

## Oh Muslims! How Long this Silence on the Wickedness of this Dictator President?!

After the demise of the Soviet Union, which despite its great efforts failed to distance Muslims away from their *Deen*, the Muslims began to hold steadfast to it with great fervour and zeal much to irritation and annoyance of Russia and the West. Therefore the Russia and the West instigated disturbances and turbulence in the region and especially in Tajikistan which resulted in the death of hundreds of thousands of Muslims in the ensuing civil war planned by Russia (through its security apparatus) which for a very brief period caused the Muslims to be less inclined towards Islam. But soon the love and zeal of Islam returned with even greater and redoubled fervour. This greatly helped the activities of the dedicated sons of the *Ummah*, the Shabab of Hizb ut-Tahrir who exerted great efforts so that the Muslims of Tajikistan returned to their Deen. Thus its sacrifices and steadfastness yielded achieved considerable results during the past decade.

It was but natural that the president, a client of the *Kuffar* would be severely apprehensive and worried over such a situation and would intensify his war on Islam and Muslims and especially the Shabab of Hizb ut-Tahrir. In the last decade hundreds of Hizb ut-Tahrir Shabab were sentenced to long prison terms and now one finds hundreds of them serving time in jails. This war waged by Rahmanov and his cohorts has further intensified in the last two years under orders of their *Kafir* masters. **This includes the Freedom of Belief and Religious Organisations Law, Compulsory Registration of Mosques which resulted in shutting down of a large number of them, Prohibition of wearing Hijab in the Secondary schools. This oppression and detention is not restricted to the Shabab of Hizb ut-Tahrir alone, it has also included the youth of the ‘Tablighi Jama’at’, the Salafis, the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, al-Qaeda, the Islamic Revival Party of Tajikistan and all other Muslims.** The list is long. This points to a new phase in president Rahmanov and his cohorts’ criminal war against Islam and Muslims under the orders of their kafir masters. This agent ruler who cares for nothing but make-believe high status and the worldly wealth executes the orders of his masters ‘with total sincerity’ in his war on Islam and Muslims merely to keep his masters pleased. In the recent months, this has reached an all-time high and he is now waging this war blatantly and unabashedly on every manifestation of Islam. Indeed the Prophet (saw) truthfully said about such oppressive rulers:

"إذا لم تستحي فاصنع ما شئت"

“If you have no shame, then do as you please.”

Here are some his actions that he talked about during his meeting with public and his statements on television and radio which he executes:

- ❖ By taking stringent measures, he prevents the youth from learning Islam outside the country. Such strict measures include forcing them return to the country, preventing them from travelling, threatening and intimidating their parents, etc.
- ❖ Exerting concerted efforts to keep the youth away from mosques and preventing secondary school students from attending mosques.
- ❖ Preventing men and youth from growing beard, arresting them for this and shaving-off their beards including intimidating them etc.
- ❖ Preventing Islamic education even at homes by resorting to arresting the scholars who impart Islamic lessons to youth at their residences.
- ❖ Preventing women and girls from wearing Hijab not only in the secondary schools but also in all state departments and agencies, markets and other places by taking various stringent action like dissuading them, threatening, penalising, dismissing them from schools and places of work and by issuing Fatawah from the speakers allowing shunning of the Hijab and wearing the national dress, etc.

- ❖ Imposing restrictions on those Muslims wanting to perform the obligatory Hajj and placing age restrictions on older people.
- ❖ Placing new restrictions on trading of religious books and tapes by imposing fines and shutting down of shops.
- ❖ Intensified monitoring of mosques through the Islamic Centre and the Religious Council and by appointing president's loyalists as Imams and preachers and by preparing topics for their sermons through the security committee. Intimidating and monitoring the Imams and preachers who are sincere and who have at least some keenness and zeal for Islam.

