

Oh! The Muslims of Syria!

Set an example for such a Change that will set the Course for the Establishment of the Righteous Khilafah in the entire region.

On 27th of March, 2008 the prison administration of the Saidnaya jail severely tortured by *running steel combs through their flesh and bones*. Such prisoners who were exposed to this intense torture were mostly Islamists who sought help only from Allah (swt) in the face of such extremely unbearable torture and their rising cries of *Takbeer* even moved their guards and others prisoners were awakened from their sleep. This led to a revolt in the prison lasting for several days only after which it was brought under their control following which they resorted to various forms of intolerable torture.

Then on 5th of July, 2008, a team of military police entered the prison cells of the Saidnaya jail along with their arms to inspect the cells. They trampled upon the Holy Quran, humiliated their beards terrified the jail inmates by beating them brutally all the while cursing the prisoners and causing bodily harm...Such tactics exploded into a rebellion in many different sections of the Saidnaya jail and some armed forces men and officers were captured by the jail inmates who seized their mobile phones and contacted their relatives, media persons and international human rights organisations. However, as the required media attention was not achieved towards the incidents, the regime felt relieved under the international and American protective cover that specifically supported it. The regime tried to exploit the incidents by sending forces to prison in order to forcibly end the rebellion, however the prison inmates were able to capture some 1100 soldiers and officers. When the state failed to control the rebellion as they had planned, they agreed to hold negotiations which lasted for almost six months during which the regime attempted to forcibly storm into the prison, but failed. Atlast under false promises, it was able to solve the crisis, it promised not to charge the prison inmates as well as release those who sentences were already complete, to deal with the inmates in more humanitarian ways and to quickly deal with those detained under conventional laws. These promises were made by the representative of the state president since the prison inmates had refused to negotiate with military men. The presidential representatives including Brigadier No'man al-Khateeb, Colonel Ali Khair Beik, the prison director and other officials promised that the incidents of the prison will be forgiven and forgotten...Meanwhile the relatives of the prison inmates tried to hold peaceful protest along with other people in front of the Interior Ministry and in the vicinity of the Saidnaya prison, but they were forcibly prevented from holding any demonstration and the security forces used extremely harsh means to disperse them. As a result, the relatives of the inmates were forced to remain silent and could do nothing for their sons.

Now that the situation has stabilised, the regime renegaded its promises and has begun to prosecute some 350 prisoners who took part in the protests. Until now, only 24 of these men have been sentenced (5 have been given death sentences and 19 have been given life sentences), while the others are waiting for similar punishments which is a minimum of 12 years. In addition to these, the inmates have been condemned to live in steel cages. The prison is lined with hidden cameras and other listening devises, and the prison inmates can't even see sunlight or come out to breath fresh air. Their living conditions are extremely harmful for their health as they have breath stale air, leaked news is that the inmates are suffering from dangerous ailments and strangely, none of the media or human rights organisation has taken up the cause of this tragedy and what led to it.

This is merely one sample of how inhumanly the regime deals with its people inside and outside its prisons. The regime continues to indulge in such acts of arrests, torture and detentions as if it will remain in power for ever it does not realise that it will be held responsible for all its acts and by the Will of Allah, it will very soon be held to account for all its misdeeds. Is this corrupt regime under the impression that the silent tongues have accepted its misdeeds?! Indeed this regime is handling the situation as if nothing is happening around it and though nothing would befall over it the rulers of Syria have made the Syrian security apparatus as the most outstanding organisation in terms of oppression and torture in the

entire region. It has dealt with its people by spilling their blood in order to keep them under control, and at the same time, it has dealt dovishly with the enemy across the border with the Jews and even sponsors Jew tourists in the Golan heights!

