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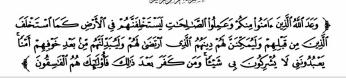


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Working to Establish the Khilafah State is a Shar'i Obligation Hizb ut Tahrir is the One who Works for It with a Clear Methodology Restricted to the Truthful Shari'ah

On Monday 09/16/2013, several newspapers and websites circulated the answer to a question posed to Sheikh Yasser Brahimi on his homepage "Sawt as-Salaf" around the obligation to participate in groups that work to establish the Khilafah and call for Jihad. The Sheikh replied the following: "Further; cooperation in righteousness and piety is an obligation. The obligation of engaging in it does not just arise for the sake of the announcement of people they want to establish the Khilafah or jihad or accountability or other lost obligations. Rather the methodology, the work and the means must be correct, in addition to the correct aim and purpose. Many of those who claim to have good intentions directed towards the right purpose are not so!"

What can be understood from the answer is that the participation in a group working to establish the Khilafah is a Shar'i obligation, but the group that shall clear the conscience before Allah has to be investigated. It has to be a group that unites the correct methodology, correct work and correct means. Regardless of the apparent disparity between the Egyptian newspapers in how they grabbed for the news, the text is only a carrier for its content. Therefore we in Hizb ut Tahrir emphasize the following issues:

- 1. The Khilafah is the system of governance favored by Allah for the Muslims, its obligation is inevitable and it has to be strived for relentlessly! The Muslims have been accommodated under its shadow for centuries, it was truly a protector of the Muslims. Since the Khilafah's abolition in 1924 CE at the hands of the criminal of that era, Mustafa Kemal, Muslims have remained without a shepherd who cares for their affairs, protects their Islam and defends them. We have become like orphans at a banquet of villains, and the Ummah's pride and dignity will not return until the return of the Khilafah on the method of Prophethood and the realization of the tidings of the Messenger of Allah (saw).
- 2. Hizb ut Tahrir has dedicated itself to work for the establishment of an Islamic Khilafah, since it was founded by the honorable Azhar-Scholar Sheikh

Taqiuddin an-Nabahani in 1953, traces the steps of the Prophet (saw) in his establishment of the first Islamic state in Mecca, one step after the other:

In Mecca He (saw) founded a block that engaged in intellectual conflict and political struggle in society, and worked to request the Nusra from the people of power and position. Hizb ut Tahrir is following this path, confident of the correctness of its approach pursued and for the work being done. It does not participate in the malicious democratic game to reach to power riding the current corrupt system, just as the Prophet (saw) rejected participation and riding the corrupt system of Mecca. The Hizb does not undertake material actions and does not adopt violence as the way for the establishment of the Khilafah, because the Prophet (saw) refused to do so. Rather it staved up day and night in the interaction with the Ummah for it to understand Islam as a way of life, that by obligation has to be applied in the Khilafah State, just as the Prophet (saw) did, until the obligation of Khilafah gains public awareness and becomes a demand of the masses that are no longer satisfied with a substitute. Then the idea of the establishment of the Khilafah will sweep the Ummah just as the idea of overthrowing Mubarak swept the street, that they overthrew him in 18 days! The Hizb, following the example of the Prophet (saw), also calls upon the people of power in the military to convince them of this project and its obligation, so they may support it and stand by its side, instead of being a barrier that prevents the establishment.

The Hizb in its work relies on Allah alone! It has confidence in His (swt) promise to the Ummah of victory, security and empowerment.

3. We in Hizb ut Tahrir call on all Muslims who have realized the necessity of working to establish a Khilafah, including Sheikh Yasser Brahimi, to engage with us to achieve this great obligation, to receive the greatest reward from Allah (swt), and to be with those who Allah blessed from the Prophets, Believers and Martyrs and those who are in their best company.

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُواْ اسْتَجِيبُواْ لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُم لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ وَاعْلَمُواْ أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ اللَّهَ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِنَّا اللَّهُ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ اللَّهُ عَالَمُ اللَّهُ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّالُ

"O you who have believed, respond to Allah and to the Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life. And know that Allah intervenes between a man and his heart and that to Him you will be gathered." [Al-Anfal 8:24] □

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Assistance from the Criminal of the Century for the Rescue of the Muslims in Syria is Futile and Lack of Foresight



On Wednesday 21st September 2013, the criminal Ba'athist regime carried out the killing of thousands of Muslims with chemical weapons in the land of Ash-Sham. As a result, America, who announced previously that it considers the use of chemical weapons in Syria as a red line, has indicated to the possibility that it will carry out a military strike. This is so because on the one hand it was embarrassed by Europe and on the other to maintain its international position. However, the nature of the strike, its duration, and timing is unknown! All of these matters are subject of study and discussion in the Congress since Obama referred his decision regarding the strike back to the members of the Congress.

America and the Western states who gave time to the tyrannical Assad regime with all the means in order for it to commit massacres have purposely stood passively with their hands folded surrounding the killing of hundreds of thousands in Syria until now. This inaction by the Kuffar to stop these massacres is understandable, however, for the rulers of countries mostly populated with Muslims to stand paralysed with their hands tied, and the apathetic attitude of both the Organisation of Islamic Conference, which will neither nourish nor satisfy hunger, and that of the Arab League, which is nothing but a formality procedure against the injustice committed towards their brothers, for them to seek support of the Kuffar out of fear is not an understandable matter in any case!

The rulers of the Muslim countries instead of mobilizing their armies to carry out the strike to save their Muslim brothers from the tyrant Bashar, they are content with providing refuge to those escaping from the oppression and with feeding the refugees. Allah (swt) said:

"Have you made the providing of the water for the pilgrim and the maintenance of al-Masjid al-Haram equal to [the deeds of] one who believes in Allah and the Last Day and strives in the cause of Allah, They are not equal in the sight of Allah. And Allah does not guide the unjust people." [At-Tawbah: 19]

At the time when the rulers in Turkey and the entire world await the American move, Prime Minister Erdogan has stated: "To carry out a limited operation is not sufficient, the strike should also lead to the disintegration of the regime instead of it being an operation of attack and retreat for a day or two."

On his part the President of the Republic, Abdullah Gul has stated regarding the same issue: "I don't believe that the military strike will achieve a result without putting down a political strategy."

As for us in Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah of Turkey, we like to direct a call to those who are concerned with the issue, we say to them: O President of the Republic Abdullah Gul! Who will set the strategy that will save the Muslim people in Syria? Will America, the enemy of Islam and the Muslims, or you who consider the Syrian people as your brothers? So what is stopping you from mobilising the army under your command since you are the general leader? And what is stopping you from carrying this action that will make you gain Allah's and the people's pleasure?

And you, O Prime Minister Erdogan! By your stance are you not placing the fate of the Muslim people in Syria under the mercy of the Criminal of the century and Murderer that is America? It is like leaving the sheep under the guardianship of the wolf. Or did you forget what the Criminal America has done in the past when it had intervened in Muslim countries?

As for us, we saw how millions of Muslims were killed in Iraq. And how tens of thousands of children became orphaned and how thousands of women were subjected to the brutality of the Americans. Likewise we have witnessed the killing of the innocent and powerless in Afghanistan by the hands of the NATO forces and the desecration of our holy Book, Al-Mushaf Al-Shareef. And we have witnessed in the past how the UN forces have surrendered Muslims of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the butchers of Serbia to exterminate them. Or have you not seen these events that we witnessed?

Also how can you guarantee that the aim of the military strike that America is preparing for is the despotic Assad regime and not the sincere Mujahideen? It is without a doubt that the objective of this strike is to punish the resistance movements and battalions who oppose the democratic project that America and the West want in Syria to replace the Ba'athist regime.

The aim of the Kuffar is to punish any Muslim that rejects the Western Kaffir project and works to establish the Islamic Khilafah State.

So Prime Minister Erdogan! The state of humiliation and disgrace that we feel hurts the Muslims, as they are in desperate need for a ruler who can give them a helping hand. Two years ago, a Syrian child directed to you her famous cry: "Wa Mu'tasimah!", "Wa Erdoganah!" hoping that the courageous Mu'tasim will answer the call. Just like the people of Baniyas who waited for the arrival of the Mu'tasim to protect them as mentioned in their letters. And now there are children in Ash-Sham who are heartbroken because of the use of the chemical weapons and they are waiting for the Mu'tasim to come and save them. By Allah can you not here?

Allah (swt) says:

"And if they seek aid from you in the deen it is your duty to help them." [Al-Anfal: 72]

You must know very well that the Syrian people do not want the help of America and the Western states like you do. The people of Syria today are waiting for the Islamic Armies that will heed to their call for support, just like in the past. The people of Syria believe that the victory does not come except from Allah (swt). At the same time they reject the strike that the Kaffir nations are preparing for whether it is limited or a wider strike.

