

Press Release

**Fierce Crusade on Hizb ut Tahrir's Electronic Sites
Followed by the Closure of the Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir's Page on Facebook**
(Translated)

Since the occurrence of a series of armed and coordinated attacks, which included shootings, bombings and hostage-taking in the French capital, Paris on Friday evening, November 13, 2015, a global campaign was announced to strike ISIS websites. It included the official sites of Hizb ut Tahrir, the Islamic political party that does not adopt armed actions, since this violates the legitimate (Shari'i) methodology that it follows. Its websites were included within the list of targeted addresses, despite the fact that Hizb ut Tahrir has repeatedly declared and in various situations, its rejection of the method and the approach of ISIS, and that it has no relation or any organizational links with it. Nonetheless, some international authorities deliberately fight against Hizb ut Tahrir within its declared war against Islam and Muslims.

Yesterday on Tuesday, 01/12/2015 at 4:00 pm, the Facebook administration took it upon itself to delete the Facebook account of the eminent scholar Sheikh Ata Bin Khalil Abu al-Rashtah, Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir, and the closure of his page, despite the fact it was highly active and dynamic. It contained daily interaction, whether in the form of numerous varying questions ranging from political, intellectual and doctrinal/fiqhi sent to the Ameer of the Hizb, trusting in him, and his knowledge and insightful opinion, as well as the extensive likes, shares and comments on his posts. The number of participants in the page exceeded 263,500 people. This disturbed the sleep of the oppressors and pushed them to sharpen the tongues of hatred and spite against Islam and the carriers of its call. So they launched an organized and fierce campaign of negative notifications against the page, for about ten days continuously and tirelessly.

Noting that we have sent to the Facebook management a message objecting the closure of the page, and we notified them that we never received any indication for an explicit reason to close the page. But the Facebook management did not respond to our letter, rather it insisted on closing the page! This indicates that the page closure was arbitrarily, and without due cause, rather it was out of spite for Islam and Muslims.

The closure of this pious and sound page is part of the malevolent Kaffir crusade war against Islam and Muslims, because it delivers the pure and clear Islam as it was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), and clear honest political views orienting the compass of Muslims to the correct destination so that they know their friend who works for their own good, from their lurking enemy.

The Kaffir West plots against this untainted call, thinking it is able to extinguish its light or conceal it from the people, after the call has made it sleepless and restless, causing it great distraught. So it pulled out all of its weapons, used what its colonial mindset came up with of methods, tools and means, and armed all its agents and mercenaries to fight Islam and Muslims. Even the sincere, pious and pure word has become frightening, petrifying them and snatches the sleep from their eyes. So they carried out, through their various intelligence agencies, this rabid campaign, rather they launched their fierce crusade war to close this sincere page, and to mute the sincere voice. But that is further from the truth that they could extinguish the light of Allah or silence the voice of truth?!

﴿يُرِيدُونَ أَن يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَيَأْبَى اللَّهُ إِلَّأ أَن يَتِمَّ نُورُهُ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ * هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ
﴿لَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ﴾

“They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah refuses except to perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it. It is He who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion, although they who associate others with Allah dislike it” [At-Tawba: 32-33]

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