

A Call to Muslims in General, and to the People of Ash-Sham in Particular

(Translated)

Praise be to Allah, and prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family, his companions, and those who follow him.

You have learned about the accelerated events in Ash-Sham, and the fate of Bashar, the tyrant of Ash-Sham, who has become an outcast and fugitive since 8 December 2024. You have seen what has become apparent of his tyranny above and below the ground, and the shameful crimes committed against prisoners, even the beasts of the land did not commit anything like them. You then watched how people celebrated the demise of the tyrant in the cities, villages, and streets, thanking Allah (swt) for granting them victory by removing the rule of the tyrant.

Then you have seen and heard how America, followed by Turkey, gathered the Arab rulers in Aqaba to discuss how the new government in Syria should be: [Members of the Arab Ministerial Contact Committee met today, Saturday, in the Jordanian city of Aqaba regarding the developments in Syria... Turkey... the United States... the High Representative of the European Union... and the UN envoy to Syria.] The statement read: (The meetings discussed ways to support a comprehensive political process led by Syria "to achieve a transitional process in accordance with Security Council Resolution 2254..."). UN envoy to Syria Geir Pedersen said during his meeting with US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken, on the sidelines of the Aqaba meetings ["we hope to see a Syrian state emerge, one that is fully representative, that's non-sectarian, that's inclusive, that can bring together all parts of the Syrian community" (Al Jazeera, 14/12/2024)]. After that, the official newspaper "Turkey" said [that Erdogan may make a "historic" visit to Damascus within the next two weeks. He confirmed during his conversation with journalists that his country "will help the new Syrian administration in building the state structure". He added that he hopes that the formation of the new Syrian administration led by al-Julani will lead to a new level of bilateral relations. (Sky News Arabia, 20/12/2024)].

Then, American and European delegations came to Syria in meetings with the new government to arrange the situation in the manner that those delegations wanted. The last of them, on Friday 20/12/2024, was the American delegation. At the end of the meeting, the Military Operations Department in Syria issued a statement about the most prominent points that were included in the meeting of its leader, Ahmed Al-Sharaa, with the US State Department mission, which stated: [The American side affirmed its commitment to supporting the Syrian people and the new Syrian administration, and standing by them in confronting the pending files and major challenges, such as the northeastern region of Syria, and the delegation expressed its support for the steps announced by the new Syrian administration... The statement added: "For its part, the delegation expressed its thanks for the efforts of the new administration in releasing the detainees, including American citizen Travis... The statement continued: "On the other hand, the Syrian side expressed its welcome to the delegation... and explained that the Syrian people need great support to achieve recovery and prosperity at all levels, calling for the lifting of the sanctions imposed on it, and pointed out that the Syrian people stand at the same distance from all countries and parties in the region without putting Syria in a state of polarization" (Arabic RT - Arab World News, 20/12/2024)].

Then you have seen and heard how the Jewish army stormed the villages of the Golan and Quneitra, and carried out about 600 raids targeting the Syrian army's sites, especially the air bases and air defense systems, in the largest operation to destroy military capabilities and equipment in modern history, as stated on the Sky News Arabia website on 19/12/2024. Its attacks continued inside the demilitarized zone until it reached Mount Hermon: ["The Israeli forces occupied Mount Hermon when they entered the demilitarized zone between Syria and the occupied Golan Heights." (Al Jazeera, 18/12/2024)]. Thus, after the Jewish entity carried out hundreds of attacks against military, security and scientific facilities in Syria, in full view of the new rulers of Syria, the rulers of the Arabs and the rulers of the Muslim countries... they did not move as if the matter did not concern them! What is worse and more bitter is that the new government in Syria declares, despite all this, that they do not intend to have a conflict with the Jewish entity, nor with America and Europe, and that they are asking for peace and the lifting of sanctions on them, and for them to be helped in construction and reconstruction... requests that are more like humiliation and disgrace:

Asharq Al-Awsat published on its website on 15/12/2024: [...Ahmed Al-Sharaa said on Saturday that 'Israel' is using flimsy pretexts to justify its attacks on Syria, but he made it clear that he is not interested in entering into new conflicts, as the country is focusing on rebuilding after the end of Bashar Al-Assad's era... He stressed that diplomatic solutions are the only way to ensure security and stability "away from any uncalculated military adventures"]. Al-Jazeera quoted the New York Times [Al-Sharaa called on governments such as the United States to remove the terrorist designation from Hay'at Tahrir Al-Sham, and

he also demanded the removal of all restrictions so that Syrians can rebuild the country.” (Al-Jazeera, 17/12/2024).