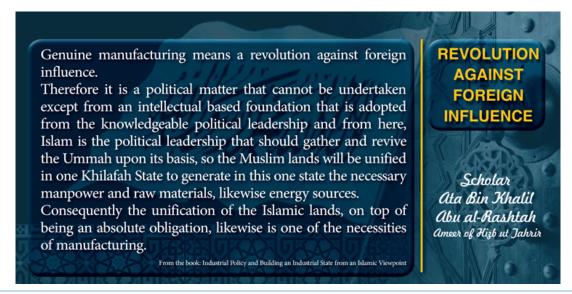
The Syrian people like all the other Muslims who are helpless seek to appoint a Khaleefah to protect them and their families, their honour, land and Deen. They want the Junnah (shield) that is mentioned in the Hadeeth of our Prophet (saw): "إِنْمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنْهُ يُقَاتَلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيُتَقَى بِهِ" "Verily the Imam is but a shield that is protected by and fought from behind." (Saheeh, Bukhari)

O Muslims! It is time for you to realise that the evil policies that are sponsored by America and the West under the cover of the UN will never be a solution neither for Syrian nor for any other oppressed country. The colonialist Kaffir does not support a Muslim. But victory is from Allah (swt) alone. The only way for the salvation of the Muslims is by establishing the Khilafah Rashidah state that will rule by that which Allah revealed. So either work for it or support those who are working for it.

Have true Tawwakul on Allah, as the victory is from Him alone.

"And victory is only from Allah. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise" [Al-Anfal: 10]. ☐

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The Strange Ruwaibida of ash-Sham: He sells his Deen, his Family, his Weaponry and his Goods to Remain Seated on a Crooked Chair for an Hour or so!



New episodes in what seems like a series of exposing episodes have followed up with the voices demanding an inventory of Syrian chemical weapons in an international covenant as a prelude to their destruction. The beginning was made by a statement by John Kerry during a joint news conference with his British counterpart in London on 09/09/2013, that Bashar can avoid a military strike if he submits his chemical stock. After some time, Lavrov said that John Kerry's proposal had reached his ears and he will convince Syria for approval. After about an hour, the head stood in front of journalists in Moscow and announced the approval in the name of the tyrant regime of ash-Sham. After that, in less than a few hours passing, France's Minister of Foreign Affairs on 09/10/2013 announced that he would submit a project to the Security Council on this issue under Chapter VII. The states soon scrambled to approve the destruction of the chemical weapons, from Britain to Germany over to China. Even Iran has announced that it welcomed this matter. How this reveals the extent of American leadership over these people!

Just like that the tyrant agrees to destroy the weapons for which the Ummah paid the price from its own sweat, to become ashes scattered by the wind. The justification cited by their head in Moscow is the protection of the blood of the Syrian people, and to prevent an American military strike. All these are blatant lies! His master of tyrants and his henchmen have shed blood in endless amounts and violated the sanctities and arrested thousands and displaced millions through aircraft, missiles and explosive barrels and chemical weapons, for which the people paid the price with the livelihoods of their children to protect them from the enemy. The fire that burned them was at the same time the security and the peace of their enemy. The prevention of the strike is a misnomer as well; the state that lost its means of power is more susceptible to military intervention than the one that still possesses such means. This knowing that if America decided to strike ash-Sham, their servant the tyrant of ash-Sham would not dare to oppose them, not even to raise his voice while crying! Moreover, the tyrant by agreeing to put the stocks of chemical weapons in the hands of America and its allies for destruction may open the door to seize the land of as-Sham, when the numerous inspection teams will ransack it to locate this stock, and will require a quard in the form of American and Western armies to protect their project. Thereby the delivery of the chemical weaponry by the tyrant will not postpone military intervention if it becomes necessary for the interest of America.

Oh Muslims: The family of Hafez and Bashar have served America for nearly half a century, kept its interests in the region, and stayed awake for the security of the State of the Jews ... When the people revolted against the tyrant, America and its allies provided him with all the opportunities for murder and oppression of the people, so that perhaps he could subside their movement, but he could not. He realized his masters want to replace him with another traitor agent of his kind, therefore they created their coalition and their council, and exerted their outmost effort to propagate them to the people inside Syria. They did not succeed in that, the cries of the people: "It is for Allah, it is for Allah", "Our leader till the end of time is Sayyidina Muhammad", the Takbirat increased with strength...all of that haunts them in their beds. America and its allies continued giving deadline after deadline to Bashar and his henchmen for their slaughter and oppression while their servants abroad continued making their efforts to convince people of democracy, a republic and a civil state, but they cringed in their failure...

Afterwards America started waving with military action as an introduction to impose an alternative agent ruler through the Geneva negotiations and giving deadline after deadline for military action to be assured that the strike will submit everyone to go to Geneva under military pressure. Since then Obama could be seen carrying a gun and then throwing it on the ground alternately...Saying "I took a decision" then returning to say "I am waiting for Congress". Along the way Obama is studying the results of the strike: Will it lead to Geneva and negotiations and the imposition of an alternative agent? If so he will execute the strike. But if it does not lead to the desired results, he slows down in executing the strike.

The Takbirat of the Muslims in the land of ash-Sham made the way to Geneva to negotiate with the tyrant a point of no return, because the one who accepts to sit down with the tyrant or his henchmen will be caught in the vicious circle. America and its allies realized that it is doubtful that the results of the strike will lead to the Geneva negotiations, rather this needs more time and more pressure. Because they are accustomed to deadlines whenever their order is not abided by, they sought refuge in a deadline again, bringing the Congress and the House of Representatives to lengthen the debate and postpone the vote, waiting to tame the people through murder and oppression and the threat of a military intervention, so that they will accept to go to Geneva for negotiations with the tyrant. The strike is not intended for its own sake, rather it shall be followed by the imposition of the rule of an alternative agent in the Geneva negotiations. They fear that sincere Muslims will ascend into rule before America can create its agent... a camp that lies outside the calculations of the Kuffar and their aids...a camp that will render its outmost efforts to expel America and its allies from the region, which will place the security of their stepchild the State of the Jews in danger, even the collapse of the whole entity is in sight...During all of this they taper their devilish minds in the destruction of the most powerful weapon in Syria that will affect the security of the Jews, and in particular they realize that their creation Bashar does not in the least benefit them in this matter. From then it became a series of exposing episodes, directed by America, Russia taking an extra role in it, as well as the one subservient to them, the traitor of his Ummah, the tyrant of Syria.

O Muslims: Adversity is the touchstone of men, thus will the struggle intensify after this adversity? You are a great Ummah that does not sleep over grievances, that defeated the Crusaders and eliminated the Tatars, and then returned to dominate the world ... After the Crusaders and the Tatars aimed to kill this Ummah, it convulsed again and conquer Constantinople and struck the gates of Vienna ... Because it returned to the source of its strength: its Deen and its Khilafah, thereby ruling the world, after it had already seemed to its enemies that the Ummah was terminated. So when they woke up from their sleep, they found something they could not even have imagined in their bravest dreams. If you return to the source of your strength, your Deen and your Khilafah, you will outshine everyone! Oh you who possess vision, take this into consideration, and know that if the misfortune comes it will not only befall the tyrants but also those who remained silent in the face of their injustice.

Allah (swt) says:

"And fear a trial which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively, and know that Allah is severe in penalty." [Al-Anfal 8:25]

Ahmad reported in his Musnad from Mujahid, who said:

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"حَدَّتْنِي مَوْلَى لَنَا، أَنَّهُ سَمِعَ جَدِّي، يَقُولُ: سَمِعْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُعَدِّبُ الْعَامَّة بِعَمَلِ الْحَاصَّةِ، حَتَّى يَرَوْا الْمُنْكَرَ بَيْنَ ظَهْرَاتَيْهِمْ، وَهُمْ قادِرُونَ عَلَى أَنْ يُنْكِرُوهُ قَلَا يُنْكِرُوهُ، قَإِدَا فَعَلُوا دُعَامَة بِعَمَلِ الْحَاصَّةِ، حَتَّى يَرَوْا الْمُنْكَرَ بَيْنَ ظَهْرَاتَيْهِمْ، وَهُمْ قادِرُونَ عَلَى أَنْ يُنْكِرُوهُ قَلَا يُنْكِرُوهُ، قَإِدَا فَعَلُوا دُولَا اللهُ الْخَاصَة وَالْعَامَة "
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"One of our masters talked to me, saying he heard my grandfather say: "I heard the Messenger of Allah (saw) say: "Allah does not punish the generality for an individual action, until they see the wrongdoing (Munkar) in their midst and are able to forbid it but they do not forbid it. If they do so, Allah will punish the generality and the individual." (Also reported by Ibn Shaibah in his Musnad)

Oh Muslims: It is a tragedy to destroy our weapons with the consent of those tyrant rulers... It is a tragedy that the Ummah has not been pressing its armies to dislodge these traitor tyrants who have corrupted the lands and destroyed plants and stones ... It is a tragedy to see our blood being spilled and not stop it, and to see our weapons being destroyed ...**Cont. on p. 36**

Dr. Ahmed Saleh Touma al-Khadr, President for the Position of the Interim Government in Exile, Its Mission (if it gets to See the Light) is to Take Over the People's Leadership from the "Islamists" and to Pave the Way to Strike Them



In a meeting attended by 97 from a total of 115 members, the Syrian National Coalition on Saturday 14/09/2013 in Istanbul chose Dr. Ahmed Saleh Touma al-Khadr for the position of the head of an interim government in exile, whose first mission is to take over the management of the areas under control of the rebel fighters. He was the only nominee for the position. Touma is an independent Islamist and a former preacher from the founders of the Damascus Declaration in 2005, which calls for "safe, gradual, peaceful change in Syria, and transferring Syria from its state of despotism to a state of democracy". Both Salim Idris and Ahmad al-Jarba have been pushing for his election, which then took place with 75 votes. It is expected that Touma chooses an interim government of 13 ministers to manage the Syrian areas controlled by armed groups. Touma said after his election: "The priority for this government will be to restore stability in the liberated areas and to improve living conditions and provide security." He stressed that "Syria will be for all Syrians, and will not be a place for killers and criminals." Touma's assistant said: "The opposition is under international pressure to enhance its credibility, and the goal is that the coalition becomes more like a parliament, while the government works as an executive authority."

