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Open letter from Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh to the politicians, intellectuals and the people of influence

Dear Brothers,

Assalamu Alaikum

All of you are witnessing the insecurity, anxiety and desperation of the general people caused by the anarchy and chaos in the country's political situation. Similar to the previous Awami League government, the present BNP alliance government has been incapable of bringing any change in people's suffering. Today the vast majority of the population is deprived of their basic needs. The current ruling system has offered nothing to the people except violence, terror, corruption and looting.

The corrupt power politics of AL-BNP and their allies has not only neglected the people's affairs and denied them their rights. Together with this, they have also forsaken the sovereignty and security of the nation. The continuing incidents of bomb blasts and interference by EU-US-Indian imperialists in our national politics are threatening our sovereignty and security. Our economy is unable to progress due to the imperialist control and their exploitation of our national resources.

At this desperate moment, the people of this country will soon be facing another general election. Therefore, our responsibility to the people is to immediately determine the most important issues facing the nation and make these issues the most important issues in the agenda for the next election. In order to secure the basic rights of the people, protect national sovereignty and security, and free the economy from imperialist control, Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh is engaged in non-violent political work with the aim of establishing the Islamic rule (Khilafah government). We believe the time has come for the nation to reject the politics of benefit and looting and to establish the ruling which will unite the nation and achieve progress.

This ruling system is the Islamic Khilafah derived from the aqeedah of the people of this nation. The Khilafah government is the only method for uniting the nation, securing the basic needs of the people, protecting national sovereignty and security and freeing the economy from imperialist control. Besides the shariah obligation on you to establish the Khilafah, we also present to you a basic overview of the Khilafah government below so that you may realize the urgent need of it for the nation:

1. The people will be able to elect the head of state (Khaleefah) of their choice without violence, terror and intimidation.
2. The Khaleefah has clear obligations defined by the Quran and the Sunnah and he will rule the people based on his fear of accountability to Allah (SWT). Therefore, the politicians have no opportunity to do politics for achieving their personal interest or the interests of their parties and allies.

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3. The government in the Khilafah is constitutionally obligated to guarantee the basic rights of its citizens regardless of their religion or ethnicity.
4. The Majlis al-Ummah and the Court of Unjust Acts (the highest court of the Islamic state) will account the Khaleefah to ensure that he is guaranteeing the basic needs of the people and running the government according to the Quran and Sunnah.
5. The Khilafah state will adopt the policy of becoming a leading state within the region as well as internationally. Therefore the Khaleefah will not be cowardly and submissive in front of the imperialists nor will he forsake the interests of the nation in return for money and power. Similarly the politicians of the Islamic state will not call upon the imperialists to intervene in our internal affairs.
6. The government in the Islamic state is not permitted to allow private or foreign ownership of national resources. Rather the Khaleefah is obliged by the Quran and Sunnah to make proper use of national resources to build a strong economy free from any imperialist control.

Dear Brothers,

The current politics and ruling system has failed to achieve the aspirations of the people. The people of this country have been deceived and betrayed by the elected governments of the past 15 years. We call upon you as responsible citizens and as the leaders of the people to change the Awami-BNP politics of selfishness, corruption and looting.

Therefore at this election:

1. You must create a strong public opinion for the following demands:
 - a) The Awami-BNP politics of selfishness, corruption and looting must be changed;
 - b) The basic needs of the people must be guaranteed including food, clothing and shelter;
 - c) All conspiracies against national sovereignty, security and Islam must be strongly resisted;
 - d) Intervention in our national politics and internal affairs by the EU-US-Indian imperialists must be removed permanently;
 - e) The imperialists must not be permitted to establish control over our economy and exploit our natural resources.
2. You must make it clear to the people that the only way to free them from corruption and deception is to establish the Khilafah government so that the people start demanding the Khilafah and this demand becomes a popular national demand.

“O you who believe, answer the call of Allah and His messenger when He calls you to that which gives you life.” [Anfal:24]