O Muslims in general, and the people of Ash-Sham in particular: The new regime in Syria, headed by al-Julani, is closely linked to the Turkish regime that revolves in the orbit of America. If he thinks that by pleasing America, he will implement the secular regime, fight the Khilafah and its callers, and close the prisons on them, even though **he opened other prisons and released everyone in them except the members of Hizb ut Tahrir who are working to restore the rule of Allah on earth, the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly-Guided Caliphate), and that is to please America and the West in their war on the Khilafah and its people.** If he thinks that this will preserve his seat (of power), then he is mistaken, unless he continues to serve them, for the Messenger of Allah (saw) informed us of the loss of the one who has this opinion, as he (saw) said in what Ibn Hibban reported in his Sahih on the authority of al-Qasim on the authority of Aisha, the Mother of the Believers, may Allah be pleased with her, that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said: «مَنْ أَرْضَى اللَّهَ بِسَخَطِ النَّاسِ كَفَاهُ اللَّهُ، وَمَنْ أَسَخَطَ اللَّهَ بِرِضَا النَّاسِ وَكَلَهُ اللَّهُ إِلَى النَّاسِ» “Whoever seeks Allah's pleasure by the people's wrath, Allah will suffice him from the people. And who ever seeks the people's pleasure by Allah's wrath, Allah will entrust him to the people”.

Whoever looks at the fate of the followers of the kafir colonizers and those who follow in their footsteps to please them will see that their conditions speak volumes about their fate: ﴿إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِكْرَى لِمَنْ كَانَ لَهُ قَلْبٌ أَوْ أَلْقَى﴾ “Surely in this is a reminder for whoever has a ‘mindful’ heart and lends an attentive ear” [Qaf: 37].

O Muslims in general and the people of Ash-Sham in particular: The only system that Allah (swt) has made obligatory and His Messenger (saw) and the Rightly-Guided Caliphs implemented, is ruling by what Allah has revealed, pure and clear, without any blemish, and with no other system mixed in it. So good is not mixed with evil, and no parts of Islam and parts of secularism are implemented (together). Rather, ruling is by the system of the Khilafah Rashidah without division. ﴿وَأَنْ أَحْكَمَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ﴾ “And judge between them ‘O Prophet’ by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their desires. And beware, so they do not lure you away from some of what Allah has revealed to you. If they turn away ‘from Allah’s judgment’, then know that it is Allah’s Will to repay them for some of their sins...” [Al-Ma’idah: 49]

You have made sacrifices, you have been harmed, many of you have been martyred and most have been wounded. These sacrifices must be to establish the rule of Allah (swt) on earth, The Khilafah Rashidah, and not to replace one secular system with another, even if the name and title differ. Thus, your sacrifices will be a light that illuminates Ash-Sham. However, if these sacrifices are to lead you to replace one man-made system with another man-made system, then you will be like the one who unravels her spun thread after it has been strong: ﴿وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّتِي نَقَضَتْ غَزْلَهَا مِنْ بَدِّ قُوَّةٍ أَنْكَاثًا﴾ “Do not be like the woman who ‘foolishly’ unravels her yarn after it is firmly spun” [An-Nahl: 92]

O Muslims in general, and the people of Ash-Sham in particular: The leader Hizb ut Tahrir, who does not lie to its people, warns you of the hands of the devils of mankind who want your blood to be shed in vain, so that you do not reach the pure and clean good, the rule by what Allah has revealed, but rather a man-made rule with a difference in name and meaning. Instead of being an Ummah that the kuffar (disbelievers) take seriously, you have returned as followers of the colonial kuffar and their agents, and this is a crime, Allah forbid, whose fate is humiliation in this world and torment in the Hereafter. ﴿سَيُصِيبُ الَّذِينَ﴾ “The wicked will soon be overwhelmed by humiliation from Allah and a severe punishment for their evil plots.” [Al-An’am: 124]

Be careful not to let your sacrifices go to waste, especially since Ash-Sham must be the heart of the abode of Islam, as the Messenger of Allah (saw), informed us in the Hadith that At-Tabarani narrated in Al-Mu’jam Al-Kabir on the authority of Salamah bin Nufayl, who said: The Messenger of Allah (saw) said: «عَفْرٌ» “The heart of the abode of Islam is Ash-Sham.”

So do your utmost to thwart the corrupt secular political solutions that the kafir colonizers and their agents want. Do not let your sacrifices in these events go to waste and become a mere trace! And support Hizb ut Tahrir, which is working to establish the rule of Islam, the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly-Guided Khilafah), and you will have a great reward and a great victory, Allah willing. Then you will be among those who deserve the glad-tiding: ﴿نُصْرٌ مِنَ اللَّهِ وَفَتْحٌ قَرِيبٌ وَيَبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾ “Help from Allah and an imminent victory. ‘So’ give good news ‘O Prophet’ to the believers” [As-Saf: 13]

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