

Press Release**The Civil State Confronts Thoughts with the Political Police Stick**

(Translated)

On Sunday, February 19th 2017, the political police in Sfax banned members of Hizb ut Tahrir from holding an intellectual political seminar titled "The Failure of the Civil State and the Inevitability of the Khilafah." They surrounded the perimeter of Al-Aghlabah Hall, the supposed venue of the seminar and they pushed away all those who tried to get close to the hall and they succumbed further in moral decay and insulted and terrorized people to prevent them from attending the seminar. Then their leaders announced that they stopped the party's seminar because it was held without prior notification or permission, this was their story to the media. In fact, the party was very well organized and carried out all the administrative procedures according to the schedule, it provided notification of the seminar's place and its date to the Governor of Sfax since February 13th and after 72 hours, we were not notified by the province that they decided to stop the seminar (and their law stipulates that if the ban is to take place, then the relevant authorities must inform the party of the ban within 72 hours). The same day, February 13th, the Hizb took permission from the municipality to hang posters for publicity of the seminar, and this was done. The ban was in the morning of the seminar which shows that banning the party was not for security reasons or for failure to complete the administrative procedures, but rather was the result of immediate political instructions that came from above to the local authority, and that the police were not carrying out the law but was carrying out instructions that came from above.

We in Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah of Tunisia prove once more our organization and respect to what we have promised, but this civil state through the repeated ban of our work for more than two years (although to them we are a legal party) proves it is beneath the political and thought line. It hammered us with constant boasting of being a state of law, but they do not respect the laws that they make and trample over them by the shoes of the political police. For what? In order to prevent a political intellectual work!

Is it not a shame that the "emerging democracy" confronts thought with the stick of the political police? Is it not a scandal that the civil state confronts the argument with a heavy-handed stick?

Why do you want to prevent Hizb ut Tahrir from speaking?

You want to prevent Hizb ut Tahrir because it has exposed your humiliating submission for the colonizers, you allowed them deep access into the affairs of the state and in the state security services and in legislation, economy, education, and you have put Tunisia under foreign recommendation.

You want to prevent Hizb ut Tahrir because it calls for the removal of your system that by it you turned the people of the country as servants and slaves to the colonial companies (British Gas, Petrofac, OMV in Cotusal....) after you have forsaken our wealth to them.

You want to prevent Hizb ut Tahrir because it calls for the resumption of the Islamic way of life by the establishment of the righteous Khilafah state (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood that Allah has obliged on all Muslims.

O Government:

For whose sake are you gagging the mouths of those who are proclaiming the truth? For whose interest do you ban those calling for the implementation of Allah's rules? Do you ban Hizb ut Tahrir and yet open the door widely to the ambassadors of the colonial powers: Britain, France and America, to roam around the country, in its length and width, and meet whoever they please, without any monitoring or accountability, from the parties, personalities, associations, and youth?! Or is it the slaughter offering to your masters, that you arrest and ban from talking those who expose the facts and enlighten the people of the false and fake colonial promises? The major colonial powers today are fighting Islam openly; America's Trump's first statement when he assumed the presidency was that he will erase Islam from the face of the earth, and the Ambassador of France's first statement when his feet touched the land of Tunisia, was that he will protect French people from the Muslims (that he called terrorists), while Britain is notorious for its animosity towards Islam and it is well known.

We know that your quest to ban Hizb ut Tahrir, which calls worldwide for the establishment of the Khilafah state that implements Islam and rescues mankind from the crimes of the capitalist countries is not a sovereign decision but is a response to the terms of the major colonial powers (America, Britain and France) on you, to use you in the context of the global war in order to prevent the return of the Khilafah, the strong state, that will, Allah willing, uproot their influence from the Muslim countries - under a false name (the war on terrorism).

And to the political police, that returned after a long hiding, we say:

How do you prevent and ban the one who want to show you the enemy of Allah and your enemy? Is it not strange that you arrest and avert those who reveal to you the facts, and are working night and day so that you and your people do not fall into the traps of the colonizers?

You failed and lost, by this heinous action you resembled the men of gangsters; who put their strength in service of falsehood, and avert from the way of Allah, and would have it crooked, and we warn you if the words of Allah (swt) apply to you:

﴿الَّذِينَ يَسْتَحِبُّونَ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا عَلَى الْآخِرَةِ وَيَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَيَبْغُونَهَا عِوَجًا أُولَٰئِكَ فِي ضَلَالٍ بَعِيدٍ﴾

The ones who prefer the worldly life over the Hereafter and avert [people] from the way of Allah, seeking to make it (seem) deviant. Those are in extreme error” [Ibrahim: 3]

And remind you that if a force is not placed in the service of the truth, and the call to Islam, it is unjust force and will be end quickly ... and if an authority does not bring one closer to Allah, and it is not for Allah's pleasure, but is intended to serve the rulers who have sold their country and their Deen and their Ummah, it is a corrupt authority, and Allah does not reform the work of the people of mischief.

In conclusion, we say to this government that follow and submit to the colonizer and supports it and we say to their supporters, and their masters that the call to establish the Khilafah is not the idea of Hizb ut Tahrir alone, but it is the idea of all Muslims in Tunisia and outside Tunisia, who are working for it, because it is an order from Allah (swt). The work to establish it is one of the greatest acts of worship to Allah (swt), Khilafah is the ruling by the laws of Allah on earth, it was the first action of the Prophet (saw) and his companions. We know that our people in Tunisia loves Allah and His Messenger, and they love Islam and they do not accept the injustice of this government, and they will not accept the oppressors or those who support them. And they will not remain silent about the colonists movement through their home land, and they will uproot it and its cronies and implement the rules of Islam. We in Hizb ut Tahrir have pledged to Allah to work day and night in order to establish His (swt) law, which He revealed to His Messenger (saw), and we are sure that He will not let us down and He will give victory to His slaves soon.

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