

Press Release

**After Threats and Intimidation**

**Kidnapping of Two Members of Hizb ut Tahrir in Ghouta of Damascus**

(Translated)

On Tuesday, 11/10/2016, Haj Abu Malik, aged 55, was abducted from the city of Sakba, four days later, Brother Abu Abdul Rahim Joubar aged 32 years was kidnapped from Ein Tarma area on Saturday night, 15/10/2016.

We confirm that this kidnapping came after a campaign of incitement, threat, and distortion that targeted the Dawah carriers in Ghouta of Damascus by figures from Failaq Ar-Rahman (faction) and others associated to it. Failaq Ar-Rahman is in control of the two regions in which these two crimes took place. This attempt of kidnapping was preceded by the assassination attempt of Sheikh Abu Suhaib al-Najjar, by Jaysh Al-Islam on 04/04/2015, also the kidnapping of two members from Hizb ut Tahrir in Douma City on 26/4/2015, it turned out they were held in the prison of Jaysh Al-Islam for seven months. The perpetrators of these senseless crimes who were not deterred by the saying of Allah (swt): ﴿وَلَا تَبْغِ الْفُسَادَ فِي﴾

“And desire not corruption in the land. Indeed, Allah does not like corrupters” [Al-Qasas: 77] ﴿وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُفْسِدِينَ﴾ “... and Allah does not like corrupters” [Al-Ma’ida: 64].

They should know that the people of Ash-Sham will not leave the corrupters living unaccounted among them, the people of Ash-Sham came out (in demonstrations) to uproot corruption and tyranny of the criminal Assad regime. The leaders of Failaq Ar-Rahman should punish the perpetrators of this crime, and he should fear Allah, who thinks that he is given authority without checks and balances, and he should know that Allah defends the believers, that Allah is Strong and is the Avenger.

**O Muslims in Ash-Sham in general and the people of Ghouta in particular:**

Be as Allah wanted you to be: supporters of the truth and defenders of its people, and stop the oppressors who kidnap your sons... And know that your demands of the truth and perseverance on it, is an obstacle on the road of those tempted to disregard your blood and sanctities, or divert the path of your revolution, so stand with your brothers, the Dawah carriers. Do not let the fear of the tyrant’s oppression prevent you from saying the truth.

Imam Ahmad narrated in his Musnad from Abu Sa’eed that he said: The Messenger of Allah (saw) said: «لَا يَمْنَعَنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ هَيْبَةُ النَّاسِ أَنْ يَقُولَ فِي حَقِّ إِذَا رَأَاهُ، أَوْ شَهِدَهُ أَوْ سَمِعَهُ» “No one among you should let the fear of the people prevent him from speaking the truth, if he saw, or witnessed, or heard it.”

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