Touma's government comes to fill the time gap, such that America frees itself from the organization of the conditions to create a transitional government in the Geneva Convention and its likes, as a result of negotiations between the coalition and the regime. This is to find a subsequent agent ruler to take the place of the preceding agent ruler! This is what America is up to, after the talk of a strike and chemical weapons and its ramifications... Therefore it is not expected from Touma's government to take decisive positions, rather America entrusted it with the role of harassing anyone that works for Islam in Syria... It seems that things are moving in this direction. Khaled al-Khoja, a member of the Syrian National Coalition, said that the interim government will have to prove itself quickly, otherwise the whole coalition would be undermined in favor of the most radical Islamists.

Thus, the formation of this government will not see the light as long as America does not want it to. If America views such an interim government to benefit its plan to hit the Islamists before the formation of the transitional government and to engage in the process of solution through the gate of Geneva 2, they will go forth with. What will help their stance is that all

regional and international systems of governance that are pro-American in particular or pro-Western in general, all of these systems are going in the direction of striking the Islamic movement that is prominent in Syria today. Everyone has conspired against the Muslims in Syria who are free of guilt, except that they believe in Allah, the Mighty, the Benignant. Therefore they chose Touma, the owner of an Islamic face, for presidency of the interim government, such that they are free to organize the conditions for the Geneva Conference and create the transitional government.

Oh Muslims in Syria as-Sham, the abode of Islam: The West and their lackeys from the Muslim rulers in the region conspire against you because they are afraid of the establishment of the rule by what Allah has revealed in Syria, and prefer the survival of the criminal Syrian regime to rule. There are serious attempts to hit the Islamic movement in Syria and to eliminate those who represent it. This preoccupies the West, because it is a threat to its colonial project in the region, and to the tyrant regimes in the Muslim countries, since it will overthrow their devilish thrones. The Muslims in Syria should beware of all those gathered and scattered, and of all those they utilize from personalities and groups, and of the aid they provide under the pretext of compassion, while its true intention being a torment. Working for the West and betraying the Ummah and the Deen is what controls all the actions of the Muslim rulers, even as they pretend to help the Muslims. All of them, and especially the rulers of the Gulf States who have taken humiliating positions towards the issues of the Ummah, are working to purchase the consciences with their money, conditioning to accept the civil state and not to demand the Islamic state in exchange for arms... Indeed, what they are doing is a great evil.

Oh Muslims in Syria ash-Sham, the abode of Islam: The Western conspiracy against us has reached a level that leaves no excuse to the Muslim for not calling attention to it and standing up against it. Those malicious rulers who govern us add to our pain, because if they only wanted to, they could have provided money and weapons to prevent our tragedy. But they remain deedless, because they have received their orders from the embassies. There is no way out for us except to unite to establish what Allah imposed on us from the establishment of the Khilafah State, which will rid us from all the Western caused tragedies. Hizb ut Tahrir calls on the Muslims in Syria, as in other Muslim countries, to work with it to establish the rightly guided Khilafah, whose existence has become a matter of life or death for Muslims on top of it being a Shar'i obligation.

Allah (swt) says:

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِينِهِ فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللَّهُ بِقُوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَهُ أَذِلَّةٍ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَعِزَّةٍ عَلَى الْكَافِرِينَ يُجَاهِدُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَلَا يَخَافُونَ لَوْمَةَ لَائِمٍ ذُلِكَ فَصْلُ اللَّهِ يُؤْتِيهِ

Russian Authorities Decide to Physically Eliminate Members of Hizb ut Tahrir Party



On 15 September 2013 at about 11 pm in the city of Kizlyar, Dagestan, Gappaev Abdullah, a member of Hizb ut Tahrir party, was killed. He was fatally shot not far from his house. Gappaev received several explosive wounds as confirmed by the examination.

As a result of this brutal murder of one of our Hizb activists, we would want to highlight some important points:

- 1. Gappaev Abdullah was an active member of Hizb ut Tahrir. He was sincere in dawah on the path of his Lord and was active in many community affairs aimed at the dissemination and protection of Islam, whether the activities of Eid ul-Adha and Eid ul-Fitr holidays or public protests organized against the authorities' regime, abductions and killings of Muslims in Dagestan. He also often met with many imams and community leaders to explain to them the true state of affairs of the Islamic Ummah. Being a member of the Islamic political party Hizb ut Tahrir and having much knowledge in many Islamic sciences he always made it clear to people that Islam was a system for life and called to work hard for the restoration of the Khilafah, because only in this system, it could be realized.
- 2. Muslims living in Russia have begun to awaken, returned to their roots, began to study their religion more deeply and also to study the history of the great Islamic Ummah. All this certainly leads Muslims to an understanding of the need to follow Islamic rules as well as to recognize them as part of a single Islamic Ummah. It should be noted that this awakening of Muslims is occurring worldwide and this makes the enemies of Allah and Muslims hinder the development of the Islamic Ummah. In Dagestan lately there had been public protests against the harassment of Muslims not only in Caucasus but also in Russia and also against the murders of Muslims in ash-Sham. All of this demonstrates the awakening of the Ummah and its returning to political activity.
- 3. Lately we have seen that Russia actively fights and assists the tyrant Assad's regime in every possible way; and despite obvious differences with the United States, Russia remains the main ally in the preservation of the secular regime in Syria. This Russian foreign policy activity is not associated in order to compete with the U.S. in geopolitics, and is directly related to the fear of the prospect of the establishing of an Islamic State in ash-Sham. Since Russia itself has more than 20 million Muslims, the

authorities are afraid of their political activity, especially in the context of global changes in the Islamic world.

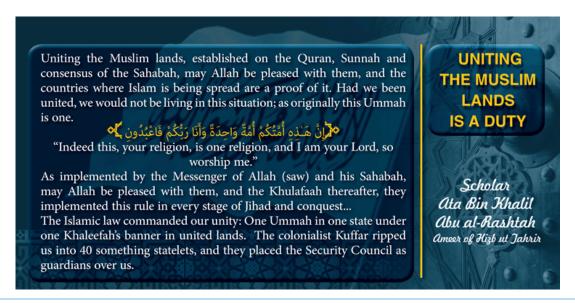
All these facts as well as many explosive bullet wounds to the noble body of our beloved brother prove that he was intentionally killed! His authority among the Muslims because of a deep knowledge and noble disposition, his practicing of sincere dawah to Islam and also his unwavering stance in protecting the interests of the Islamic Ummah became the cause for him being cowardly shot. In this regard, to all thugs who were involved in the murder of our brother Gappaev we want to say the following:

Firstly: You will never stop Islamic dawah carriers even though you may gather all your helpers from the people and jinn! All your attempts to stop the dawah of Hizb ut Tahrir are doomed to failure, do you still do not realize this! If you want to scare other sincere Muslims among the members of Hizb ut Tahrir by this cowardly murder, you should know that we fear Allah only and death on His path is dearer to us than life for you with all its pleasures.

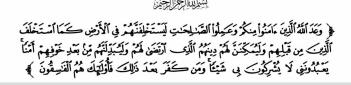
Secondly: Today you kill Muslims and violate their rights. So beware that the day when you will have to answer in full for all your evil deeds is closer than you think! At first you will see the sword of Khaleefah and then you will go to where unending torments in a fiery abode that awaits you.

Thirdly: A dog will never be compared to a lion, for when the lion dies, he leaves behind the glory, heroism and courage ... and a dog leaves cowardice and dishonor! Our brother Gappaev Abdullah was a lion! We ask Allah that you meet a Khaleefah soon in which you will answer in full for the death of our brother as well as for all the crimes against all Muslims living in Russia. □

11 Dhul Qi'ddah 1434 AH 17/09/2013 CE



Media Office Wilayah of Pakistan





04 Dhul Qi'ddah 1434 AH

10/09/2013 CE

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Press Release

An APC for American Raj

Kayani-Sharif Regime Buys More Time for the Americans to Tear Our Sovereignty to Pieces

The All Party Conference and its resolution of 9 September 2013 are no more than an "extension" for the American Raj. On the one hand the resolution declared its commitment to Pakistan's security and sovereignty, yet on the other hand it secured the American undermining of that sovereignty. They protested at drone attacks, even though Pakistan has the ability to permanently disable America's destructive drone program, which has obliterated thousands of Muslim men, women and children. Moreover even though Allah (swt) has forbidden Muslims to take their matters to the Kuffar and the United Nations is just a colonialist tool, which American uses and ignores as it pleases, they advised that this matter should be referred to the UN Security Council. Similarly there was approval of dialogue with those fighting the Americans, which is for the purpose of securing a permanent presence of crusaders in Afghanistan, after a deceptive partial withdrawal.

