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**A Message from the Amir of Hizb ut-Tahrir
On the 87th Remembrance of the Destruction of the Khilafah**

From Hizb ut-Tahrir

**To the Rulers - Kings, Presidents and Heads of State - in the Muslim World,
from the limits of the Pacific Ocean by Indonesia in the East, to the Atlantic Coast by
Morocco in the West**

Praise be to Allah (swt), and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family and those loyal to him.

As you are well aware we have not sent to you, for a long time, any delegation, nor have we sent to you any message seeking your support for establishing the Khilafah Rashidah. This was because we witnessed clearly that you had abandoned the Khilafah behind your backs and violated the authentic evidences of the Shari'ah which obligate the work to establish the Khilafah. Further, because every Muslim is required to have the bay'ah to the Khalifah upon his neck, the Shari'ah has clearly rendered the death of the person who neglects the work to establish the Khilafah as the 'death of Jahiliyyah', according to the hadith narrated in Sahih Muslim on the authority of 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar (ra) that the Prophet (saw) said:

[ومن مات وليس في عنقه بيعة مات ميتة جاهلية]

“And whosoever dies without having a bay'ah upon his neck, he dies the death of Jahiliyyah (ignorance).”

This hadith underscores the importance of the work to establish Khilafah and points to the magnitude of the sin of the one who ignores his duty to strive for the cause. This is with respect to the individual Muslim in his individual capacity.

As for the ruler, the crime is far more grave and the punishment more severe. A ruler who does not rule by what Allah (swt) has revealed, does not declare the establishment of Khilafah, who engages in whatever Allah has forbidden, befriends the Kuffar and showers them with affection and compassion while seeking recognition, honour and pride from them - such rulers have been promised a severe punishment by Allah:

The ruler who does not rule by what has been revealed by Allah and rejects Islam, has been described in the Qur'an as being a *kafir*. Allah says:

[ومن لم يحكم بما أنزل الله فأولئك هم الكافرون]

“And whosoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed, such are the disbelievers” [al-Ma'idah: 44]

On the other hand, the ruler who also does not rule by what Allah has revealed, but at the same time does not reject Islam, is described with transgression and oppression. Allah says:

[ومن لم يحكم بما أنزل الله فأولئك هم الظالمون]

“And whosoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed, such are the Oppressors” [al-Ma'idah: 45]

[ومن لم يحكم بما أنزل الله فأولئك هم الفاسقون]

“And whosoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed, such are the Transgressors” [al-Ma'idah: 47]

As for the ruler who indulges in what Allah has prohibited, befriends the enemies of Islam from the kuffar and showers his affection on them in order to seek approval and honour from them, such a ruler is categorised along with the hypocrites who await the severest of punishments. Allah says:

[يا أيها الذين آمنوا لا تتخذوا عدوي وعدوكم أولياء تلقون إليهم بالمودة وقد كفروا بما جاءكم من الحق]

“O you who believe! Take not My enemies and your enemies as friends, showing affection towards them, while they have disbelieved in what has come to you of the truth” [al-Mumtahina: 01]

[بشر المنافقين بأن لهم عذاباً أليماً الذين يتخذون الكافرين أولياء من دون المؤمنين أيبغون عندهم العزة فإن العزة لله جميعاً]

“Give to the hypocrites the tidings that there is for them a painful torment; those who take disbelievers as protectors and friends instead of believers. Do they seek honour and power with them? Verily, to Allah belongs all honour and power”. [an-Nisaa': 138,139]

In the light of all this, and because of your above-mentioned reality, we have had adopted such a stand regarding you and as you know well, have refrained from sending delegations to you, nor urged you to support the establishment of the Khilafah.

However, two factors have recently emerged, establishing their reality in a firm manner, which have prompted us to take up another stance. These are:

1. Muslims in general have responded tremendously to the call for Khilafah. Initially, the Muslims were gathering around the call in their tens and hundreds for seminars, sermons and conferences organized by the Hizb on the subject of Khilafah, whereas now they respond in their thousands or even in hundreds of thousands and more. This points to the fact that the Khilafah has become a vital issue for the Muslims on a practical level, not only on an intellectual one.

Any thinking ruler, who contemplates on this issue and takes heed, would certainly not tread the course against the tide of the Muslims firmly moving towards the Khilafah, the work to establish it and support for the call.

