

Press Release

On the 105th Anniversary of the Demolition of the Khilafah... The Earth Is Preparing for Its Return

(Translated)

A person may think, while observing the latest developments at the global level and in the Islamic lands, that the reality is becoming increasingly bleak and dark for the Islamic Ummah, and that hope for its revival and the restoration of its honor is fading or diminishing. However, contemplation of these developments shows that they reveal a hope that is renewed and deepening, and an approach toward revival day after day.

Despite the fact that the campaigns of the West and kufr (disbelief) against Islam and the Muslims continue one after another, as the colonizers have bared their fangs and lined up as one hand against the Muslims in several places around the world, the Ummah, although deprived of the political system and the Imam who leads it, meaning the Khilafah (Caliphate) State and the Khalifah (Caliph) has nevertheless stood in solidarity with itself and confronted these campaigns with increased steadfastness and challenge that has incapacitated the disbelieving colonial West, to the extent that at several moments it nearly developed into overthrowing its colonial dreams in the Ummah's lands.

Indeed, this steadfastness of the Ummah has accumulated a feeling among the entire West that it is impervious to losing its identity or melting into Western civilization. The West has realized that secular life and colonial conditions in the lands of the Muslims can only continue through repression and coercion. Then the Ummah soon revolts here and there and attempts to shake off these unnatural conditions. The West then tightens its grip more and more, to the point that it resorts to mobilizing its agents and tools to bombard its cities with bombs and barrel bombs, and to unleash death squads to kill its weakest, children and women before its men. We have thus come to be able to say that the disbelieving colonial West is "bombarding public opinion" in the lands of the Muslims.

This accumulated steadfastness and the continued uprisings of the Islamic Ummah have generated a general feeling of despair within the West, to the extent that its thinkers and media figures have been compelled to engage in heresy regarding their own principles and to overturn their claims of freedom. They have nearly singled out Muslims, among all people, by calling for depriving them of expressing their political opinions, or even openly practicing their chaste Islamic way of life. The voices of Westerners calling for the expulsion of Muslims from the entire West have risen, and for criminalizing even objection to the massacres committed against Muslims in their lands.

From this general feeling of despair in the West toward the Islamic Ummah arose feelings of suspicion and anxieties of political futility. Thus, the West began to doubt its countries' foreign policies and to view presence in Muslim lands as political futility that brings harm and no benefit. From the womb of these anxieties were born calls for inward retreat, such as "America First" and "Make America Great Again," in addition to amending laws so that asylum and immigration institutions, which had aimed to attract what is called human capital, were transformed into something resembling political police forces that persecute every foreigner and shut doors in the faces of people.

This expresses a sense of civilizational failure, meaning that the West no longer considers itself a civilizational crucible capable of melting peoples into its civilization; rather, it now seeks to isolate its civilization from the rest of the world. All of this has come about due to the steadfastness of the Islamic Ummah in holding fast to its civilization and identity and demanding the restoration of its authority.

Thus, and merely as an indication that the entire world has despaired of diverting the Islamic Ummah from its insistence on returning to its Islamic way of life, we say that on the 105th anniversary of the demolition of the Khilafah, the earth is preparing for its return.

As for what the Ummah itself must realize, it is that establishing the Khilafah (Caliphate) today is nothing more than a decision taken by the people of strength and protection within it, its armies and it would be realized within hours. Yes, hours. For all its sons yearn for the borders between them to be opened, for their lands to return as one abode, for their youthful capabilities to unite under one banner, so that they may confront their enemy, restore their sanctities, and extract their resources. Nothing prevents them from this except calls of weakness and incapacity, which are nothing but illusions, lies, and fabricated myths. The simplest response to these illusions, lies, and myths is that the Islamic Ummah is bold, swift, and united in purpose. When it realizes that it is capable of achieving a matter, it accomplishes it in the blink of an eye. We have seen it ambush the most tyrannical oppressors and the most brutal regimes and render them as traces after ruin, while it had been promoted that their rule was firmly established and could not be shaken by anyone.

Thus, the pitch darkness that envelops the lands of the Muslims today conceals behind it a great hope and a near relief, by Allah's permission. This is the Sunnah of Allah in His creation, as affirmed by His saying: **﴿إِنْ يَمَسُّكُمْ فَرْحٌ فَقَدْ مَسَّ الْقَوْمَ فَرْحٌ مِثْلُهُ وَتِلْكَ الْأَيَّامُ نُدَاوِلُهَا بَيْنَ النَّاسِ﴾** **“If a wound has touched you, there has already touched the opposing people a wound similar to it. And these days [of varying conditions] We alternate among the people so that Allah may make evident those who believe and [may] take to Himself from among you martyrs—and Allah does not like the wrongdoers.”** [Surah Aal-i Imran:140].

Accordingly, we commemorate this 105th anniversary of the demolition of the Khilafah not to lament our condition or weep over our calamity, but to remind the Islamic Ummah of a glorious past that is time for it to renew, and a lost honor whose recovery has become due. Allah (swt) says: **﴿وَنُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اسْتُضِعُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَنَجْعَلَهُمْ أَئِمَّةً وَنَجْعَلَهُمُ الْوَارِثِينَ﴾** **“And We wanted to confer favor upon those who were oppressed in the land and make them leaders and make them inheritors.”** [Surah Al-Qasas: 5].

For our part, in the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir, we will cover the activities that the party will organize across the world to commemorate this anniversary, hoping that Allah will make it the last time it returns to us without a Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) upon the method of the Prophethood.

It is an open invitation to everyone who listens attentively while being present in heart, to join hands with us so that we may rebuild the edifice of Islam anew and restore it as a Khilafah Rashidah that pleases the inhabitants of the heavens and the inhabitants of the earth.

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