This conference is not held to bring Pakistan out of this so-called American war against terrorism. Rather it was held to further prolong Pakistan's participation in this American war as the conference declared that "we shall ourselves determine the means and mode of fighting this war". It is appalling that those parties, who day and night ask for withdrawing Pakistan from this American war, also signed this document. This proves that they only exploit the anti-American sentiments of the people for their political agenda. Therefore it is established once again that whosoever become a ruler in democracy will always serves the American and imperial powers interests. And this "eye-wash" conference took care to make no mention of severing the crusader life line that passes through Pakistan carrying wine, pork and weapons for the brutal Western soldiers. Or of expelling all American military, intelligence and private military, which are the eyes, ears and limbs of America's war on Pakistan. Or of closing the embassies and consulates, which are home to the brains and mouths of Obama on the ground, ordering and forbidding the cheap agents of the Kayani-Sharif regime.

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Media Office Wilayah of Jordan





08 Dhul Qi'ddah 1434 AH

14/09/2013 CE No: 34/82

Alhamdulillah the Seminar Condemning the Crimes of America in Syria and Egypt has Concluded Under the Slogan "Our Islam Not their Democracy"

Alhamdulillah, the assembly of speeches that Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah of Jordan called for in order to condemn the American intervention in Syria and to denounce the crimes of its agent Bashar in Syria and the crimes of its agents the rulers in Egypt, has concluded. A large gathering from the sons of Jordan of Ash-Sham answered the call of the Hizb. A large number participated in the activities of the assembly despite the rise in temperature.

The assembly commenced by recitation of verses of al-Zikr al-Hakeem (Qur'an). Then the speech of the Head of the Media Office of Wilayah of Jordan, Brother Mahmoud Qataishat followed; in his speech he warned the Muslims from relying on the Kuffar, as stated in his speech: "Here is America and all the Kaffir states from behind waging a fierce crusade on Islam and the Muslims by its own hands and those of its agents and henchmen in the Muslim land. Here it is killing Muslims in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Yemen with its weapons and drones. And it kills Muslims in the land of Ash-Sham by the hand of its tyrant agent Bashar and it supplies him with all the means in order to survive. And it kills the Muslims in Egypt by the hands of its agent the tyrant As-Sisi in Rab'a al-Adawiyah, Nahda, and on the streets and mosques." In his speech he warned the Muslims from accepting or allowing the Kuffar from the East and the West from interfering in the affairs of the Muslims under any pretext or name whether it is military or political, because this is a betrayal to Allah, His Messenger, and the Believers. He also called the Muslims facing this tragic reality to uproot the rulers and work for the return of the Islamic authority and to establish the Khilafah state that will cut off the hands of America and the other Kaffir states that are meddling with the Muslim lands.

Brother Bilal Al Qasrawi also delivered a speech speaking about the role of America to supply the butcher Bashar with all the means of power and survival and how it conspires against Ash-Sham revolution. And in his speech he commended the sincere revolutionaries in Ash-Sham and said

that they will not be fooled by the attempts of America to isolate their revolution and its demand to manufacture a new agent.

Brother Abu Bakr Fuqaha' continued with his speech, in it he warned the Muslims not to rely on the kufar and he directed an advice to the Islamic Movements in Ash-Sham and Egypt to not accept a compromise in any part of their Deen and that their aim must not just be to overthrow or elect a ruler or sit on the Ruling Chair, but instead their aim must be to implement the Shar' of Allah (swt) by establishing the Khilafah state.

There were slogans raised and they included: "The revolutionaries of Ash-Sham said it: 'We will not change our Deen for your democracy.", "Until when will my blood in Ash-Sham and Egypt be sacrificed for the West?", "They lied and said:" The solution is in democracy, so the result was the massacre of Rab'a Al- Adawiyah" and "Your intervention is an aggression and an aid to your helpers". The local and international Media covered the assembly that had a noticeable security presence. Media outlets conducted many press interviews with the Head of the Media office and a number of participants. \square

The Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah of Jordan









Media Office Wilayah Iraq





10 Dhul Qi'ddah 1434 AH

16/09/2013 CE

No: 7/34

Press Release

The Iraqi Government Exists Only to Sever its Lands, Humiliate its People, and Destroy It

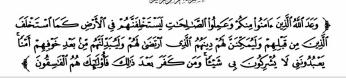
A new chapter of divisive Fitna and the provocation of discord among the sons of the same country is presented in the displacement of tens of families from the ancient As-Sa'doun from their homes in the provinces of Nasiriya and Basra (in Southern Iraq). They inhabited these areas for hundreds of years and were now displaced through threats of murder and usurpation of the land and leaflets thrown around, urging them to depart coercively or face death, according to well-known news agencies and satellite channels.

All this and more is going on in the shadow of silence and disregard by the government under the glare of so-called security forces. Armed groups are carrying out these crimes, moving freely and without even taking the authority or the law into account. The matter does not stop here, rather it stands in a long chain of similar incidents. In the district of Diyala, and areas known as the belt areas of Baghdad, families are subjected to security siege and continuous raids resulting in the arrest of hundreds under the claim of terrorism. This is only the tip of the iceberg!

Oh people of Iraq:

Such a government imposed by the Kaffir American occupier will not do with the servants Allah with what pleases Him. Their evil is prevailing and taking over the lands, the stench of their own corruption and their corruption of all institutions fills the noses. From the total collapse of security, daily bombings, assassinations and kidnappings of innocent people with or without flimsy excuse, to the obscene looting of public money without reservation or shame from which even Kaffir rulers that do not believe in Allah or the Day of Resurrection would distance themselves! The decline of nearly a third of the people below the poverty line in a country that does not reach a tenth of the economy of most countries of the world, and the list goes on. After all of this, we find someone who shamelessly demands new states within Iraq as though his time was the golden age. They represent the true saying of the Prophet (saw): "إِذَا لَمْ تَسْتُحْي فَاصَنْعُ مَا شَيْنَتْ" "If you do not have a sense of shame, then do whatever you like." "...Cont. on p. 37

Media Office Wilayah Sudan





10 Dhul Qi'ddah 1434 AH

16/09/2013 CE

No: HTS 54/2013

Press Release

When will Sitting on the Seat of Governance become an Act of Worship and Seeking Closeness to Allah?!

In his address to the youth at the Friendship Hall in Khartoum, President Omar al-Bashir, President of the Republic, said: "...because by Allah Almighty, we consider sitting on the chair to be an act of worship and seeking closeness, we do not seek closeness to Allah through deception and forgery..." When will sitting on the seat of governance be an act of worship and seeking closeness to Allah?!

We answer this question by presenting some of the foundations that make governance and ruling an act of worship and seeking closeness to Allah, then we will apply them to the reality of our government in Sudan, so that we can judge whether governance is an act of worship and seeking closeness to Allah:

- 1. When governance and ruling are based on the Islamic Aqeedah, and the constitution by which is ruled is based on the Book of Allah, the Sunnah of His Messenger (saw), what was reached by the consensus of the companions and Shar'i Qiyas.
- 2. When the ruler is pledged a Shar'i Bayah through which he takes up the rule to govern the people by the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger (saw) and he applies on them the Islamic provisions and solutions in governance, economics, society... and others.
- 3. When the ruler suffers hunger to satiate his people. Sayyidna 'Umar al-Faruq (ra) remained hungry when the people were hungry during his Khilafah and he uttered his famous saying, while his stomach was grumbling from eating dry bread with oil: "Grumble or do not grumble, you will not taste meat until the Muslims are satiated with it!"
- 4. When the shepherd does not cheat his flock, because the governor then knows his fate, for the saying of the Messenger of Allah (saw):

"There is no Wali who is followed by a people of Muslims and dies having cheated them, but Allah has forbidden him from paradise."

Extrapolating the reality of the foundations on which the governance in Sudan lies, we find:

First: Governance and ruling are based on Western democratic capitalism, not on the basis of the Islamic Ageedah.

Second: The Constitution, which we are ruled by, is the transitional constitution of Nevasha that separated the South and set the rest of the regions to secede. It ignited wars in Darfur, the Blue Nile, South Kordofan and others. In addition to it (i.e. Nevasha) being a dictate of the West that has nothing to do with Islam. The government has been echoing that it will implement Islam, which factually means (and this is the reality) that it does not implement Islam.

Third: The government in Sudan revels in public money, indulges in usury, and collects Haram money from tolls and indirect taxes, in violation of what has been explicitly stated in Islam. The Prophet (saw) says:

"The money of a man is not Halal, unless he distributes a good scent."