2. The new strategy for the Islamic World devised by the West and especially the United States sows unrest, encourages separatist tendencies and hostilities, wages wars and engineers new agendas and planning for a variety of rulings systems such as federates, confederates or autonomous ruling...and plants people designated as rulers who play their role. Thus such rulers now stand to lose this world, having already lost their deen, due to them not ruling by what Allah has revealed and because of their loyalty to the enemies of Islam.

A thinking ruler who considers these facts will find in it important lessons.

These two factors have prompted us to address this letter to you; knowing well that with regards to getting this letter to you, you are of three kinds:

1. Those who rule an Islamic land wherein there are the elements required to establish the state, and where our delegation can approach them, albeit with some difficulty. To such, our delegations will bring the letter.
2. Those who rule an Islamic land wherein there are the elements required to establish the state, but who have surrounded themselves by persecuting security forces who are under orders to suppress the word of truth whether uttered by individuals or groups. To such category, this letter will be reached by other means but not by a delegation.
3. Those who rule an Islamic land wherein the elements required to establish the state are not present. These and similar rulers, there is no purpose to approach them, and thus we are in no hurry to send them this letter of ours.

These therefore are the three categories we see you in with respect to the deliverance of this letter.

O Rulers in the Muslim lands,

You may say what prompts Hizb ut-Tahrir to be so daring as to enter our doors and to us, and address us without the protocol! Are they not scared of our brutal power? Do they not fear that their delegation may not return safely to them?

We say to you that we address you without the protocol because we do not like to encumber this letter with unnatural mannerisms and embellish it with flattery. As for not being aware of your brute power, indeed we do know it. The Powerful, the Mighty, has informed us:

[وإذا بطشتم بطشتم جبارين]

"And when you seize (somebody), seize you (him) as tyrants?" [as-Shu'ara: 130]

However, we also know that the punishment of Allah is more severe and painful:

[إن بطش ربك لشديد]

"Verily, the Seizure (punishment) of your Lord is severe." [al-Burooj: 012]

As for being scared of your brute force for our delegation, we are fully conscious that nothing wrong can befall us over and above what has been destined for us by Allah (swt). He, the Exalted, says:

[قل لن يصيبنا إلا ما كتب الله لنا هو مولانا وعلى الله فليتوكل المؤمنون]

"Say: 'Nothing shall ever happen to us except what Allah has ordained for us. He is our Lord and Protector'. And in Allah let the believers put their trust." [al-Taubah: 051]

You may also say that Hizb ut-Tahrir is only interested in usurping power. Nay, we are concerned with reviving the Islamic way of life on earth by establishing the Khilafah Rashidah and it is this concern that prompts us to respond positively to Allah's commands and His Prophet (saw)'s orders. Our aim is not merely to occupy power; rather it is to fulfil the obligation of Khilafah. This great command is not addressed to Hizb ut-Tahrir alone, but it is upon every single Muslim individual and even more so for a ruler.

You may say that Hizb ut-Tahrir's attempt to establish the Khilafah is merely a dream, and you may add that even assuming that Khilafah is established the superpowers will spell its doom and annihilate it!!

We say to you that the one who thinks the Khilafah will not be established is the one who dreams. As for the establishment of Khilafah it is a reality, by the Will of Allah, and this is evidenced by four realities:

First: Allah (swt) Himself has promised authority to those who believe in Him and accomplish good deeds, like He had bestowed authority for those before, He (swt) says:

[وعد الله الذين آمنوا منكم وعملوا الصالحات ليستخلفنهم في الأرض كما استخلف الذين من قبلهم وليمكنن لهم دينهم الذي ارتضى لهم وليبدلنهم من بعد خوفهم أمناً يعبدونني لا يشركون بي شيئاً ومن كفر بعد ذلك فأولئك هم الفاسقون]

"Allah has promised those among you who believe and do righteous good deeds, that He will certainly grant them succession to (the present rulers) in the land, as He granted it to those before them, and that He will grant them the authority to practise their religion which He has chosen for them (i.e. Islam). And He will surely give them in exchange a safe security after their fear (provided) they (believers) worship Me and do not associate anything (in worship) with Me. But whoever disbelieved after this, they are the Fāsiqūn (rebellious, disobedient to Allah)." [al-Nur: 55]

Second: The Prophet (saw) has given glad tidings of the return of the Khilafah Rashidah on the method of the Prophethood after the period of oppressive rule that we are under. The Prophet (saw) says in an authentic hadith narrated in Musnad Ahmad on the authority of Huthayfah ibn al-Yaman (r.a):

