

Press Release

How is Forcefully Violating the Privacy of the Home, Terrifying Children, Beating and Abducting the Elderly Following the Example of the Madinah State?

The daughters of Dr. Romana Roshan, a well-known advocate of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood, held a press conference in Karachi Press Club on 16 August 2018. They demanded the release of their mother, Dr. Roshan, age 60 years old, and their father, Dr. Saleem, age 68. The elderly couple were at their daughter's home, when in the early hours of 13 August 2018, around 2:15 am, almost twenty armed masked men forcefully entered, some in police uniform and some not. They broke down the door of the house, terrifying the three small grand children of Dr. Roshan. These state officials came in four private cars and four police vans and one of the vans had a number plate "SP-7335." They turned the house upside down, seizing laptops and cash. In response to a request for a search warrant, they took to relentlessly beating Dr. Salim, who is a well-respected skin specialist, with a clinical practice in Karachi for the last four decades. They then abducted the elderly couple, not even allowing them to find foot wear and eyeglasses. They did not even allow Dr. Salim to change his shirt, which was torn as a result of their aggression.

How is such despicable conduct following the example of the Madinah State? Even the Quraysh had higher regard for the sanctity of the home and the dignity of women. Abu Jahl was accounted for failing to stop the Hijrah of RasulAllah (saaw), and was asked about why he did not break down the door to his (saaw) home and seize him (saaw) from his bed. Abu Jahl replied that he did not do so because of the dignity of his (saaw) daughters (ra) and the sanctity of the home! As for the respect of the elderly, mercy to the young and ensuring the call to Islam, RasulAllah (saaw) said, «لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا وَيُوقِرْ كَبِيرَنَا وَيَأْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ» **«He is not one of us who does not have mercy upon our young, respect our elders, and command good and forbid evil.»** [Tirmidhi]

Let us all, particularly those in the media and human rights organizations, raise our voices in all forums, at all levels, demanding the immediate release of our honored elders. RasulAllah (saaw) said, «إِنَّ النَّاسَ إِذَا رَأَوْا الظَّالِمَ فَلَمْ يَأْخُذُوا عَلَىٰ يَدَيْهِ أَوْشَكَ أَنْ يَعْمَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِعِقَابٍ» **«If the people witness an oppressor and they do not take him by his hands (to prevent him) then they are close to Allah covering them all with punishment.»** [Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi, ibn Majah].

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