

Press Release

**Isolation of Imams from Friday Sermons is a War on Allah's Deen... to Please America!**

(Translated)

The newspapers reported on Sunday and Monday, 26-27 of February 2017 the news of the decision to stop the two Imams (from delivering sermons) of the Grand Masjid in central Khartoum by the Supreme Council for Dawah in the Wilayah of Khartoum. The two honourable sheikhs are Kamal Rizq, and Ismail Al-Hakim; the decision was made orally, through the Executive Director of the mosque, without a formal written document, Sheikh Kamal Rizq said to "Akhir Lahtha" Newspaper on Sunday, 26/02/2017: **"That he was delivering the sermons at the mosque for 23 years, and that he did not rule out that the reason for dispensing of them is their approach to the sermon, which is unwelcome by some parties."** Sheikh Ismail Al-Hakim said, in his response to the question in "As-Saiha" Newspaper issued on Monday, 27/2/2017, whether there was a body in the State that is disturbed by their criticism of it, from the pulpit, during the sermon, his reply was: **"He is afraid that this process to stop them is linked to policies and calls for gagging, and that this is the start of this policy, from this platform, adding that he did not see anything new in the sermons they delivered that calls for stopping them, they addressed the same issues that they covered over previous years."**

It is clear that the government of Sudan, is speeding up its implementation of the American project for the secularization of Sudan, and the exclusion of Islam, and the silencing of the tongues of the sincere that calls for Islam. Isolating Imams from Friday sermons is a war on Allah's Deen; to please America! In the month of August 2016 the Minister of Guidance, Ammar Al-Mirghani, decided to prohibit Islamic study circles and speaking about Islam in the markets, and public places, and then he said: **"There are big decisions coming to direct the Dawah in the country in the right path"**, and in an interview with him on 18/8/2016, he said, **"The Islamic call's discourse must be at the level of the understanding of worshipers, An Imam of a mosque cannot be talking to the public about governance, and he said: "it is imperative that we re-draft the religious discourse."**

**He is the minister who warned the Imams in the program Radio Conference on 22/04/2016, from attacking the ministers and officials in the Friday sermon.** The Ministry of Guidance in Sudan held a conference on 28/4/2016 on extremism and terrorism, along the lines of the Washington conference to combat extremism, held in the US State Department on 17-19/2/2015, Islam was the accused, and plans and plots were drawn to reduce it, and to distort it, and to tarnish those working to bring it into to ruling, and describe them as terrorist and extremists. The Sudanese Deputy Foreign Minister said to the US presidential envoy for religious freedoms in an interview: **"Sudan is a country that has no religion"** (Al-Youm At-Tali Newspaper 5/8/2015)

America is seeking a reality that is now implemented by the rulers of Sudan; which is the absence of Islam's role in politics and public life, and that people must not demand the implementation of Islamic law (Shariah), and that the rulers are not to be held accountable on the basis of Islam, as they should, they want to reduce Islam and limit it to acts of worship, and individual matters, that is, they want it to be priestly and has nothing to do with people's lives, and the continuation of the removal of the Shariah law, and to implement man-made law having taken the slogans of Islam previously to titillate the Ummah's emotions **﴿يُرِيدُونَ أَن يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَيَأْبَى اللَّهُ إِلَا أَن يُظهِرَ نُورَهُ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ﴾** **"They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah refuses except to perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it"** [At-Tawba: 32]

All of this is in an effort (by the government) to please America, and to pant behind normalization with it, and in hope to remove the name of Sudan from the list of states that sponsor terrorism.

The evil plotting of America against Islam and Muslims, which is implemented by the rulers of Sudan, is doomed to fail, Allah willing, this is the time, no doubt, of Islam and its state; the second righteous Khilafah state (Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood, despite the spiteful ones and their plots. And then those who wronged will realize to which end they shall be returned.

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