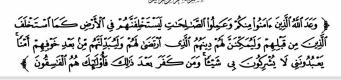
The Muslim does not distribute a good scent unless he takes money with a Shar'i right to do so. The result has been that the government impoverished the people, and is still looking for ways to impoverish them. The talk about the increase in fuel prices and wheat is but an example of the policy of impoverishment and starvation. The government has become like a slave whose master has insured him his money and his family, and he wasted the money and left his children homeless.

If you, Mr. President, really perceive the seat of governance to be an act of seeking closeness to Allah and of worship, repent to the One that can return your innocence, and return from what you have amounted of disobedience to Allah and ruling with other than what Allah has revealed. Declare it to be an Islamic state, a rightly guided Khilafah on the method of Prophethood. Through it you return the rights to their owners and satisfy your Lord, where people are treated with justice and charity. Do you not love that Allah will forgive your sins and show you mercy, He is forgiving and compassionate. Allah Almighty says,

"Respond to your Lord before a Day comes from Allah of which there is no repelling. No refuge will you have that day, nor for you will there be any denial." [Ash-Shura 42:47]□

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Official Spokesman of Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Sudan

Central Media Office





11 Dhul Qi'ddah 1434 AH

17/09/2013 CE

No: 1434 AH/ 90

Press Release

Another Martyr of Truth in Dagestan!

A martyr was elevated to his Lord - we consider him as such and not commend anyone over Allah - on the night of Sunday 15/9/2013 CE, in the city of Kizlyar in the Republic of Dagestan; a member of Hizb ut Tahrir, Gappaev Abdullah, born in 1976, as treacherous hands assassinated him while he was returning to his home.

As some brothers transported brother Abdullah to his house, they noticed a black car of the model Jiguli 14 without a license plate parked close to the house of the martyr, Allah (swt) willing, and as soon as brother Abdullah got out of the car Allah's (swt) enemies fired shots at him, seriously wounding him in the chest. Upon impact he was taken to the hospital where his pure soul left to its creator. His pure body was buried on the morning of Monday 16/9/2013 CE in the Kizlyar city cemetery.

Indeed we are for Allah (swt) and to him we will return

We knew our brother Abdullah as a lion of Islam; virtuous, honorable, courageous, defiant of Allah's (swt) enemies. His honesty, boldness, graciousness, and patience sparked terror in the hearts of the traitors. He was like the wind in strength and activity. He, may Allah (swt) have mercy on him, was a beam of light dispelling oppression and darkness in Dagestan.

It should be mentioned that the traitors threatened our brother Abdullah with physical liquidation numerous times. However the Noor of belief and the strength of his Iman did not allow fear to penetrate his heart, and did not call doubt as to the validity of what he was on of truth, and his confidence in his convictions were never shaken.

And we turn to Allah Almighty, and ask that he may reward our brother Abdullah the best reward, and that he accept him to the group of the master of martyrs Hamza Bin Abdul Muttalib, confirming the saying of the Messenger (saw):

"سيد الشهداء حمزة بن عبد المطلب، ورجل قام إلى إمام جائر فأمره ونهاه فقتله"

"The master of martyrs is Hamza bin Abdul-Muttalib and a man who stood to an oppressor ruler where he ordered him and ...Cont. on p. 38

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21 Dhul Qi'ddah 1434 AH

27/09/2013 CE

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Press Release

Over a Thousand Women and Children Attended a Women's March in London Organised by Hizb ut Tahrir to Condemn the Slaughter of Women and Children in Syria

On Sunday 22nd September, over 1200 women and children attended a momentous women's march in London organized by Hizb ut Tahrir to condemn the slaughter of women and children in Syria by the tyrant Bashar Al Assad, as well as to support the struggle of their Syrian sisters to oust the murderous secular Ba'athist regime to establish the Islamic Khilafah. Protestors, young and old, and from varied nationalities travelled from towns and cities across the UK to attend the march which proceeded through one of the main roads in London, ending at the Syrian Embassy where there were a number of talks from the women of Hizb ut Tahrir. The solemn event was led by a procession of children carrying a small coffin and shrouded dolls to symbolize the countless children and babies killed by the Assad regime. The depth of pain and anger amongst the demonstrators towards the horrendous plight of their Ummah in Syria was clearly visible as was their overwhelming support for the establishment of the Khilafah in the region, reflected in the powerful and passionate chants from the protest. Chants included, "Sisters in Syria dying for Islam! We support their struggle for Bilad Ash Sham" and "Muslim leaders silent as children bleed! Only serving US needs!". Placards included slogans such as "UN Missions: Buying Assad time to kill Muslims!" and "Establish the Khilafah to save the women and children of Syria!" Protestors also voiced strong opposition to any Western or foreign intervention in Syria that historically has only brought further bloodshed, oppression, instability, and Western installed dictators to the Muslim world. Instead, they raised a strong call to the Muslim armies to defend the blood of their Ummah and to give their Nusrah (material support) for the establishment of the Khilafah with urgency. The march enjoyed great interest from bystanders, drivers, and those in their homes who rushed to capture this unique event on camera, with many expressing their support of the protest.

The first address was delivered by Ibtihal Bsis, deputy media representative of Hizb ut Tahrir Britain who highlighted that the struggle of the women in Syria was not simply to remove a tyrant but to replace his secular regime with the Islamic rule of the Khilafah. Dr. Nazreen Nawaz, member of the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir gave the second ... Cont. on p. 37



The Torch of Hizb ut Tahrir will not be Extinguished by the will of Allah In spite of the crimes of the Syrian Regime Arresting the Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir



From time to time, the Syrian regime arrests Shabab from the Hizb, for only saying: "Our Lord is Allah". They utter the word of truth which terrifies the regime and its men:

So, if the Hizb says that the regime is seeking to negotiate with the Jewish entity and will recognize it, and sign an agreement with it concerning the Golan Heights similar to Egypt and Jordan, and that it is the Jewish entity which refuses that, and that its matter is not in a hurry because the Syrian front is quiet. Also recognizing the Jewish entity which usurped Palestine is a crime, and negotiating with it will not restore a land with sovereignty, what returns it, is to move armies to fight, the example of Egypt and Jordan is obvious for the one with sight.

If the Hizb says that, the regime was ashamed of mentioning the truth publicly and starts to arrest the Shabab.

If the Hizb says that America sent the Syrian army to Lebanon in order to protect its interests there, which will keep Syria and Lebanon protected by America, and when the international circumstances changed, and the interests of America required the withdrawal of the Syrian army, it ordered the Syrian regime to withdraw its army, and Syria did so in a humiliating and degrading manner, which no one with a heart accepts or whoever had witnessed this.

If the Hizb says that, the regime was ashamed of mentioning the truth publicly and starts to arrest the Shabab.

If the Hizb says that the Kaffir colonists divided the Muslim countries into separate entities, and the wretched agreement of Sykes-Picot is still remembered, then the rulers made the separation of these entities as a feast to be celebrated, each statelet holds fast to what the Kaffir colonists had drawn from (national) borders instead of erasing what the colonists had drawn, and celebrating the unity of the Ummah in one state, the Righteous Khilafah.

If the Hizb says that, the regime was ashamed of mentioning the truth publicly and starts to arrest the Shabab.

As such, mentioning the word of truth makes them dizzy, and instead of facing the proof with another -if they had a proof- they will do that with

force and arrests!

The Hizb in Syria issued on 16/04/2006 a press release about the celebration of independence by the Syrian regime. The Hizb illustrated in the statement - how the Kaffir colonists divided the land of Sham into four entities one of which is Syria- and divided the other Muslim countries into several entities, and they are trying to divide it again. The statement added that each entity started to nationally celebrate its separated existence from the other entities. The Hizb called for the assembling of the Ummah and not its division, and to celebrate its unity and not its separation, and to make its feast the day when it triumphs on its enemy and not the day when it negotiates with its enemy, and that it should rule by Islam in life, state and society, and return to be as Allah wrote for it:

"The best of peoples, evolved for mankind" [Ali-Imran: 110], these words of truth terrified the Syrian regime, and began arrests after the distribution of the press release, and thus added new prisoners to the tens of those already existing in its prisons, besides others who were arrested for over twenty five years without their families' knowledge of their destiny: whether they were alive or dead!!

These repeated arrests will not extinguish the torch of Hizb ut Tahrir, because the origin of this torch is the Book of Allah (swt) and the Sunnah of His Messenger (saw), it aims to implement the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger. The oppression of the unjust, nor the crimes of the criminals will extinguish it, by the will of Allah, because those who carry it are men who look forward to triumph and close conquer by Allah, then a heaven which is as broad as the skies and land which is ready for the pious. As for the oppressors, their destiny will be dark in both lives.

"They running forward with necks outstretched, their heads uplifted, their gaze returning not towards them, and their hearts a (gaping) void." [Ibrahim: 43]

> 01 Rabii' ul-Thani 1427AH 26 April 2006 CE

Wilayah Yemen: Seminar " The Ummah will not Reform without Applying Allah's Shar'iah"

Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir/Wilayah Yemen organized a seminar under the title, "The Ummah will not Reform without Applying Allah's Shar'iah."