تَكُونُ النَّبُوءَةُ فِيكُمْ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ ثُمَّ يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ ثُمَّ يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا ثُمَّ تَكُونُ مُلْكًا عَاصًا فَيَكُونُ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَكُونَ ثُمَّ يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ ثُمَّ يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَىٰ مِنْهَاجِ النَّبُوءَةِ ثُمَّ سَكَتَ

“The Prophethood will last among you for as long as Allah wills, then Allah would take it away. Then it will be (followed by) a rightly-guided Khilafah upon the way of the Prophethood. It will remain for as long as Allah wills, then Allah would take it away. Then there will be a biting rule which will remain for as long as Allah wills, then He will lift it if He wills. Afterwards, there will be oppressive rule, and it will last for as long as Allah wills, then He will lift it if He wills. Then there will be a rightly-guided Khilafah upon the ways of the Prophethood, then he kept silent”

Third: The live and vibrant Ummah has taken up the task of establishing the Khilafah and supporting the cause until the promise of Allah has been accomplished. And after its formation, the same Ummah will nurture and guard the Khilafah. Therefrom this Ummah will rapidly march to play its original role for which it was created. Says He, the Exalted:

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ

“You are the best of peoples ever raised up for mankind; you enjoin the good and forbid the evil and you believe in Allah.” [Aal-‘Imran: 109]

Fourth: The Hizb, which completely loyal & sincere to Allah (swt) and truthful to His Prophet (saw), is treading its course, working day and night, until the promise of Allah and the glad tidings of His Prophet (saw) has been accomplished upon its hands, by the Will of Allah. The Hizb is not afraid of the blame of the blamers in the path of Allah, nor is its resolve weakened. It continues steadfastly in its path until the support and command of Allah shall come and it shall be in this state. This is the reflection of the saying of the Prophet (saw) narrated in Sahih Muslim on the authority of Thawban (ra):

[... لا تزال طائفة من أمتي ظاهرين على الحق لا يضرهم من خذلهم حتى يأتي أمر الله وهم كذلك]

“A party from my Ummah will not cease being established upon the Truth. They will not be harmed by those who abandon them or differ with them, until the order of Allah comes and they are like this.”

Any one of these four facts by itself is sufficient to show that the work to establish the Khilafah is not a dream. So what of the fact that all four are true collectively!?

As for the threat that the super powers will annihilate the Khilafah when it is formed, comprehending the current reality buries this idea beneath the ground. The leader of these big powers, the United States of America and its allies are, despite their utmost efforts, unable to sustain their stay in Iraq and Afghanistan in the face of resistance by individuals and small groups from amongst the Muslim, those who do not even have a fraction of the material power at the disposal of their enemies. These individuals and groups are not a state and do not have the resources of a state in terms of manpower or resources.

If these countries and their superpower leaders are unable to consolidate in Iraq and Afghanistan in the face of resistance of Muslim individuals, then how can these powers annihilate the Khilafah and spell its doom?! How?! Unless of course, the one who holds this view has lost his sense of sight and is unable to comprehend and appreciate the greatness of Islam and the Islamic State, and unless he does not regard the promise of Allah, the Mighty,

[إن تتصروا الله ينصركم ويثبت أقدامكم]

“O you who believe! If you help (the cause of) Allah, He will help you and make your foothold firm.” [Muhammad: 7]

[إنا لننصر رسلنا والذين آمنوا في الحياة الدنيا ويوم يقوم الأشهاد]

“Verily, We will indeed make victorious Our Messengers and those who believe in this world's life and on the Day when the witnesses will stand forth.” [al-Ghafir: 51]

Furthermore, the one who holds such a view does not understand the meaning of the hadith narrated by Muslim and Bukhari, that the Prophet (saw) said,

[نصرت بالرعب مسيرة شهر]

“I was given the victory by fear (of the enemy) at the distance of a month.” (Bukhari)

Such a view does not heed the historical realities, nor realizes that the Islamic army cannot be subdued.

Furthermore, there is another factor we must add to the reality of the superpowers' inability to consolidate their foothold in Iraq and Afghanistan in the face of individual Muslim resistance. This important factor is that these states could not have stepped in Afghanistan and Iraq were it not for the puppet rulers in the Muslim world who opened the doors to these countries, by land, sea and air, and surrendered their military bases for air strikes against the Muslim lands. The reality of these rulers in the Muslim lands is that they are the support and assistance upon which the superpowers rely in their hostility against the Muslim lands. The ‘best’ of them in this regards is the one who acts as the buffer between the US and its allies on one hand, and the people of Iraq and Afghanistan on the other, while the aircrafts of the enemy strikes missiles and their navy fleet pounds the Muslim lands.

