Lahore |
| 10 | Shahzad Ahmad Malik | 29 | Electronics Engineer | Married with one child | Kot Lakpat Central Jail, Lahore |
| 11 | Shehryar Najam | 33 | Masters in Business Administration | Engaged for marriage | Kot Lakpat Central Jail, Lahore |
| 12 | Qamar Abbas | 43 | Lecturer in Economics | Married with three children | Kot Lakpat Central Jail, Lahore |
| 13 | Zeeshan Akhter | 38 | Textile engineer | Married with four children | Kot Lakpat Central Jail, Lahore |

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