9 Sha'aban 1434 AH corresponding to 18 June 2013 CE





Wilayah Yemen: Women's Seminar "The Honorable Women of Al-Sham Asking for Protection, Who will Answer"

Women members of Hizb ut Tahrir/ Wilayah Yemen organized a women's seminar in support of al-Sham, women, and children of al-Sham under the title, "The Honorable Women of Al-Sham Asking for Protection, Who will Answer."□

13 Sha'ban 1434 AH corresponding to 22 June 2013 CE









Britain: Women's March in Support of the Women and Children of al-Sham

Hizb ut Tahrir/ Britain organized a large demonstration in support of the women, children, and elderly of al-Sham; who at the hands of the butcher, criminal, and tyrant Bashar; the enemy of Allah and his Messenger (saw) has massacred their blood. The demonstration was held from Edgware Road in London, ended in front of the Syrian Embassy on September 22, 2013.













Why America Wants to Exit from Afghanistan

Recently, there has been a lot of coverage about America's planned exit from Afghanistan, which is scheduled to take place sometime in 2014. Hence, it would be good to review whether America has changed its strategic vision for Afghanistan or is the withdrawal purely a tactical move. If it is the latter then what are the factors involved in pushing Washington to leave Afghanistan. This paper will intend to answer such questions.

Recap

So let's begin by recapping the importance of Afghanistan for America. If you recall in our Q&A dated on 20/10/2010, we mentioned that America's strategic goals behind the invasion of Afghanistan were:

- 1. Prevent Russian and Chinese domination of Eurasia
- 2. Prevent the emergence of the Khilafah State
- 3. Control the hydrocarbon resources of the Caspian Sea and the Middle East
- 4. Control the security and the transit of hydrocarbons from the Caspian Sea and the Middle East

This was based on the following evidences:

"Eurasia is home to most of the world's politically assertive and dynamic states. All the historical pretenders to global power originated in Eurasia. The world's most populous aspirants to regional

hegemony, China and India, are in Eurasia, as are all the potential political or economic challengers to American primacy. After the United States. the next six largest economies and military spenders are there, as are all but one of the world's overt nuclear powers, and all but one of the covert ones. Eurasia accounts for 75 percent of the world's population, 60 percent of its GNP, and 75 percent of its energy resources. Collectively, Eurasia's potential power overshadows even America's. A power that dominated Eurasia would exercise decisive influence over two of the world's three most economically productive regions, Western Europe and East Asia...almost automatically control the Middle East and Africa. What happens with the distribution of power on the Eurasian landmass will be of decisive importance America's global primacy and historical legacy." [Zbigniew Brzezinski, "A Geostrategy for Eurasia", Foreign Affairs, September/October 1997]

"The US has had the ultimate aim of preventing the emergence of any major power in Eurasia. The paradox however is as follows - the goals of these interventions was never to achieve something - whatever the political rhetoric might have said - but to prevent something. The United States wanted to prevent stability in areas where another power might emerge. Its goal was not to stabilize but to destabilize, and this

explains how the United States responded to the Islamic earthquake. It wanted to prevent a large, powerful Islamic state from emerging. Rhetoric aside the United States has no overriding interest in peace in Eurasia. The United States also has no interest in winning the war outright...the purpose of these conflicts is simply to block a power or destabilize the region, not to impose order." [George Friedman, "The next 100 years, a forecast for the 21st Century", 2009]

There is no dispute between the Republican Party and the Democratic Party over these goals. So there are no competing visions between Bush and Obama in foreign policy matters over this region of the world.

The difference between the two parties is related to operational strategy i.e. how to legitimise America's occupation of Afghanistan some semblance and retain stability, so that she can pursue the aforementioned strategic goals. The operational strategy has been the constant source of dispute between Bush and Obama governments, as well as between officials within the Obama administration. Hence, the operational strategy has changed several times, but despite successive revisions under Obama, the strategy has settled on four key objectives. These are:

Increase the capacity of the Afghan government to establish its writ over the country. This means building the Afghan security forces,

police and army, appointing competent and loyal governors and minimizing corruption in the Afghan government.

Destroy al-Qaida and those Jihadis amongst the Pushtun opposed to US occupation.

Encourage moderate Taliban fighters to defect and join the central government.

Enlist the help of NATO, Pakistan, Iran, India, Russia, China and other states to participate with the US in solving Afghanistan's problem in a regional context- more of a multi-lateral approach to addressing the challenges posed by Afghanistan.

There is no question that America has struggled to achieve the forgoing operational strategic objectives, and therefore under Obama and his allies there is intense realisation that Afghanistan is no longer winnable i.e. it cannot be stabilized as set out by the objectives of the operational strategy.

Factors that have caused America to reconsider its position in Afghanistan

There are several factors that have contributed to this:

International factors

In 2008, in the aftermath of the collapse of Lehman Brothers, the global financial system came under extreme pressure and almost collapsed. This had a profound impact on the economies of America and Europe to finance wars and

intervene in countries abroad.

America's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have exposed the strains in America's military. Simply put. America is facing "military over reach" and cannot maintain its current level of military commitments abroad. Washington is under intense pressure to reduce its military foot print to a manageable level.

Since its intervention in Iraq in 2003, America is no longer the super power it used to be, and facing increasing pressure from other major powers like Russia. Britain and France in different parts of the world. In the Asian Pacific, America is increasingly worried about the of China, emergence which Washington fears if left unchecked Beijing will challenge its hegemony in the Asian Pacific region. Graham Fuller former vice chairman of the National Intelligence Council in 2006 described the challenge faced by America from its adversaries. He said, "In the last few years, diverse countries have deployed a multiplicity of strategies and tactics designed to weaken, divert, alter, complicate, limit, delay or block the Bush agenda through death by a thousand cuts. That opposition acts out of diverse motives, and sometimes narrowly parochial interests, but its unifying theme usually unspoken is resistance to nearly anything that serves to buttress a unipolar world. ["Strategic Fatigue", National Interest, 2006]

The combination of these international factors have had a

profound impact on America foriegn policy in two areas over the last year or so:

A. America has spent circa \$550 billion on the Afghan war since 2001. Furthermore, successive budgetary cuts in the military have rendered it difficult for America to fight wars on multiple fronts. This has placed a huge toll on the defence budget. In January 2012, The *New York Times* in an article entitled "Panetta to Offer Strategy for Cutting Military Budget" stated:

"In a shift of doctrine driven by fiscal reality and a deal last summer that kept the United States from defaulting on its debts, Mr. Panetta is expected to outline plans for carefully shrinking the military - and in so doing make it clear that the Pentagon will not maintain the ability to fight two sustained ground wars at once. Instead, he will say that the military will be large enough to fight and win one major conflict, while also being able to "spoil" a second adversary's ambitions in another part of the world while conducting a number of other smaller operations, like providing disaster relief or enforcing a no-flight zone."

So America, which once boasted about its ability to fight two simultaneous wars, finally admitted that it could only fight one.

B. Hence, America is now forced to prioritise on which wars it wants to fight. America is faced with multiple challenges and has to cope with wars in Iraq and Afghanistan,

and also prepare for war against China in the Asian Pacific, as well as the Middle East. Nonetheless, it is China's dramatic rise that is worrying American policy makers the most. In March 2012, the Congressional Research Service prepared a report for US Congress entitled "Pivot to the Pacific? The Obama Administration's "Rebalancing" Toward Asia". In the report, it clearly states:

"Underlying the "pivot" is a conviction that the centre of gravity for U.S. foreign policy, security, and economic interests is being realigned and shifting towards Asia, and that U.S. strategy and priorities need to be adjusted accordingly. For many observers, it is imperative that the United States give more emphasis to the Asia-Pacific. Indeed, for years, many countries in the region have encouraged the United States to step up its activity to provide a balance to China's rising influence."

The reduction of America's military footprint in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the repositioning of its military and naval forces in the Asian Pacific signals that America is treating with utmost importance, and if the need arises, Washington is prepared for military confrontation. This is known as Obama's Pivot to Asia strategy-re-balancing of US interests from Europe and the Middle East toward East Asia.

Regional factors

There are three regional factors that have complicated matters

for America to forge a durable solution to the stability of Afghanistan.

NATO led by Europe has resisted numerous American attempts to get more engaged in the occupation of Afghanistan. Ever since the commencement of NATO operation in Afghanistan under the guise of International Security Assistance Force in 2003, certain European countries have been reluctant to put their troops and assets in harms way. Belgium, Italy, and Germany have all France invoked specific caveats that allow them to place their troops in quieter areas of Afghanistan. Subsequent, NATO summits have failed redress this issue, and America has found it difficult to carry on with the burden of the Afghan war considering its priorities have changed. In 2012 at Chicago, NATO countries finally accepted to draw the curtain on their Afghan misadventure. The statement at the summit read:

"After 10 years of war and with the global economy reeling, the nations of the West no longer want to pay, either in treasure or in lives, the costs of their efforts in a place that for centuries has resisted foreign attempts to tame it."