This dictatorial ruler who harbours intense dislike towards Islam and is severely hostile towards the Muslims has in fact crossed all bounds in his hate and spite for Islam and has waged war against it in which he has his match only in his Uzbek counterpart Karimov, the Jew. After all the barbaric crimes committed by him against Islam and Muslims, a question lingers in the mind: **Can this murderous regime be referred to as Muslim?**

Through such stringent measures being resorted to in the country, they intend to create disturbances and turmoil and intimidate the Muslims in order to keep their Islamic zealotry in check. The Tajik Muslims are an inseparable part of the Islamic Ummah. This is because the sincere scholars, and the followers of the various Islamic movements and a large number of Muslims in the country are being influenced by the call of the Hizb ut-Tahrir and others towards Islam and the correct and strong thoughts which are the foundations of the Hizb. This has cast fear and apprehension among those oppressors and their masters and this is why they have intensified their oppression and hostility. However, what they do not realise is that such actions undertaken by them only serve to strengthen the Islamic belief and emotions among Muslims who are reminded not to be afraid of anyone other than Allah (swt) alone. This Islamic belief encourages Muslims in Tajikistan to come further closer to Islam with greater zeal and intense fervour.

Which brings us to the question: What is the reason for this tyranny, despotism and hostility by these rulers in waging against Islam and oppressing the Muslims? The answer is clear, and that is in face of humiliations, the Muslims have become complacent and passive towards the rulers and have abandoned the command of Allah (swt) to hold their oppressive rulers accountable and force them to restore the ruling by Islam, Allah (swt) says:

*"But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e. neither believes in this Qur'ân nor acts on its teachings), verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him up blind on the Day of Resurrection."* [TMQ Taahaa 020:124]

We, Hizb ut-Tahrir in **Tajikistan** call upon all the Muslims of the country and all the respectable sincere scholars as well as the people of power and authority who have influence as also the followers of the various Islamic movements and schools of thought:

**Oh the Sons of the Best of Ummah, who have been created for all the people!**

**How long** will you remain passive over this repression and humiliation?!

**How long** will you remain passive and silent over this starvation while these rulers and their masters steal and rob the bounties bestowed by Allah (swt) over you?!

**How long** will you remain engaged and locked over differences and divisions which separate and harm you?! Have you not heard the call of Allah (swt):

*"And hold fast, all of you together, to the Rope of Allâh (i.e. this Qur'ân), and be not divided among yourselves,"* [TMQ Aal-Imraan 003:103]

**How long** will you remain a silent spectator over the usurpation of your rights and even the violations of the sanctities of your Deen, and you do not hold the oppressive rulers to account which Allah (swt) has mandated?! Have you heard the call of the Prophet (saw):

**"وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَتَأْمُرَنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَلَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ، أَوْ لَيُوشِكَنَّ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَبْعَثَ عَلَيْكُمْ عِقَابًا  
مِنْ عِنْدِهِ، ثُمَّ لَتَدْعُنَّهُ فَلَا يُسْتَجِيبُ لَكُمْ".**

**"By The One in Whose Hand is my soul, you shall enjoin good and you shall forbid munkar, or else Allah will empower on you the evil ones, then your best ones will call upon Allah and He shall not respond".**

**How long** will you be afraid and fearful of this oppressive and tyrannical ruler?! Are you not aware that Allah (swt) said:

*"so fear them not, but fear Me!"* [TMQ al-Baqarah 002.150]

Indeed, Hizb ut-Tahrir calls upon you to nurture it, study its thoughts and concepts and help its Shabab because they are your brothers and you are the sons of this kind *Ummah*.

Indeed, Hizb ut-Tahrir calls upon you to join its ranks and work to restore the Islamic way of life by establishing the rightly guided Khilafah State because it is your obligation! It is only by establishing a just Khaleefah that the rights can be restored to whom they belong and all problems can also be solved by him. The Prophet (saw) said:

**"إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ (الْخَلِيفَةُ) جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتَلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيُتَّقَى بِهِ".**

**"Behold, the Imam is but a shield from behind whom the people fight and by whom they protect themselves."**

Indeed, Hizb ut-Tahrir calls you to the pride and honour of this world and the Hereafter, so rise up and respond to this call:

*"O you who believe! Answer Allâh (by obeying Him) and (His) Messenger when he [sal-Allâhu 'alayhi wa sallam] calls you to that which will give you life,"* [TMQ al-Anfaal 008:024]

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