Letter to the Bangladesh High Commissioner, UK

9th December 2009

Dear High Commissioner,

As you are aware, your government banned Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh on October 22nd 2009, and since then the spokesman of the party, Asst. Prof. Mohiuddin Ahmed, has been placed under house arrest, his bank account temporarily frozen thereby restricting him from depositing or withdrawing his salary payments. Furthermore, recent media reports suggest that your government is planning to permanently close bank accounts in the name of Mohiuddin Ahmed. It has been over a month now since his house arrest, yet your government has failed to bring any formal charges against him and have not yet produced any evidence behind the allegation it made to ban Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh. Such actions by your government are totally unjustified, oppressive, and similar in nature to how brutal dictators around the world deal with their political opponents.

We are also aware how your government has resorted to American style tactics of kidnapping opponents in order to silence their opposition. Only recently several members of Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh were arrested while they were preparing to file a case against your government's unjustified banning. We are not surprised by such actions of your government as it only reflects your government's desperation and lowliness because your government failed to face the party intellectually and politically.

As to your government's allegation that Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh is a threat to 'public safety' all those who are aware and sincere know full well that these allegations are baseless and ridiculous. Unlike the Awami League and BNP who introduced the politics of violence, mob rule, hartal, looting and money laundering, Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh is an Islamic political party that pursues its goal to establish the Khilafah (Islamic State) by totally adhering to the method of Muhammed (SAW). The method of Muhammed (SAW) was a non-violent method that strictly involved engaging in intellectual and political activities to create public opinion for implementing Islam. Therefore, violence is something completely alien to Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh. It is because of these reasons Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh consists of people who are sincere, dedicated, educated and professionals. It is these facts that scares your government the most hence they resort to unjustified actions.

We, Hizb ut-Tahrir Britain, condemn the action of your government and demand the immediate release of Mohiuddin Ahmed, withdrawal of the ban on Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh, an immediate end to all form of harassment and the release of all other members and workers of the party who have been arrested or kidnapped.

Know well, that banning and torturing our members is a failed tactic; it only increases our resolve. We will, insha-Allah, continue to work with the public and strengthen our movement in Bangladesh despite the obstacles put by the Awami League government and others. We will continue to build support within the masses for a new politics in Bangladesh, which is the aspiration of the people that will end the politics of crime, corruption and terror that has crippled the country for the last three decades.

We deliver this message to you, as you are the representative of the Bangladesh government, because of the saying of our beloved messenger (SAW) who said:

'The Master of Martyrs is Hamza, and the one who stands in front of the Tyrant Ruler and accounts him and is killed for this'. *(Hakim)*

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