America failed to get Pakistan to mobilise more troops to conduct military operations in the tribal area, especially North Waziristan. This is despite that fact that its agents Zardari and Kayani, and those in the political medium worked tirelessly on the behalf of their master to make the case for greater involvement.

India acting under the tutelage of Britain also made it difficult for America to succeed in Afghanistan. It did this by refusing numerous American requests to reduce hostilities between the common borders of India and Pakistan. Consequently, Pakistan was unable to redeploy troops to its Afghan border and assist America in its plan to subjugate the resistance.

Local factors

The open tussle between Obama and the military leadership over US troop numbers and the time required to implement the operational strategy, led to General McCrystal's dismissal and greatly served to undermine the morale of US and NATO troops. Furthermore, this further emboldened the Pushtun resistance. US General James Conway, head of the US Marine Corps questioned the withdrawal date. He said:

"In some ways we think right now it's probably giving our enemy sustenance. We think that he may be saying to himself, in fact we've intercepted communications that say, 'Hey, we only have to hold out for so long," ... "I honestly think it will be a few years before conditions on the ground are such that turnover will be possible for us." [US General: Afghan deadline 'giving enemy sustenance', BBC News Online. August 24 2010].

The manner, in which US troops conducted themselves, very quickly not only alienated the US

from the Afghan population, but increased the ferocity of the resistance against the occupation.

These measures included the desecration of the Quran, urinating on dead majhideen, indiscriminate killing of women and children, employing Tajiks to carry out raids in Pushtun areas, aiding corrupt officials etc.

Thus we say that the and local international, regional factors pushed America to abandon aspects of the operational strategy and move towards holding direct talks with elements of the Taleban to seek an honourable exit. However. this does not mean that America has abandoned its strategic vision for Eurasia-it has merely parked it, and Afghanistan in the future will serve as a launch pad.

However, Inshallah the establishment of the Caliphate will soon put an end to America's ambitions and make Afghanistan and all the Muslim lands a distant memory for it.

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Unveiling the Double Standards on Women's Rights in Liberal Secular Culture

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The UK is presently in the midst of a heated political debate initiated by the Home Office Minister Jeremy Browne who is encouraging the government to consider the banning the Nigab. On the 16th of September Minister Browne stated; ".....there is genuine debate about whether girls should compulsion to wear a veil". The debate over banning of the veil was initiated after Birmingham Metropolitan College reversed its previous 8 years ban on Nigabs.

omment:

The Liberal Democrat MP's staunch anti-Islamic position is echoed by fellow MP's with Tory backbencher Dr Sarah Wollaston. writing in the Telegraph Newspaper a day earlier that veils were "deeply offensive" and were "making women invisible". The widely asserted assumption that Muslim women need rescuing from being forced to practice Islam is one of the cheap political tactics often employed by desperate politicians internationally in order to create Islamophobic hysteria and distract the internal population from their own political failures or win cheap votes. The fact is Muslim women are fully aware that the western nations they live in give allot of assistance in turning their back on the Islamic points of view

and yet statistics show that it is the younger well educated Muslim women who see through the black cloud of popular liberal culture that covers every part of the world and reject the fanatical pressure to conform to a viewpoint of success that is driven by company profits feeding off women's unhappiness insecurities. The idea that and Muslim women are forced to cover is one that represents the exact opposite of the reality It is western values that Muslim women are being forced to accept when divisive discussions on Hijab bans, Halal meat or any other Islamic policy is placed in the firing line. This trend represents a continuation of the Orientalist tradition. automatically discredits non-Eurocentric political entity, order to elevate its own substandard position. The fact that Muslim women in France. Tunisia. across Europe, Africa and beyond, prefer Islamic politics over liberal secular values is proven when we see Muslim women taking their cases to European Courts of Human rights and other legal bodies and how they suffer great consequences, death, in order to defend their Islamic identity.

The recent example Birmingham Metropolitan College is a case in point when a 17-year-old

girl started an online protest against the Nigab ban. She stated at the that the veil ban was embarrassing and that it "upsets me that we are being discriminated against. I don't think my Nigab studying prevents me from communicating with anyone...." The online petition against the ban was signed by 9,000 in 48 hours showing the immense solidarity and sympathy Muslim women have for the struggle to defy the negative consequences of being Muslim women in liberal democracies as these statistics reflect a powerful message that Muslim women refuse to submit to the will of Secular fanaticism with its oppressive laws that criminalize. marginalize and punish Muslim women for exercising their own free-will when they see no hope for under the double real success standards and false promises of liberal-secularism and Capitalism.

When faced with such debates like the banning of Nigab, Muslim women are reminded that Islam is the only truly stable viewpoint in life, free from contradictions in policy. It is a political system that provides women with social and economic security unprecedented in world's history. Women were not forced to abandon their public roles due to the pressure of exposing more of their physical attributes. In the Islamic social system, women are valued for their inherent qualities of womanhood, that of being a mother, wife and daughter. Their

success is defined by the content of their character not the cutting edge of a plastic surgeons knife. In an Islamic system a women is encouraged to fill her mind not her wardrobe and her happiness is not measured by the approval of other people but by the approval of her creator. In this way we can see that the real danger and obstacle Muslim women's progress has its origins not in Islam, but western political systems that are enforced globally. It is the removal of these alien viewpoints in our lands, not the removal of the Nigab that should be critical point of debate internationally. Allah (swt) speaks of the struggle for Islam in Surah As-Saff verse 8:

"Their intention is to extinguish God's Light (by blowing) with their mouths: But God will complete (the revelation of) His Light, even though the Unbelievers may detest (it)."□

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A pple iPhone 5s Fingerprint Database to be Shared with NSA

Tech-heads are eager to get their hands on the new Apple iPhone 5s and evidently Apple feels the same. This is due to the fact that their latest model comes equipped with fingerprint recognition technology as an added security feature. Privacy has become a major concern in today's technologically dominated society. Individuals with all the latest gadgets also run the risk of becoming exposed to unresolved bugs that could leave the user open to breaches in their personal security. Apple's official spokespeople have mainon the tained a vague stance potential of sharing their fingerprint database with the NSA. . "Absolutely the databases will be merged. This whole 'fingerprint scan' idea originated from someone in our Government. They just didn't expect to be outed by Snowden, you know," said Tim Richardson, District Manager of Apple's North America Marketing Department. He went onto explain that the NSA and FBI have been compiling a special database for over a year now to use with the new Apple technology. Fingerprints from all over the nation. Cold cases. Fugitives of the law. Missing persons. [Source: *National Report*]

bu Ghraib Torture Victims Ordered to Pay US Contractor's Legal Fees

A federal judge ordered four former Iraqi prisoners at infamous Abu Ghraib prison to pay nearly \$14,000 in legal fees to defence contractor CACI, Arlington, Va.-based company that supplied interrogators to the US government during the Iraq War. The decision in favour of CACI stemmed from a lawsuit filed by the former prisoners in 2008, alleging that CACI employees directed the torture of prisoners at Abu Ghraib. The suit was dismissed in June, when US District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee ruled that because the alleged acts took place on foreign soil, CACI was "immune from suit" in US court. Lee did not, however, directly address the question of whether CACI employees took part in the mistreatment of prisoners. The treatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib exploded into an international scandal in 2004, when shocking photos emerged of prisoners being stacked on top of each other, threatened with dogs, and sexually abused. A little over a month after winning the dismissal this summer, CACI requested that the former prisoners be ordered to pay \$15,580 to cover the company's legal expenses. Lawyers for the Iragis disputed that their clients should pay CACI's

bills, partly because the Iragis had "very limited financial means, even by non-US standards, and dramatically so when compared" to CACI, according to a court filing. Moreover, they wrote, the initial claims against CACI, involving "serious claims of torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, and war crimes were dismissed on very close, difficult-only recently arguable-grounds." Attorneys for the Iraqi prisoners have said they plan to file an appeal of the June dismissal this fall. CACI did not respond to a request for comment on the ruling. [Source: Huffington Post]□

yria Crisis: Destroying Chemical Weapons 'Is Doable'

Chief UN weapons inspector says it will be difficult to find and destroy all of Syria's chemical weapons, but he believes it is achievable. Ake Sellstrom told the BBC much depended on whether Damascus and the opposition were willing to negotiate. He said his team concluded after a visit to Syria that the nerve agent sarin was used in an attack in a Damascus area on 21 August. UN Security Council is now trying to agree a resolution on the issue. Western nations blame government forces of President al-Assad for the deadly attack in the Ghouta area. Damascus - backed by Russia - says the opposition forces are to blame. Sellstrom told the BBC that dealing with Syria's chemical arsenal was "doable". "But of course, it will be a

stressful work," he added. "Depending on the position of the Syrian government and the position of the opposition, depending on how much they could negotiate, it could be done. "It will be a difficult job." The report, however, did not apportion blame for the attack. [Source: BBC]

merica Still Hopes for Taliban Talks: US Envoy

US envoy said that Washington still hoped to talk directly with the Taliban to support an Afghan peace deal but that the militants seemed unwilling to do so. The Taliban opened an office in Doha in June aimed at talking to the United States ahead of next year's withdrawal of most American troops, but diplomacy collapsed before it even began. "We would still like to see that dialogue initiated, a dialogue that would involve the US and Taliban directly but would also involve the Afghan government or its High Peace Council," said James Dobbins, US special representative on Afghanistan and Pakistan, who was expected to lead the US side at talks, "The Taliban are now, as a practical matter, unwilling to engage with the United States, with the Afghans, with anybody." The Taliban office in Doha styled itself as an embassy of a government-in-exile from the Islamists' 1996-2001 reign, angering Afghan Karzai who briefly pulled out of separate talks with the US on a post-2014 security agreement. [Source: News International]

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Ruwaibida of ash-Sham

and not defend them. We see our wealth being plundered and do not cut off the hand that extends to it, and we see our lands fray and lessen from the boundaries and do not halt the detraction and increase those boundaries... We watch our women being violated and our blood does not boil in our veins...

