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## Press Release

### **Agents of imperialists are using isolated incidents as a pretext to attack the Hudud and Shari'ah.**

In a press release issued today in response to the seminar titled 'Fatwa, Illegal arbitration, Inhuman punishment : Where is the rule of law?' held on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 in Dhaka Reporters Unity Auditorium arranged by BRAC human rights and legal aid program and BRAC advocacy and human rights unit, the official spokeswoman of **Hizb ut-Tahrir in Bangladesh** Fahmida Farhana Khanam said few isolated cases of implementing hudud (also referred by some as Fatwa) in some remote regions is being used by agents of imperialists and so called human rights organizations in the country as a weapon to attack Islam and the Shari'ah punishments. They are using these incidents as a pretext to propagate their false and oft-repeated claim that Islamic law is barbaric and inhuman. And as usual they refer to what they call 'the rule of law' i.e. the western colonial law and legislation as a solution for society. The truth of the matter is that uncontrolled crime and increasing rate of violence towards women in western society proves that these laws have completely failed and have become ineffective. In fact Islam strictly controls crime through its high values and exemplary punishments which secures the lives, wealth and honour of all the citizens in the state.

Fahmida Farhana Khanam said in order to portray Islam as oppressive towards women, some so-called intellectuals – who are actually the agents of the capitalists - chatter about humanity and women's rights and always attack Islamic laws and ruling system But they never mention the endless failure of present capitalist laws, legislation and the judicial system to protect humanity and women's rights. In reality, humanity has been crushed under the capitalist, man-made, biased and failed laws and legislative system. Overall the people are deprived of lawful ruling. Continuous extra judiciary killing, animalistic torture on women at home or outside and increasing rate of theft, robbery, hijacking, extortion, killing etc are only a few examples of how the people are suffering. Besides, people are hostage to the politically biased and corrupt law enforcing agencies, prolonged trials and some selfish lawyers.

She also pointed out that criticising Islam by highlighting some isolated incidents are done from an ill motive. She also said Islam never gives the authority to any individual to do whatever he likes and punish others in the name of Fatwa. In fact, the chief of Islamic state, the *Khaleefah*, has the responsibility to implement the punishment or *Hudud* of Allah. The *Khaleefah* implements Islam completely which encompasses the Islamic ruling, economic, education and judicial system. The judiciary and penal code of Islam will create a just and crime free society only when Islam is implemented as a whole completely and comprehensively. In conclusion Fahmida Farhana Khanam invited the Muslims to work for re-establishing the *Khilafah* state to implement Islam completely and to ensure an oppression free society.

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