

**The Speech of the Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir, Eminent Scholar, Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah
On the Occasion of the 99th Anniversary of the Destruction of the
Khilafah State (Caliphate)**

(Translated)

Praise be to Allah, and prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family and companions, and those who follow him...

To the Islamic Ummah in general, the best nation that was brought out to humankind... and to the Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir in particular, who Allah honoured them by carrying His Dawah sincerely and faithfully... **and to the guests of the website, who approach it out of love for the good and light it carries to you all: Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuh**

On this day, ninety-nine years ago, the criminal of the era Mustafa Kamal abolished the Khilafah (Caliphate), and although this was out in the public in broad daylight, and documented with evidence, but rather with more than one evidence, that this is open disbelief (Kufr) revoking the rule of Islam, that its perpetrator deserves to be fought by the sword according to the Hadith of the Messenger of Allah (saw), narrated by Bukhari and Muslim from Junada ibn Abi Umaiya who said:

We entered upon 'Ubada bin As-Samit while he was sick. We said, "May Allah make you healthy. Will you tell us a Hadith you heard from the Prophet (saw) and by which Allah may make you benefit?" He said, "The Prophet (saw) called us and we gave him the Pledge of allegiance for Islam, and among the conditions on which he took the Pledge from us, **«أَنْ بَايَعَنَا عَلَى السَّمْعِ وَالطَّاعَةِ فِي مَنْشَطِنَا وَمَكْرَهِنَا وَعُسْرِنَا وَيُسْرِنَا وَأَثَرَةٍ عَلَيْنَا وَأَنْ لَا نَنْتَازِعَ الْأَمْرَ أَهْلَهُ إِلَّا أَنْ تَرَوْا كُفْرًا بَوَاحاً عِنْدَكُمْ مِنْ اللَّهِ فِيهِ بُرْهَانٌ»** was that we were to listen and obey (the orders) both at the time when we were active and at the time when we were tired, and at our difficult time and at our ease and to be obedient to the ruler and give him his right even if he did not give us our right, and not to fight against him unless we noticed him having open Kufr (disbelief) for which we would have a proof with us from Allah."

The duty was to fight him and sacrifice for this at any cost, no matter how high. However, this tyrant did not face from the Ummah what he deserves, his annihilation! Hence the Ummah's history darkened, the Ummah that was the best nation brought to humankind that had one Khilafah State (Caliphate), which was feared, and carried Truth and justice, has now become more than fifty rips, disunited among themselves, overpowered by those who have no mercy on them, and heedless of their affairs. Not only this, but rather they are governed by Ruwaybidha (foolish ignorant) rulers who are obedient, submissive to the disbelievers (kuffar), and subject to the colonists, their wealth directs the economy of these enemies to Allah's Deen. As for the economy of the land and the people, it is distressed and plundered, whose people do not benefit from it, but their condition says it all (such as cattle in the desert dying of thirst yet water (load) is carried on its back). This is under the sight and hearing of the Ruwaybidha (ignorant) rulers. Poverty is rampant among people, except for the ruling faction and their cronies, who get the of prize wrapped with humiliation and shame for the service of their colonist masters, a betrayal to Allah and His Messenger and the believers, and obstruction in the way of Allah Al-Aziz Al-Hakim.

O Muslims, the Khilafah is the vital issue of Muslims, by which Hudood (limits) are established, honours are preserved, lands are opened, and Islam and Muslims are dignified, and all this is written in the Book of Al-Aziz Al-Hakim, and the Sunnah of His Messenger (saw), and the consensus of his Companions, may Allah be pleased with them. It is sufficient for a Muslim to study the following three matters to realize how tremendous and great the obligation of the Khilafah is; they are the following:

First: His words, may Allah's prayers and peace be upon him, narrated by At-Tabarani in Al-Ma'jam Al-Kabeer on the authority of Asim, on the authority of Abu Saleh, on the authority of Muawiyah, he said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (saw), say: **«مَنْ مَاتَ وَلَيْسَ فِي عُنُقِهِ بَيْعَةٌ مَاتَ مِيتَةً جَاهِلِيَّةً»** **“And whoever dies without the pledge of allegiance (to the ruler) upon his neck dies a death of jahiliyya.”**

This is an evidence of the greatness of the sin on the capable Muslim who does not work to establish the Khaleefah (caliph) whom he will have a pledge on his neck to give, i.e. it is an evidence for finding the caliph who deserves a pledge on the neck of every Muslim by his presence.

Secondly: It is the preoccupation of the Companions of the Messenger of Allah (saw) in establishing the Khilafah and the pledge of allegiance to the caliph before their preoccupation with the burial of the Messenger of Allah (saw). Although, hastening in the burial of the dead is stipulated by the Shariah. It is stated in Ma'rifat Al-Sunan Wal Athar by al-Bayhaqi: “Ash-Shafi'i said in Abi Saeed's version: It is more favoured to hasten to bury the dead, if the death is confirmed.” This is for any deceased, how then if this dead person is the Messenger of Allah (saw), and yet the Companions prioritized offering the pledge of allegiance to the Khaleefah to burying the Messenger of Allah (saw), and thus the confirmation of the Companions' consensus to establish a successor (caliph) from their delay in burying the Messenger of Allah (saw) after his death and their preoccupation with appointing a caliph.

