

The work for the Khilafah Rashidah penetrates the obstacles of the colonialist states and their agents, unaffected by the plots of America or her ambassador in Lebanon

It is a glad tiding given by the Messenger of Allah (saw): "...then there will be a Khilafah on the method of Prophethood" (Ahmad). That good news – the hope, amidst the dark violent winds which besiege the Muslim lands: from crushed and overwhelmed Palestine, to exhausted and bleeding Iraq, to wartorn and fragmented Sudan, and Afghanistan surrounded by invading armies, and then to Lebanon where there is division without end and without hope and where the political establishment, with its various wings, has not ceased in its move towards the unknown, riddled with threats and warnings of division, transgression, tribulations and assassinations. Amidst all this darkness, *Hizb ut-Tahrir* proceeds ploughing ahead toward the goal of salvation, the goal of liberation, the goal of al-Khilafah al-Rashidah, working hard, night and day, in order to return the illumination of the laws of the eminent Shari'ah to the reality of life, and to bless humanity with the justice of Islam.

With the establishment of the Khilafah drawing ever-nearer, America has rekindled and strengthened her attacks, in an attempt to stop the Ummah's extended reach toward freeing herself from America's clutch. Thus President George Bush delivers warning upon warning about the 'Caliphate'; the most recent one being in his address on the 28th of August in which he yet again warned of the "caliphate extending from Spain to Indonesia". Joining him recently was the French President Nicholas Sarkozy who began his first address as president on the 27th of August mentioning the "threat of a confrontation between Islam and the West", pointing toward the International Conference convened by *Hizb ut-Tahrir* in the Indonesian capital Jakarta on the topic of 'Reviving the Islamic Khilafah'.

Since the submission of the papers for the informing of *Hizb ut-Tahrir* being a political party in Lebanon was forwarded to the Interior Ministry, the various power-brokers inside and outside of Lebanon opposed it openly and aggressively. The foremost of these complainants were the Americans, both from the White House itself and upon the tongue of the American Ambassador in Lebanon. Even the interim Interior Minister at the time announced that "the complaints are not only from the White House, they are also coming from the British embassy and many others." According to this position the American Ambassador induced some of the political parties within Lebanon to work to ban the *Hizb*, and to revoke the submission it forwarded. Some regional regimes also contributed to this campaign, through the use of some newspapers, television channels and 'Lebanese' organisations, including those power-brokers inside Lebanon supported by those regimes. The most recent chapter of this campaign occurred just weeks ago. The *Hizb* responded to this campaign comprehensively through its leaflets, conferences and media interviews silencing most of these voices.

And now, with the shining success achieved by the conferences of *Hizb ut-Tahrir* which gathered tens of thousands of its members and supporters across the world, including Lebanon, the American ambassador in Lebanon has moved aggressively to recruit new political sides within Lebanon and add them to the army of agitators and partisans against *Hizb ut-Tahrir* and its call. At the head of these new 'recruits' are two groups of people:

1. The ministers inside the government who are launching, as is their usual habit, sectarian incitements without considering the possible consequences of their moves such as increasing sectarian conflicts and their dangers.
2. The more dangerous, those people who adopt the form of a sincere advisor as government or non-government consultants, who have joined the ranks of this campaign, aggressively fighting anyone who calls for the resumption of the Islamic way of life, intently working to keep secularism established and defending it from any ideological threats. The justification used by these people for their attack on *Hizb ut-Tahrir* is in line with what they expressed, "The deep contradiction between the thought of *Hizb ut-Tahrir* and the thought of the modern nation-state, and issues of patriotism and freedoms in Lebanon and the Arab and Islamic Worlds."

As for the ministers contributing to this campaign, we say to them:

Be warned of being dragged into this campaign led by the American Ambassador, against people who you live with in one land! This will bring about divisions and cause hatred amongst the people. Do you then think that the Americans are more trustworthy for you than the Muslims who have lived peacefully with you for centuries?!

