

Press Release

## The Judiciary "Now Living its Golden Age" Continues to Implement its Unjust Sentences Against Muslims!

(Translated)

To this day, the courts of Independence continue to open baseless cases and illegal practices and implement their sentences against Muslims who have not surrendered to the official ideology and have not accepted democracy and secularism and who refused to accept anything but Islam in ruling. The secularist Kemalist understanding that "the law is the dog of politics" requires whoever is in power to fulfill his duty in all cases, be it the courts of Independence, the State Security courts, the special courts of the authority, or the Supreme Court. Although during this long period, dozens of governments have changed and many "improvements" have been made as they claim! But the only thing that has not changed is the illegal sanctions against Muslims.

These illegal practices continued and multiplied during the AKP rule in particular. Today, the 16th Criminal Court, following the July 15<sup>th</sup> attacks, is following its predecessor the famous Ninth Criminal Court, whose members are being tried on charges of belonging to the opposition, to sign and ratify the sanctions. These days, sentences are being issued and approved in bulk against the Islamic groups in general, and Hizb ut Tahrir members in particular. Despite all the cases of discrimination raised, the 16<sup>th</sup> Criminal Court illegally sanctioned the imprisonment of 58 Hizb ut Tahrir members in four different files totaling 285 years.

The High Court of the 16<sup>th</sup> Criminal Court has classified Hizb ut Tahrir in these illegal trials within the scope of a "terrorist organization", which made Hizb ut Tahrir, whose work is limited to thought and politics, on the same side as the terrorist organizations that feed on violence and chaos. However, security reports in the cases in which it is being tried clearly state that Hizb ut Tahrir, since its inception in 1953 to this day, has never adopted coercion and violence as a method in its policies. Again, and according to security reports and the National Intelligence Agency, Hizb ut Tahrir has not yet come close to any event involving terror or force neither in Turkey nor in any other country. In addition, judges and prosecutors conducted the unfair trials of members of Hizb ut Tahrir in 2009 and accused them of baseless charges and conducted investigations and prosecutions through police and security officers.

These judges and prosecutors were arrested on charges of being members of an organization that is part of the opposition. It is clear that injustice will not last! This needs to be taken into consideration by the current judges and prosecutors who oppress Hizb ut Tahrir Shabab... And now after these illegal decisions, we ask the 16th Criminal Court of the Supreme Court: which of the work of Hizb ut Tahrir includes force or coercion? Is organizing conferences, issuing books and magazines and issuing press releases a terrorist act?! If this is the situation, then why do you not announce to the people that publishing books is a terrorist act? Or is it that your excuse is abhorrent and you are ashamed of this announcement?! You are aware that our work is to call for the implementation of the Shariah law by establishing the Khilafah (Caliphate) that rules with the Shariah considered a crime?! Is it allowed to call for the foreign Kaffir democracy? Is the call for the promise of Allah (swt) and the glad-tiding of the Messenger of Allah (saw) and the liberation of the Ummah is not permissible? We will not accept other than Islam as an alternative, and we will always proclaim the truth tirelessly, nor will we be intimidated by the injustice of the oppressive ruler.

﴿الَّذِينَ قَالَ لَهُمُ النَّاسُ إِنَّ النَّاسَ قَدِ جَمَعُوا لَكُمْ فَآخِشْتَهُمْ فَزَادَهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَقَالُوا حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ﴾

**"Those to whom hypocrites said, "Indeed, the people have gathered against you, so fear them." But it [merely] increased them in faith, and they said, "Sufficient for us is Allah, and [He is] the best Disposer of affairs." [Al-i-Imran: 173]**

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