

Press Release

A New Stalinist Sentence against Members of Hizb ut Tahrir

(Translated)

On 5 April, the Prevolok Military Court announced its decision regarding four residents of Tatarstan because of their activities in the ranks of the Islamic political party Hizb ut Tahrir, their sentences were as follows:

Shakirov Ayrat (born 1995), was sentenced to 18 years in a tight security prison

Yunusov Nael (born 1998) was sentenced to 17 years in a tight security prison

Ipatolin Rainor (born 1998) was sentenced to 17 years in a tight security prison

Selemzianov Arslan (born 1987) was sentenced to 16 years in a tight security prison.

In addition, the court set a suspended year for them even after the expiry of their sentence.

These Stalinist sentences indicate that they are political decisions, as the verdict did not include any talk about those convicted of terrorist activity. All the fabricated accusations made by the Russian intelligence service were all built on the basis that the sentenced practiced educational cultural activities among worshipers in the mosques, all because Hizb ut Tahrir, without any justification was placed on the list of terrorist organizations.

This is a blatant injustice against the Muslims and it falls under the name of the war on 'terrorism', which is waged by the security services and is in fact directed against the revival of the Islamic Ummah. Rulers fear the progress of Muslims in both quantity and quality. For this very reason, Russia has developed what has become known as the list of extremist articles, which included the works of scholars, including the Ahadith of the Messenger of Allah (saw). The aim is to deprive Muslims of their culture, and therefore the security services are pursuing the Dawah carriers, claiming that it is fighting 'terrorism'.

However, time has shown that any policy hostile to Islam will not be able to stop the revival of the Islamic Ummah, and those who see beyond the tips of their noses have realized that this policy will first harm the one who drafted it and implemented it. The Stalinist sentences because of activity in the ranks of Hizb ut Tahrir, the Islamic political party, will make of the oppressed Muslims an example of steadfastness and piety in the eyes of their brothers, and the society considers them as political prisoners.

Allah (swt) says:

﴿وَمَا نَقَمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ﴾

“And they resented them not except because they believed in Allah, the Exalted in Might, the Praiseworthy” [Al-Buruj: 8].

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