These rulers will not remain around when the Khilafah is established, and who would dare to confront the Khilafah when the Ummah

will stand up to protect and support it? These rulers will disappear from the scene, either on their own, or they will be forced to, and then the enemy will not find such traitors who open the doors of the Islamic land for the enemy.

The establishment of the Khilafah is thus a reality, which is not far away now by the Will of Allah. Its consolidation and strength after its establishment will also be achieved by the Will of Allah, while the foundations of the states which are the big powers of today will tremble.

Finally, you may say – and you would be right - that the Hizb understands that we most probably, if not certainty, will not respond, then why does it send its delegation or even write to us?

We say to you, yes, you are right in this belief, but we have sent our delegate and this letter in compliance of the word of our Master, Allah, the Powerful, the Mighty, who says:

[قالوا معذرةً إلى ربكم ولعلهم يتقون]

“They said: ‘In order to be free from guilt before your Lord, and perhaps they may fear Allah.’” [al-‘Araaf: 164]

Perhaps then you may take heed from this letter, and remember the Hereafter, the Day of Reckoning, where Allah, the Powerful, will deliver justice. There will be no oppression on that day, and it will be either Paradise or the Fire:

[فمن زحزح عن النار وأدخل الجنة فقد فاز]

“And whoever is removed away from the Fire and admitted to Paradise, he indeed is successful.” [Aal-‘Imran: 185]

Perhaps then you may take heed and realise that no matter what you do, it is inevitable that you will die and be buried under the ground. You will have to abandon your thrones and crowns, your wealth and riches, and your lush gardens, and your situation will be such as those described in the Book of Allah,

[كم تركوا من جنات وعيون* وزروع ومقام كريم* ونعمة كانوا فيها فاكهين* كذلك وأورثناها قوماً آخرين*فما بكت عليهم السماء والأرض وما كانوا منظرين]

“How many of gardens and springs that they left behind, green crops and goodly places and comforts of life wherein they used to take delight! Thus (it was)! And We made other people inherit them. The heavens and the earth wept not for them, nor were they given respite.” [ad-Dukhan: 025-029].

Perhaps then you may take heed and realise the enormity of the sins that you carry; for you have suspended the rule by Allah’s commands; you have neglected and abandoned Jihad in His (swt) path; you have befriended the enemies of Allah; many Muslim lands have been lost as you watched on: Palestine, Kashmir, Cyprus, East Timor, the dismemberment of Afghanistan, Iraq, southern Sudan, the butcheries in Somalia and Chechnya... the list is endless. In all these you have been one of two: partakers in the destruction and loss, or silent upon it like those in the graves regardless of the disgrace, humiliation, and tribulation that results therefrom. Yet, you neither repent nor take heed:

[أولا يرون أنهم يفتنون في كل عام مرة أو مرتين ثم لا يتوبون ولا هم يذكرون]

“See they not that they are put in trial once or twice every year? Yet, they turn not in repentance, nor do they learn a lesson (from it).” [al-Taubah: 126]

Perhaps then you may take heed and consider the two facts that prompted us to address you, and you may answer this call positively. This may lessen the burden of your sins and thereby your scrolls become white on the Day of Judgement, when neither the wealth nor progeny will be on any avail, except the one who comes with a pure and clean heart.

If you respond positively to our letter concerning support to establish the Khilafah, our delegation will listen to you and will return back to you accordingly. If you are to respond positively to this letter and our delegation is not sent to you, our media office addresses are given below. If we receive your response, we will send to you our response on the issue with what is required.

If on the other hand, you choose not to respond, you will indeed not be able to harm Allah in the least, and neither will be able to hinder the establishment of the Khilafah as promised by Allah (swt) and as foretold by His Prophet (saw). By this you only reach your humiliation and depravity in both the worlds:

[وذلك هو الخسران المبين]

“That is the evident loss.” [al-Hajj: 011]

As for us, we have given the call to you and delivered the warning...and thereby accomplished our responsibility towards you.

[والله غالب على أمره ولكن أكثر الناس لا يعلمون]

“And Allah has full power and control over His Affairs, but most of men know not.” [Yusuf: 21]

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