

Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Turkey: Istanbul Became One Heart with Aleppo

Following the call of Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Turkey, the Muslims of Istanbul joined the condemning of the massacre in Aleppo at the hands of the USA and Russia with the funeral prayer in absentia for the martyrs at the Fatih Mosque today. This event which was initiated under the title "Jummah for Aleppo" started with a funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayer. Afterwards, the Head of Media Office Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Turkey, Mahmut Kar, gave a speech.

Mahmut Kar asked for the reason of Turkey's and other Muslim lands leaders' silence on the massacre in Aleppo. He said that the reason for the Aleppo massacre was to persuade the Syrian people of Geneva. Kar underlined that the Syrian Muslims will not be abandoned, stating that "Istanbul is Aleppo, and Aleppo is Istanbul." The event ended with the talk and dua by scholar Sheikh Abu Hassan, accompanied by Takbirat and Tawheed calls.

This is the full text of Mahmut Kar's statement:

Bismillahi Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem

Dear Muslims!

We came together with you for the Syrian revolution for so many times. Sometimes we gathered here in order to condemn the cruel Bashar and his hellhounds, sometimes in order to support our Syrian brothers (and sisters) who deserve all of the credit, sometimes in order to fulfil our last duty towards our martyrs by praying the funeral prayer in absence; and sometimes we gathered at mosques and squares to do the Qunut prayer for them when they needed it most. As Muslims of Turkey, we shared our daily bread with them. We welcomed them in spite of those who said "No! They shall not come!" We demonstrated the brotherhood of Ansar-Muhajir. May Allah be pleased with those who helped the Muslims of Syria in particular, and the whole of the Ummah of Muhammed in general without looking after any gain or interest.

My brothers and sisters!

This revolution has taught us and the whole Ummah something very important. Through this Syrian revolution, we learned much better that that help is only from Allah *Subhanahu Taala*. We learned that if we support our Deen, trust in Allah and lean on Him (*tawwakul*), we stand strong against the Kuffar and oppressors even if we are weak. We witnessed that Allah never left us without help. We have clearly seen the Kafir West's dirty face and hypocrisy in Syria. We have seen the murderous face of Iran and its Lebanese party Hezbollah joining the same ranks with the cruel Bashar, Russia and America. We faced the failure of America, Russia and the entire Western States in face of the weak and oppressed people. And we have seen the Muslims rulers' cowardice. We witnessed the political lack of foresight and even betrayal of Turkey who sits on Saudi Arabia's tail.

Oh you, Saudi Rulers! So where is your "glorious Islamic Army"?

Oh rulers of Turkey! Aleppo is right here! It is right next to us! Don't you see? Don't you here the screams of this abandoned and desperate people? Do the women's despair not touch you? Aleppo's innocent children, mothers and elderly women shout out as follows: "Where is the world? Where are the leaders of the Muslims? Where are the armies of the Muslims? Where is the Ummah?" When will this call make you to take action?

For the first time ever, there was no Friday prayer in Aleppo due to Russia and America's bombings. Muslims were not able to prostrate due to fear of massacre on the Muslim soils, on Allah's earth. Minarets and domes were destroyed. Aleppo is burning in spite of two billion Muslims and an army of 6 million. O Rulers! When will you hear the screams of Aleppo?! Was Aleppo not our red-line?! Aleppo is blood red now, don't you see?!

The leaders of some nations, some political party leaders, the international media, journalists, writers, strategists and even some Islamic organizations say "there is a civil war in

Syria". **No!** There is no civil war in Syria! The war in Syria is one between Islam and Kufr. There are crusader infidels fighting in Syria. They are fighting the Muslims. And what about the rulers in the Muslim lands? What are they doing? Does anyone know what the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation is good for?

My brothers and sisters!

The US is burning Aleppo in order to push through Geneva. Russia and the coalition forces level Aleppo with the ground by the order of America. We as Hizb ut Tahrir already said at Geneva 1 that "Geneva is a betrayal". We said the same for Geneva 2. And we said it at Geneva 3. And here we repeat it again: Oh Kafir America, Oh Obama! Your Geneva meetings are only an insidious trap against the Syrian Revolution. However, Alhamdulillah! Syria did not fall into that trap. And neither will Aleppo. Oh America, Oh Russia! Your sneaky plans will be in vain! Oh Iran! You will drown in the blood you shed in Syria. O American puppet Saudi Arabia! Your chickenfeed will not be able to purchase the Syrian revolution. It will not be able to buy the sincere Mujahiduns' and innocent Syrian people's Iman; remember that!

Oh rulers of Turkey! We call you once again and say: "It is clearly obvious that you cooperate with America in order to encompass the Syrian revolution. You confessed with your own tongues that America is the spearhead of the Syrian issue and that you tail after (America). Enough is enough! End your vibrant talks about being with the Syrian people. The children and women of Aleppo do not need your heroic rhetoric. They need your armies. When will you hasten to save the children dying under masses of rubble? When will you move your armies to save the women who are shouting "*Vah Muttasim!*"

And finally; we call the people of Syria, the innocents of Aleppo and most importantly the sincere revolutionaries: "Even if all rulers abandon you; we are with you Syria! Even if the whole world leaves you alone; we are with you Aleppo! We will never forget the killers and co-conspirators! We make this important reminder: The Kuffar neither hold to oaths nor do they hold to treaties! It is time to break all ties with the West and its henchmen, and to unite as one single body. Unite by showing loyalty to your martyrs upon your Lord's pleasure and the method of His Messenger. Unite and shout out as follows: "We will draw our own road map, and protect our revolution and our martyrs. And in contrary to the West's expectations, we will crown this revolution with the Khilafah Rashidah."

Come and work for the destruction of the killer regime together with all its symbols and patterns, and the establishment of the Khilafah Rashidah upon its ruins. Do not hold on to the unknown, hold on to the real! So support our brothers and sisters among you and clamp together with those good (khayr) hands. Clamp together, so that we enjoy all together this promise of Allah (swt):

﴿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]

Oh Allah! Help our Syrian brothers and sisters. Cast down the tyrant Bashar who survives through the infidel US and West's lifeblood supply. We deferred to you those who abandoned Aleppo to loneliness and desperation. We take refuge in You from the pitfalls and the deeds of collaborators against our Muslims brothers and sisters.

Oh Our Lord/Ya Rabb! Be witness that we uncovered them and warned them. Be witness that we stand by the Muslims against the Kuffar! Our Lord! And also be witness that we support those who resist in dignity!

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