Indeed the Syrian regime likes to assume that it is nestled safely in power and it is safe from any changes, most likely, this very nest will be its Waterloo. Be sure, change is creeping towards it the change towards Islam. The desired change is in the hands of Allah alone and no one can stop it. This dead regime can no longer stand in its face or defy it anymore, the change is on the way by the Will of Allah (swt) and certainly Syria will soon be an Islamic land and achieve the glad-tiding given by the Prophet (saw) about ash-Sham and its people. It is reported in Musnad Ahmad and Ibn Hibban on the authority of Mu'awiyah that the Prophet (saw) said:

«إذا فسد أهل الشام فلا خير فيكم، لا تزال طائفة من أمتي منصورين لا يضرهم من خذلهم حتى تقوم الساعة»

If the people of Sham are corrupted, there will be no more goodness among you, a victories group of my Ummah will remain among you, let them down will not hurt them until the day of resurrection

Oh Muslims!

This regime deals with you like an enemy and not as care-taker, so treat them as enemy, Allah (swt) has ordained that power and authority in Islam is for Muslims who would rule by what Allah (swt) has revealed. While the ruler in Syria is like all other rulers in the Muslim lands, indeed he is even worse, he has usurped the authority, he prevents and fights against ruling by Islam. He has usurped power from the Muslims by coercive means and inherited authority through forged elections which he has used against the people with help from his security apparatus. He has no regard for you and believes that he can protect himself from you only by intimidating, terrorising and humiliating you and by arresting your sons. He issues sentences against your sons through his security apparatus and not through the judiciary which is used merely as the façade to deliver his sentences, no more.

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Indeed it is Allah's right upon you that you establish Islam as the basis for your lives, to establish the authority that rules by Islam and organises your lives in accordance with Allah (swt)'s command so that you are liberated from the oppression of the oppressors. This cannot be achieved only by eliminating this dead regime, or merely changing one ruler with another who rules with the same system that is being applied over Muslims today; rather such liberation can only be achieved by establishing the righteous Khilafah which unifies the Muslims of Syria with those outside so that Syria becomes the launching-point for the Khilafah State which will take care of the Muslims and well as non-Muslims and apply the Islamic system which is the truly fair and human system because it is sent from the Creator Himself.

Dear Brothers, the officers in the Syrian Army!

Indeed the reigning system in all its aspects is alien to the Islamic Ummah, it is the enemy to your people which oppresses you through its various tools. It is the right of Allah (swt) upon you to become His helpers by supporting His *deen*. We are aware that there are sincere believers among you who are suffering under the present conditions and who desire change. They are afflicted by what is harming the people and they are saddened by the criminal misdeeds of the regime against its people and who want to be liberated from it all. To all such people, We say: "Gather and organise yourself and eliminate the ruler from authority and handover power to those sincere and awakened people among you who can establish the authority that rules by what Allah (swt) has sent down and establish the righteous Khilafah for which they are working without any deviation from it whatsoever.

Oh Muslims!

We in the Hizb ut-Tahrir in Syria, declare that we are well-prepared to carry out this mandate and lead the Ummah righteously in such a way that Allah (swt) will be pleased with us and with you. We say with all sincerity that we can already smell the emergence of the Khilafah and the fulfilling of Allah's promise is very near and hope that it will be launched from Syria. If that happens, and only Allah (swt) knows, it will be an unprecedented honour for you, Allah (swt) says:

الذين إن مكناهم في الأرض أقاموا الصلاة وآتوا الزكاة... والله عاقبة الأمور.

"Those (Muslim rulers) who, if We give them power in the land, (they) enjoin Iqamat-as-Salât [i.e. to perform the five compulsory congregational Salât], pay the Zakât (obligatory charity) and they enjoin Al-Ma'rûf (i.e. Islâmic Monotheism and all that Islâm orders one to do), and forbid Al-Munkar (i.e. disbelief, polytheism and all that Islâm has forbidden) [i.e. they make the Qur'ân as the law of their country in all the spheres of life]. And with Allâh rests the end of (all) matters (of creatures)". [TMQ al-Hajj 022:041]