

11 May: Anniversary of the Abduction of Naveed Butt

On Friday, 11 May 2012, Naveed Butt, a devoted father of four children, was abducted in Lahore, Pakistan, while returning home, after collecting his young children from school. Naveed was abducted by government security officials, as witnessed by neighbors and family. Naveed was abducted after over a decade of fearless, tireless and relentless efforts to establish the Second Khilafah Rashidah in Pakistan.

Naveed spoke the truth without fear. Naveed raised his voice against the betrayal of Kashmir, Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan. He raised his voice against surrender to the IMF, which destroyed the economy of Pakistan. He raised his voice against the spread of corrupt Western liberal values through the media and education policy. Naveed raised his voice for the truth, but the response of the tyrants was to silence him, even though speaking the truth is a Shariah obligation and a right for Muslims. The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, **«أَلَا لَا يَمْنَعَنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ رَهْبَةَ النَّاسِ أَنْ يَقُولَ بِحَقِّ إِذَا رَأَهُ أَوْ شَهِدَهُ فَإِنَّهُ لَا يُقَرَّبُ مِنْ أَجَلٍ وَلَا يُبَاعِدُ مِنْ رِزْقٍ»** **“Do not fear the people from speaking the Truth, when it is witnessed or seen, for it will neither shorten the life span nor cause loss in Rizq.”** [Ahmad].

Then, after long, painful years of struggle, the relatives of Naveed succeeded in securing official acknowledgement of his enforced abduction. On 4 January 2018, Pakistan’s Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances issued a production order regarding Naveed Butt, with reference number ColoED ID No. 860-P. The order states that “On the basis of evidence collected during the proceedings of this case, it is suspected by the Commission that Missing Person Naveed Butt ... was picked up by the personnel of Secret establishment and is held in their illegal detention... the commission is pleased to direct that Naveed Butt ... be produced before the Commission.” Despite this order, relatives and friends still have no knowledge of Naveed’s whereabouts or well-being.

It could be asked, ‘Why raise voices for Naveed alone, and not others?’ In answer, it is for every relative and friend of each of the thousands of abducted in Pakistan, to raise voices on their behalf. In this way, each good son and daughter will be known for their goodness, not merely as a name on a long list, exposing the evil of the rulers of Pakistan. Let these raised voices move from being a trickle, to a raging flood, that compels the reversal of this oppression, persecution and hostility against the believers, by the Permission of Allah (swt). Allah (swt) said, **«إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَتَنُوا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ تُمْ لَمْ يَتُوبُوا فَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ الْحَرِيقِ»** **“Those who persecute the Believers, men and women, and do not turn in repentance, will have the Penalty of Hell: They will have the Penalty of the Burning Fire.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Buruj 85:10]. The Messenger of Allah (saw) said in a Hadith Qudsi that Allah (swt) said, **«مَنْ عَادَى لِي وَلِيًّا»** **“Whosoever shows hostility to the Awliya (allies) of Allah, I announce war against him.”** [Al-Bukhari].

It could also be asked, ‘why highlight the abduction of Naveed when it spreads fear of the tyrants?’ In answer, the brave stance against tyrants by a good believer is a reminder for other good Muslims to fear none but Allah (swt). The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, **«سَيِّدُ الشُّهَدَاءِ حَمْرَةُ بِنْتُ عَبْدِ الْمُطَّلِبِ، وَرَجُلٌ قَامَ إِلَى إِمَامٍ جَائِرٍ فَأَمَرَهُ وَنَهَاها، فَفَتَلَهُ»** **“The**

prince of martyrs is Hamzah and the man who stood facing a tyrant ruler, ordered him for good and forbade him from evil and the ruler killed him.” [Reported by al-Haakim]. Indeed, before his abduction, Naveed carried a conviction that it requires only one or two martyrs to inspire Muslims of Pakistan to end their silent submission before tyrants.

O Muslims of Pakistan!

Naveed stood before tyrants for the pleasure of Allah (swt), and we must all do so. Our silence only ensures the continuity of oppression, and a worsening of our situation in Dunya and Akhira. We must raise our voices against the oppressors, until Allah (swt) brings oppression to the end. Allah (swt) says, ﴿وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا﴾ “**And fear the Fitnah (affliction) which affects not only those of you who oppress. Know that Allah is Severe in punishment.**” [TMQ Surah Al-Anfaal 8: 25].

Indeed, the oppression of the tyrants is not limited to silencing those who raise their voices for truth. These tyrants prevented the mobilization of armed forces in support of Gaza for over two years. Then they joined the Board of Peace of Trump, which is a board to oversee the disarming of the resistance against the Jewish entity. These tyrants obeyed Trump when he ordered a ceasefire against India in May 2025, even though Allah (swt) granted air superiority to the believers, after which the liberation of Kashmir was an inevitable matter. These tyrants abandoned the Muslims of Iran, the land of Al-Bukhari and Muslim, when they were attacked by America and the Jewish entity. Then they mobilized to save Trump by working day and night to deceive Iran through negotiations. These tyrants obey the dictates of the American tool, the IMF, and unleash a flood of poverty and hardship, even though Pakistan has huge resources, including Rare Earth Elements (REEs). And as their contribution to America’s global war on Islam, these tyrants are allowing the spread the corrupt Western values amongst the youth, as well as the spread of fornication and drug use within universities and colleges.

O Muslims of the Armed Forces of Pakistan!

You are the people of military power and protection. Currently, the tyrants exploit your strength for their tyranny. However, the Shariah obligation upon you is to seize the tyrants physically, as you are capable of doing so. The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, «إِنَّ النَّاسَ إِذَا رَأَوْا الظَّالِمَ فَلَمْ يَأْخُذُوا عَلَى يَدَيْهِ أَوْشَكَ أَنْ يَعْمَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِعِقَابٍ» “**If the people witness an oppressor and they do not take him by his hands to prevent him then they are close to Allah covering them all with punishment.**” [Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi, ibn Majah]. Seize the tyrants and end their tyranny forever by granting nussrah (military support) to Hizb ut Tahrir for the establishment of the Second Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly-Guided Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood.

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