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﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَٰلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ﴾

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America, the Enemy of Islam and Muslims, Is Expanding its Military Facilities in Tunisia, Transforming Them into a Base for Intervention in Africa and the Mediterranean Basin

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U.S. military involvement in Tunisia is no longer limited to joint military exercises, training, the exchange of expertise, and the provision of military equipment; it has taken on a more concerning form, involving the establishment and development of military facilities—equipped to accommodate large numbers of military personnel—for the purpose of conducting joint training and military operations.

Following the project to establish a Naval Center of Excellence in Bizerte—intended by the United States for the training of naval commandos and designed to serve as a regional, multinational training hub—the U.S. Embassy in Tunisia announced on November 9, 2026, the completion of modernization work at the military training center in Ben Ghilouf, located in the governorate of Gabes. The project was funded by the United States and follows a visit by General Matthew Brown, commander of the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force, Africa (SETAF-AF).

This was not merely a renovation of a military facility; the work included equipping the center with accommodation for 630 military personnel, dining facilities capable of serving 430 people simultaneously, a helipad, and a center for the control and management of training exercises—along with facilities for briefings and tactical planning—thereby enabling the center to host large-scale joint military exercises.

In light of this ongoing expansion of the American military presence in our country, we, in Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah of Tunisia, emphasize the following points:

First: What is taking place at Ben Ghilouf cannot be separated from the project to establish a maritime center of excellence in Bizerte. The former provides capabilities for land-based military training and joint maneuvers, while the latter is dedicated to training naval forces and naval commandos. Are we, therefore, looking at a network of military facilities whose functions complement one another to provide a U.S. military infrastructure on Tunisian soil?

Second: The United States is a state hostile to Islam and Muslims. It wishes no good for Tunisia or its army; the vast sums it spends on developing military facilities in our country are intended solely to serve its own strategic interests, expand its military influence across North Africa and the Mediterranean, and transform Tunisia into a

forward base for the operations of its military command in Africa (AFRICOM)—all in order to consolidate its control and influence. Its talk of supporting the Tunisian army and enhancing its capabilities is merely a cover for achieving these objectives.

Third: Allowing the United States to fund and equip military facilities on Tunisian soil—and linking the training and military exercises of our own army to the U.S. military and its command—renders the nation's military and security decision-making process vulnerable to being held captive by American interests. Furthermore, this transforms our army from a force that protects the country and the nation into a component of a U.S.-led military apparatus—one that America employs to serve its own colonial agendas and military adventures in the region—a practice that is strictly prohibited under Islam.

Fourth: This expansion is inseparable from the 2015 "Privileged Partner" agreement, the 2020 military roadmap, and the subsequent intensification of U.S. military exercises, visits, and the exchange of expertise and equipment. This reveals that what is taking place is not merely transient military cooperation, but rather a gradual process designed to entrench military and security dependency and solidify U.S. influence in our country—a development that portends grave danger.

Fifth: Utilizing the lands of the Muslims and their military capabilities to serve a state that is at war with the Islamic Ummah—and which acts as a primary supporter of the Jewish entity in its aggression against our people in Palestine—constitutes a surrender of the Ummah's sovereignty and an act of allegiance to the enemies of the Ummah. It is a crime of the gravest magnitude and is strictly forbidden under Islamic law (Sharia). The Almighty says: ﴿وَلَن يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ سَبِيلاً﴾ **"And Allah will never grant the disbelievers a way over the believers"** [TMQ An-Nisa 4:141].

O Our People in Tunisia, Land of Heroic Fighters:

Our country is not a territory open for exploitation by America or any other colonial power, and our army is not a tool to carry out their agendas or protect their interests. Religious duty dictates that we reject foreign military hegemony, annul agreements that entrench dependency, end the foreign military presence, and prevent Tunisia from being turned into a forward base for American forces in Africa. The salvation of our country and our Ummah does not lie in becoming beholden to America or any other power; rather, it lies in liberating ourselves from the influence of the kafir (disbelieving) colonizer and establishing the Islamic State—the second Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate), following the methodology of the Prophethood.

The Almighty says: ﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ...﴾ **"Allah has promised those of you who believe and do good that He will certainly make them successors in the land…"** [TMQ An-Nur 24:55]

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