

Press Release

## Mauritania president Joins the Crusade to Fight Islam

(Translated)

It is known that the military Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz, who did not receive the high school "Baccalaureate" but "his makers" interceded for him and got him admitted to the military college, despite him being a middle school graduate, had overthrown, in a military coup on 6 August 2008, the first elected president in Mauritania (Sidi Mohamed Ould Cheikh Abdallah), after the latter issued a presidential decision to remove him from the presidency of the Presidential Guard. And although Ould Cheikh had promoted him to the rank of general, the highest rank in the Mauritanian army ranks, and commissioned him the leadership of the general staff of the President of the Republic, but the lust of power and domination over the country and the people drove him to get rid of Ould Cheikh.

Today, as he paves the way for amending the Mauritanian constitution to allow himself a third term next year, he works to spread an atmosphere of repression and forced domination under the scarecrow of fighting (the extremist) Islam! He states "politicization of religion has caused a greater tragedy than "Israel" has done, and that the Arab countries have been destroyed by political Islam, which the Baathists, the Nasserites and the communists did not do." He said on Twitter: "The most evil people are those who use Islam or religion as a pretext to reach power and the Mauritanian people are well aware that Islam is a religion and not a political party".

And as the proverb says: "she accused me with (having) her ailment and she sneaked away," he who allowed himself the violation of sanctities and bloodshed in thirst for power, finds that the closest means to win the crusader support for his tyrannical rule is to wage a campaign against Islam. So, when Sheikh Mohammed Al-Hassan Al Dedew responded to his statement in last Friday's sermon in one of the mosques of Nouakchott, Ould Abdel Aziz instructed to close Markaz Takwin al-Ulama (The Center for Forming Islamic Scholars), the scientific institute supervised by Sheikh Al Dedew, without warning, under the pretext that the center disseminates the 'extremist' thought!

Thus, Ould Abdel Aziz openly joins the crusade which plots against Islam and its people, and to the tyrannical rulers who oppose Allah and His Messenger.

And as we warn him of the wrath of Allah Almighty, we call upon our sincere believing people in Mauritania to put an end of this tyrant. It is stated in the Saheeh Hadith that the Prophet (saw) said: «إِنَّ النَّاسَ إِذَا رَأَوْا الظَّالِمَ فَلَمْ يَأْخُذُوا عَلَى يَدَيْهِ أَوْشَكَ أَنْ يَعْلَمَهُ اللَّهُ بِعِقَابِ مِنْهُ» **"If the people witness an oppressor and they do not take him by his hands (to prevent him) then they are close to Allah covering them all with punishment."** And he (saw) said: «كَلَّا، وَاللَّهِ لَتَأْمُرَنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ، وَلَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ، وَلَتَأْخُذَنَّ عَلَى يَدِ الظَّالِمِ، وَلَتَأْطُرَنَّهُ» **"Nay, by Allah, you either enjoin good and forbid evil and catch hold of the hand of the oppressor and make him follow and restrict him to what is just, or, Allah will involve the hearts of some of you with the hearts of others and will curse you as He had cursed them"** (ie the children of Israel).

O Allah, the period of tyrannical ruling has prolonged and its despots are too many, so prepare for this Deen the ones who will raise its banner, support the people of truth and suppress the soldiers of falsehood, and peace and prayers be upon your Prophet who said: «...ثُمَّ تَكُونُ مُلْكًا جَبْرِيَّةً فَتَكُونُ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ...» **"...then there will a forcible rule, as long as Allah wants, then Allah will remove if He so wants, then there will be a Khilafah on the Method of Prophethood, and then he (saw) was silent"**.

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