

Press Release**Hasina Government has Caved in to US Pressure to join Indo-Pacific Strategy (IPS) in Bid to stay in Power**

Sheikh Hasina has been flaunting herself till now with her supposed 'boldness' against United States' intervention in Bangladesh. She slammed US for lecturing her government about democracy, and accused them of meddling in Bangladesh's election. Finally, during the 22<sup>nd</sup> Parliamentary Session on April 10, she criticized US for seeking a regime change in Bangladesh. And within a few days after that 'fiery speech' in the parliament, her government has officially embraced US scheme by announcing the Indo-Pacific Outlook on 24 April before the commencement of her visit to the US. Hasina never hesitates to surrender the Ummah's sovereignty to the Colonialist Kuffar to secure her throne. Moreover, against this backdrop, Bangladesh also agreed in principle to give all the 15 deep-sea hydrocarbon blocks to the US energy giant ExxonMobil (*Daily Jugantor, April 25, 2023*). Presence of one of the most powerful US firms that closely works with the US Congress and White House inside Bangladesh's deep-sea water bears immense strategic importance for US Indo-Pacific Strategy. Also, Hasina government already pleased US by awarding the Matarbari deep-sea port in southern Bangladesh to Japan - a key ally of US for Indo-Pacific - after abandoning the Chinese plan to build a deep-sea port just 25 kilometers away at Sonadia. The Matarbari port is considered to be a strategic linchpin for US-led IPS. Even though Japan was in a prolonged "hibernation" after Second World War due to the post-surrender policy imposed by the US, now US is now letting Japan be a military powerhouse again as it is firmly anchored to the orbit of the United States to gain footholds in pivotal Indo-Pacific to counter China. So, Japan's stake in Bangladesh's deep-sea port is in fact aligned with US geopolitical interest for ports and bases that can pave way for U.S. naval dominance in the Indo-Pacific. We understand its gravity from the statement of Ely Ratner, US Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs: *"In an area mostly made up of water, the U.S. military is dependent on logistical support from regional partners such as base and port access"* (*"Why the U.S. isn't ready for a fight in the Indo-Pacific"*, POLITICO, Dec 27, 2022). Besides, Hasina's bid to procure military supplies and equipment from Japan is an attempt to reduce military dependence on China.

**O People**, these secular rulers and politicians are the only cause of our distress and misery. They exist to compete each other in slavery of the West. On the one hand Hasina government is letting Bangladesh to be used as 'geopolitical pawn' of the US hegemony to save herself from the fall; on the other hand, the opposition parties go knocking on Western embassies' doors for their interference. With help

from US and other Western powers, they want to come to power so that they can serve western interests better. The hypocrisy from the nationalist politicians is loud and clear. Although they are vocal against Indian aggression, but never criticize the evil US-India alliance and the strategic moves that India takes against Bangladesh in favor of the US Indo-Pacific Strategy. **O People**, the only way to get rid of this cursed Western-backed secular politics is to bring back the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly-guided Caliphate). Join your hands with the movement of **Hizb ut Tahrir** to end the colonial hegemony. Allah (swt) is the witness that we have always been uncompromising about your sovereignty even in the face of oppression of the Western puppet regimes.

**O Sincere Officers of the Bangladesh Military**, the secular rulers and politicians are leaving no stones unturned in their rat race for power. They are the parasite of our Ummah who have no political ambition other than serving their kafir colonialist masters. These rulers are using you as fuel in the war of their colonialist masters. By the help of your top brass, these traitors are relentless to hand over our proud military to the hands of the Kuffar and Mushriks through various treaties. Only you have the material power to end this betrayal as well as the agony of the people by bringing back the promised Khilafah on the method of Prophethood. Take heed, **O Officers!** You are at the crossroads of the history and people will remember you for the truthful and bold decision you make now. Either you will be remembered together with Commander Sa'd ibn Mu'adh (ra) who helped RasulAllah (saw) to establish Islamic state in Medina or with the great betrayer of this Ummah, Commander Mir Jafer, who served the British to gain control on Indian Subcontinent. So, extend your nussrah (material support) to the truthful party **Hizb ut Tahrir** without any delay to reestablish the righteous Khilafah. Do not miss the great opportunity to fight under the second Rashidun army to end tyranny by bringing the Western Colonialism down.

﴿الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ الطَّاغُوتِ فَقَاتِلُوا أَوْلِيَاءَ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّ كَيْدَ الشَّيْطَانِ كَانَ ضَعِيفًا﴾

“Those who believe, fight in the way of Allah. Those who disbelieve, fight in the way of Satan. So you (believers) fight against the friends of Satan. Surely strategy of Satan is weak” [An-Nisa 4:76]

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