As for those consultants who adopt the form of a sincere advisor and incite hatred in the hearts of those who trust them, we say to them:

Your plots have been exposed, and the level of your actions and words fell when you decided to push the political resolution against those who exposed you with the power of ideas through evidence and proof. If you want a real

ideological confrontation, we are always ready to confront ideas with ideas and proofs with proofs, but always those weak in thought are frightened by ideological confrontations. Until you respond to this challenge – and we doubt that you will – we go on to say:

Indeed *Hizb ut-Tahrir* has made the resumption of the Islamic way of life its vital cause. It was established on the Islamic creed, it adheres to the Islamic Law (*Shari'ah*) and carries the Islamic concepts, and strives with all its ability to resume the Islamic way of life. Thus it does not speak about anything other than with regard to Islam. All its actions are verified in accordance with Islam. So whosoever knows this but still insists with fighting against its ideology, then such a person announces a fight against Islam, not against our members. And whoever opposes our call, let him call and debate with us in front of everyone at a venue of his choice, instead of plotting against us from behind the scenes.

As for our respected scholars, we say to them:

The leaders of this campaign are relying on the negative attitude of some of you toward to hizb, even if it is few, to create the false notion that the call for Khilafah, which the Prophet (saw) gave glad tidings of, is abandoned even by the scholars themselves. So if you allow them to achieve their goal, they will turn you against your brothers and will use you as a part of the war on Islam and those who work for it, a position not worthy of the honour of those with knowledge like you. Rather the believers are relying on you to be a preventative barrier in the face of the plots of these conspirators.

As for the government, we say to them:

Hizb ut-Tahrir, whose informing was approved more than a year ago was and still remains and will remain as it is. It does not change and will not change by the Will of Allah. Indeed the Hizb established its presence in Lebanon, raised its voice and its ideas became popular before the informing was accepted, in spite of the arrests, torture, and intimidation campaigns members of the hizb were exposed to. These increased them in firmness from strength to strength. Thus the repression which the hizb faced from the governmental agencies in Lebanon is a factor in the spreading of news of the hizb and the struggle of its members and their resoluteness upon the Truth, a matter which caused these agencies a permanent headache. As for the hizb, it remained, even after the informing, working on its path, without change or alteration, and without partaking in the destabilising of the security in Lebanon or sectarian conflicts, upon which the political parties of Lebanon are habituated to. The hizb will remain on its path even if it is officially recognised by the government or not, knowing full well that there is no lawful reason for its banning And whoever seeks to prevent the work for Khilafah through repression or banning or suppression of opinion, moving on the path of the governments who came before, we from our side are prepared to deal with any kind of conditions, without exception. However, remember that you are exposing yourself to the anger of Allah, and the anger of the Ummah, and you are turning against your own constitution, laws and slogans and the vision you have sloganised for Lebanon. It has become apparent to everyone that you are narrower in vision than even some of the Arab and non-Arab regimes who pretend to uphold 'freedom of opinion' who have not reached the level of banning *Hizb ut-Tahrir*.

As for the American Ambassador and his State behind him, we say to you:

That which *Hizb ut-Tahrir* strives toward will definitely occur, by the Will of Allah, the Exalted. Soon, for Islam there will be State in one of the Muslim lands, from where it will spread and unite the Muslim Ummah under the banner of one Khalifah. Then people like you will not be able to move around freely, commanding and prohibiting, without anyone to hold you accountable. Allah, the Exalted says:

[هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَىٰ الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ]

"He (Allah) is the one who sent His Messenger with the guidance and the true way of life that it may become dominant over all other ways of life, even if the polytheists detest it" [al-Tauba: 33]

As for our brothers in Lebanon, we say to them:

Conspiracies have always been designed against you and your interests, whilst you have been unaware. Here today we expose one chapter from the many chapters of these conspiracies upon your deen, upon your imminent Khilafah and upon those who work for it, so show Allah from yourselves that which he, the Exalted, loves and is pleased with: a honourable, dignified, and manly stand in the face of the aggressive attack upon your deen, and the body which implements it, the Khilafah. So take a resolute stand as your Islam teaches you. Allah says,

[مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ]

"And from amongst the Believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah" [al-Ahzab: 23]