Allah oh Allah to your Deen, Allah oh Allah to your Ummah, Allah oh Allah to your Khilafah, Allah oh Allah to your weapons!

Despite all of this, prepare for the victory of your Deen and the defeat of your enemy under the leadership of a Khaleefah who will be your shield, you will fight from behind him, and find protection from him. If you do so, you will regain your glory, you will be victorious in both worlds. But if you do not, your enemy will not be content with the destruction of your weapons at your own hands, rather he will make you welcome him when he enters your houses. Then there will be no more escape!

"Indeed in that is a reminder for whoever has a heart or who listens while he is present [in mind]." [Qaf 50:37].

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Dr. Ahmed Saleh Touma

مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ وَاسِعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿ إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةُ وَيُوْتُونَ الرَّكَاةُ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ۞ وَمَنْ يَتُولَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فَإِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْغَالِبُونَ۞ يَا أَيُّهَا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِدُوا الَّذِينَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْغَالِبُونَ۞ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِدُوا الَّذِينَ التَّحَدُوا دِينَكُمْ هُرُوا ولَعِبا الَّذِينَ أَوتُوا ولَعِبا مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَالْكُفَارَ أَوْلِياءَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَالْكُفَارَ أَوْلِيَاءَ وَلَعِبا وَالَّهُ مَنْ مَوْمِنِينَ﴾

"O you who have believed, whoever of you should revert from his religion - Allah will bring forth [in place of them] a people He will love and who will love Him [who are] humble toward the believers, powerful against the disbelievers: they strive in the cause of Allah and do not fear the blame of a critic. That is the favor of Allah: He bestows it upon whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing. Your ally is none but Allah and [therefore] His Messenger and those who have believed - those who establish prayer and give zakah, and they bow [in worship]. And whoever is an ally of Allah and His Messenger and those who have believed indeed, the party of Allah - they will be the predominant. O you who have believed, take not those who have taken your religion in ridicule and amusement among the ones who were given the Scripture before you nor the disbelievers as allies. And fear Allah, if you should [truly] be believers." [Al-Ma'ida, 5:54-57].

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An APC for American Raj

Hizb ut Tahrir in the Wilayah of Pakistan calls upon all parties not to sully any good name they have left by buying more time for Americans and their agents. The time has come for them to call openly for the abolition of the guardian of the American Raj, Democracy, and raise their voices clearly for the return of the Khilafah. Or soon, at a time when the entire Ummah is calling for Islam and its rule and the signs of the return of the Khilafah are apparent, they will be remembered within the despicable ranks of the traitors. Or if you have no shame, then do what you wish!□

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Wilayah of Pakistan



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Iraqi Government

Oh Muslims:

Does it not hurt you to know that such an unjust government does not lead you to what you aspire from a life of dignity, security and wellbeing? A government whose president cannot be stopped from grasping every opportunity to direct accusations towards his people or some of them; he describes them in words that violate chivalry and honor; he threatens and warns them as if between him and them lav a great revenge that cannot be erased by time! Give your outmost to change this government into one that rules you with the Shariah of Islam, which free from the abhorrent sectarianism, so that you will be blessed with what you desire under the Khilafah state on the method of the Prophethood. The Messenger of Allah (saw) made us choose between righteous and vicious rulers when he said:

" خِيَالُ أَنِمَتِكُمُ الَّذِينَ تُحِبُّونَهُمْ وَيُحِبُّونَكُمْ، وَيُصلُونَ عَلَيْكُمْ وَتُصلُونَ عَلَيْهُمْ، وَشَرِالُ أَنِمَتِكُمُ الَّذِينَ تُبْغِضُونَكُمْ، وَتَلْعَلُونَهُمْ وَيَلْعَلُونَكُمْ، وَتَلْعَلُونَهُمْ وَيَلْعَلُونَكُمْ،

"The best among your Imams (rulers) are the ones that you love and that love you, who pray for you and you pray for them. The worst of your Imams (rulers) are the ones that you hate and they hate you, whom you curse and they curse you."

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Another Martyr in Dagestan

forbade him so he (the ruler) killed him."

And we ask the Almighty to assemble him with the prophets and the righteous and the martyrs, and what good companions they are. As for you the tyrants of Russia and its lackeys in the region, especially Dagestan, we pray to the Avenger, the Powerful, the Mighty to take revenge from you and fiercely kill you by your own actions, and make you an example for one who considers.

In conclusion, we in the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir can only turn to the family of our brother with Dua'a and consolation, asking Allah (swt) to inspire in them patience and fortitude. And Allah is our sufficiency, for he is our helper and on him we rely.

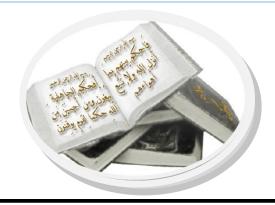
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UK Women's March

talk, addressing the great status of dignity and protection that was afforded to Muslim women under the Khilafah which they lost upon its removal from the Muslim lands - the horrors they now face in Syria being one example of many of the consequences of the absence of this state. She therefore urged Muslim women to increase their efforts to achieve its reestablishment with urgency. She also discussed the active work of Hizb ut Tahrir in Syria to carry the dawah for the Khilafah, highlighting the support that the party now enjoys amongst many within the society including a number of the brigades, and calling Muslim women to join the work of the Hizb. Dr. Nazreen's talk was followed by an Arabic summary of the main messages of the day. The final address was delivered by Shohana Khan, women's media representative of Hizb ut Tahrir Britain who discussed the great Islamic duty that Muslim women in the West have to support the struggle of their sisters in Syria to establish the Khilafah, and the important impact that their voices can have in aiding the achievement of this goal. The march was live-streamed to a global audience and accompanied by extensive social media coverage of the event with images and messages of the day broadcast internationally. The women of Hizb ut Tahrir across the Muslim world will continue to actively promote the event and its messages to those within their societies to Insha Allah hasten the establishment of the Khilafah.



Draft Constitution of the Khilafah State

Article 28: No one can be Khaleefah unless the Muslims appoint him, and no one possesses the mandatory powers of the leadership of the State unless the contract with him has been concluded according to the Shari'ah, like any contract in Islam.

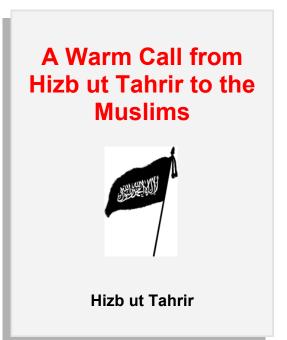
Article 29: It is stipulated that the authority of the region or the country that gives the Khalifah a contracting pledge is autonomous dependent upon the Muslims alone, and not upon any disbelieving state; besides the security of the Muslims in that country, both internally and externally, is by the security of Islam not the security of the disbelief. With respect to the pledge of obedience taken from other countries, there are not such conditions.

Article 30: The only conditions for the one who is given the pledge to be the leader of the State is that he fulfils the contracting conditions of the contract, even if he does not fulfil the preference conditions, since what matters are the contracting conditions of the contract.

Article 31: There are seven conditions for the Khalifah to be contracted, which are: to be male, Muslim, free, adult, sane, just, and from the people who have the capability.

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Book of the Month:



O Muslims! Verily, our Ummah was created as the best Ummah brought forth from mankind. It is forbidden for the Ummah to go to ruin and it is a crime for it to face extinction. It is the Ummah that spread the guidance to the world and realised justice for mankind. It took care of the truth in ruling the citizens and bestowed the people with mercy, surrounded them with spread the tranquillity and created stability. It granted whoever responded to her Da'wah the happiness of life. It is the Ummah that lived in order to rescue the people from Shirk and Kufr. Millions of her sons have attained Shahadah for the sake of raising high the word of Allah (swt). It primary function in life was to convey the Islamic Da'wah to the people and its ultimate goal was to seek the good pleasure of Allah (swt).



ثُمْ لَمْ يَتُوبُوا فَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابُ

"Indeed, those who have tortured the believing men and believing women

