

Press Release

## A Muslim Woman Arrested in St Petersburg Accused of Belonging to Hizb ut Tahrir

(Translated)

On 24/11 the media publicized news about the security services in St Petersburg arresting the sister Ala Pispaluf accusing her of organizing women's cell activities adherent to Hizb ut Tahrir, which in accordance to Russian law is considered an act equal to terrorist acts punishable by imprisonment up to 15 years. The news was not accompanied with any proof that the Muslim woman has any connection to terrorism. The security services considers an audio recording of her and the finding of Islamic books in her home as enough proof and a picture of the sister's Shari' clothes for the media.

For years the media has filled the general opinion with negative thoughts about Islam by publicizing lies about Muslims and displaying them for its raging war against terrorism, this includes the view that a mere hijab on the head of a Russia Muslim woman as a tradition is considered as a crime which does not need any proof of a crime. This oppression on the part of the security services is in accordance with the policy of the war against Islam pursued by the state, part of this is the forbidding of the call to Islam amidst the Russian people. This policy shows the weakness of the state and its fear to embrace the thinking sections of the society for Islam and especially the Russians amongst them.

The embrace of Islam by the original citizens of St Petersburg has made them a body of Russian Muslims in the past, afterwards some Russian family names eg. Iwanov, Migalov, Jablokov and others appeared amongst the ones accused of exercising of the activities of Hizb ut Tahrir. The phenomenon of the conversion of the inhabitants of St Petersburg is the real reason behind the arrest of Ala Fladimir Bisbalouf and accusing her of correlating to terrorist acts, and the reason for these lies is to frighten and distance the citizens of St Petersburg and other Russians to convert to Islam. Adding to the accusations against Bisbalouf is that her husband is convicted to 12 years of jail deeming him to be one of the organizers of Hizb ut Tahrir's activities in Petersburg.

Thereby the crime of Bisbalouf can be summed up as follows: she married a Muslim man and left Christianity and embraced Islam, thereby she became an example of those who are forbidden by the state to carry out such steps. The arrest of an unprotected Muslim woman is a sign of hatred towards Islam and the belief in Allah (swt) and it is despotism exercised by the security services, and by Allah's will it will spread Islam widely amongst the citizens of Russia. And everyone who has something to do with the suffering of Bisbalouf will in the end be punished, Almighty Allah says:

﴿وَلَا يَحْسِبَنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَنَّمَا نُمَلِّي لَهُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّأَنفُسِهِمْ إِنَّمَا نُمَلِّي لَهُمْ لِيَزْدَادُوا إِثْمًا وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ مُّهِينٌ﴾

**"Those who disbelieve should not assume that We respite them for their own good. In fact, We only respite them so that they may increase in sinfulness. A humiliating torment awaits them" [Aal-Imran: 178]**

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