Thirdly: Umar, may Allah be pleased with him, on the day of his death, had set a time frame to elect the caliph from the six (Companions) promised Jannah, of no more than three days ... Then he instructed that if the Khaleefah was not selected (agreed on) in three days, those who disagreed will be killed after the three days. And he entrusted fifty men from the Muslims to implement this, i.e. killing the one who disagreed, even though they were promised Jannah (paradise), and were of the people of Shura (consultation), and were from the great companions. This was under the sight and hearing of the Companions, there was no transmission that any of them disagreed or rejected this. Therefore it is the consensus of the Companions that it is prohibited that the Muslims remain without a Khaleefah for more than three days with their nights, and how many "groups of three's (days)" have passed by us, *La Hawl Wa La Quwata Illa Billah!* Thus the Khilafah, O Muslims, is a momentous and vital issue for Muslims and what an issue!

O Muslims, despite this, yet we do not despair of Allah's Mercy, **﴿إِنَّهُ لَا يَيْئَسُ مِنْ رَوْحِ اللَّهِ إِلَّا الْقَوْمُ الْكَافِرُونَ﴾** **“Indeed, no one despairs of relief from Allah except the disbelieving people.”** [Yusuf: 87]

Especially since Allah (swt) has promised those who believe and do righteous deeds that they will have succession (to authority) on earth **﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ﴾** **“Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [to authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them”** [An-Nur: 55].

Likewise, the Messenger of Allah (saw) gave the glad-tidings of the return of the Khilafah (caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood after the oppressive rule in which we are living under. **«ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةٌ عَلَىٰ مِنْهَاجِ النَّبُوَّةِ»** **“And then there will be Khilafah on the method of Prophethood.”** [Narrated by Ahmad on the authority of Hudhayfah ibn al-Yaman, may Allah be pleased with him].

However, we confirm and repeat what we have said before, that Allah (swt), Al-Qawi Al Aziz will support us if we support Him, by being among the sincere and faithful workers. It is Allah's Sunnah (way) that required that angels are not sent down to work on our behalf and establish the Khilafah for us, while we sit reclining on couches! Rather, Allah (swt) sends down angels, Allah willing, to help us as we work, and thus is Allah's promise in every victory,

whether it was in establishing the Khilafah with righteous work and its perfection, or if it was in the opening and victory of Allah by fighting for His way (swt).

We thank Allah for honouring this Ummah for the establishment of Hizb ut Tahrir, devoting itself to serious and sincere work, Allah willing, to resume the Islamic way of life by establishing the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided caliphate). It is the leader that does not lie to its people. It is a party that its good shines, and all who cannot bear this good fall out of it. This is what we believe is the case and we believe that all its Shabab (members) working with it are serious and hard working, loyal workers, Allah willing, yearning for the Afterlife above what they aspire in the world. And they work day and night, hoping to gain the Mercy of Allah; that His (swt) promise and the glad tiding of His Messenger (saw) is fulfilled by their hands, and this is easily accomplished by Allah.

In conclusion, the obligation of the establishment of the Khilafah, O Muslims, is not only upon the members of the party, but also on every capable Muslim, so support us, O Muslims, and support us O Muslim armies, and restore the glory of the Ansar (supporters) when they supported Allah's Deen. Allah made them equal to the Muhajireen, praised them and was pleased with them in His Noble Book without restriction. Nevertheless this work is restricted for the followers with Ihsan (good action), ﴿وَالسَّابِقُونَ السَّابِقُونَ مِنَ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ وَالْأَنْصَارِ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ رَضِيَ﴾ **“And the first forerunners [in the faith] among the Muhajireen and the Ansar and those who followed them with good conduct - Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him, and He has prepared for them gardens beneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide forever. That is the great attainment.”** [At-Tawba: 100]

This is because of the value, great reward, and honourable grace that the work of supporting Allah's Deen and establishing the Khilafah holds, to the extent that the angels carried the body of Saad bin Muadh, Sayyid al-Ansar (leader of the Ansar), may Allah be pleased with him, as stated in Al-Mustadrak on Al-Sahihain by Al-Hakim of the greatness of the action of supporting Allah's Deen.

And the conclusion of the conclusion, whoever supports the work to establish the Khilafah before its establishment, his reward is immense and greater than supporting the Khilafah after its establishment ﴿لَا يَسْتَوِي مِنْكُمْ مَنْ أَنْفَقَ مِنْ قَبْلِ الْفَتْحِ وَقَاتِلٌ أُولَئِكَ أَكْثَرُ دَرَجَةً مِنَ الَّذِينَ أَنْفَقُوا مِنْ بَعْدُ وَقَاتَلُوا وَكُلًّا وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الْحُسْنَىٰ وَاللَّهُ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ خَبِيرٌ﴾ **“Not equal among you are those who spent before the conquest [of Makkah] and fought [and those who did so after it]. Those are greater in degree than they who spent afterwards and fought. But to all Allah has promised the best [reward]. And Allah, with what you do, is Acquainted”** [Al-Hadid: 10].

And we pray earnestly to Allah (swt) that this ninety-ninth anniversary will be a prelude to Allah's great victory before the centenary of the abolition of the Khilafah and then the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) will shine on the world again.

﴿وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ * بِنَصْرِ اللَّهِ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ﴾

“And that day the believers will rejoice * In the victory of Allah. He gives victory to whom He wills, and He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful.” [Ar-Rum: 4-5]

Wa Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuh

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