

Press Release

Since 11 May 2012, Naveed Butt, the Spokesperson of Hizb ut Tahrir in the Wilayah of Pakistan Remains in Enforced Disappearance Because He Advocates the Khilafah Rashidah

The abduction of Naveed Butt since 11 May 2012, is a great sin and open violation of human rights. No case of terrorism, militancy, sedition or treason has been registered against Naveed Butt. Moreover, there is no case of even harming a fly, or plucking a leaf from a tree, by the compassionate and kind Naveed Butt. Several military and political leaderships have changed since his abduction, however, Naveed is still not free to call for the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate). Why?! Whilst these military and political leaderships have come and gone, the master of all of them, America, has remained. The call for the unification of the Islamic World as one state is beyond the narrow, cheap vision of the slavish political and military leaderships. However, it is a call that rings alarm bells in the White House, the US State Department and the Pentagon. The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, «وَمَنْ عَادَىٰ أَوْلِيَاءَ اللَّهِ فَقَدْ بَارَزَ اللَّهَ بِالْمُحَارَبَةِ» **“And whosoever shows hostility to the Awliya (ones close to Allah) of Allah will vie with Allah in hostility.”** [Hakim narrated as Sahih from Mu'aadh bin Jabal] Yet, the rulers of Pakistan do not pay heed!

Naveed Butt is a capable leader of the Islamic Ummah, at a time of crisis in leadership. Naveed Butt is a brilliant and dynamic son of the Ummah, an engineer with a master's degree from the University of Illinois. He is the spokesperson of Hizb ut Tahrir in the Wilayah of Pakistan. Hizb ut Tahrir the largest Islamic political party in the Islamic world. His call for the establishment of Khilafah is seen with respect throughout Pakistan. Despite his enforced disappearance in 11 May 2012, until this day, people share his articles, interviews and video clips on the subject of Khilafah on social media. His work on Islamic ruling, economics, judiciary, foreign affairs, education and the organization of the family in society, advanced the call of Khilafah from a vague slogan, to a clear, detailed vision. Yet, having failed themselves to lead Muslims effectively, the rulers of Pakistan keep Naveed in their dungeons. Allah (swt) said, «إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحَادُّونَ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ أُولَٰئِكَ فِي الْأَذَلِّينَ» **“Indeed, the ones who oppose Allah and His Messenger - those will be among the most humbled.”** [Surah Al-Mujadilah 58:20]. Yet the rulers of Pakistan do not submit in humility to Allah (swt)!

Naveed Butt is in enforced disappearance since 11 May 2012, because he raised the word of truth against the tyrant rulers. Is it not time to release Naveed when Pakistan's Commission of Inquiry on Enforced Disappearances has issued a production order, on 4 January 2018, with the reference code ColoED ID No. 860-P? Yet, the rulers of Pakistan do not comply, because they do not dare to lift a finger without America's approval. However, speaking the truth in front of oppressive rulers is not a crime. Instead, it is an important obligation. The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, «أَلَا لَا يَمْنَعَنَّ أَحَدَكُمْ رَهْبَةُ النَّاسِ أَنْ يَقُولَ»

«بِحَقِّ إِذَا رَأَاهُ أَوْ شَهِدَهُ فَإِنَّهُ لَا يُقَرِّبُ مِنْ أَجَلٍ وَلَا يُبَاعِدُ مِنْ رِزْقٍ» **“Do not fear the people from speaking the Truth, when it is witnessed or seen, for it will neither shorten the life span nor cause loss in Rizq.”** [Ahmad]. It was Naveed Butt who fearlessly accounted the rulers over their facilitation of the American attack on Abbottabad. It was Naveed who bravely challenged their betrayal of Occupied Kashmir and Palestine, as well as their destruction of the economy through their blind submission to the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The enforced abduction of Naveed Butt since 11 May 2012 exposes the lies of Democracy and freedom of expression. Naveed Butt's children have grown up without their father's guardianship, compassion and love, just because Naveed raised his voice for the Deen of Allah (swt) to be followed at the level of state, society and collective life. Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَمَنْ لَمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ﴾ **“And whosoever does not judge by all that Allah has revealed, such are the Zalimun (oppressors)”** [TMQ Surah Al-Maida 5:45]. In which law of the heavens, or the earth, is such political and religious expression a crime? Indeed, Naveed Butt's case confirms that Democracy is an oppressive rule, that only secures the interest of the colonialists and their agents. Is it not time that journalists, human rights activists, lawyers and the ulema raise their voices to demand the release of Naveed Butt immediately? Is it not time that they all participated in the reward of restoring ruling by all that Allah (swt) has revealed, which is a great duty imposed by Allah (swt)?

O Muslims of Pakistan's Armed Forces! Naveed Butt has been enforced disappearance since 11 May 2012, because you have yet to fulfill your obligation. Naveed Butt demanded that you gave your Nussrah to Hizb ut Tahrir for the re-establishment of the Khilafah Rashidah. He honors his duty to Allah (swt) to this day, whilst you remain in negligence of yours. How long will you accept to remain in sin? How can you remain in sin when Allah (swt) has prepared the world for the return of the Khilafah Rashidah? The defiant resistance of the Muslims of Gaza has exposed the weakness of the Jewish entity and the corruption of the American world order. The rulers of the Muslims have all been exposed through their restraint of the armies of the Muslims and their willingness to surrender most of Palestine to the Jewish entity, through America's two-state solution. The fair-minded people of the East and the West are horrified by the genocide of Gaza and will shed no tears for the end of oppression. Above all, Allah (swt), An-Naseer, will extend His Nasr to you, should you mobilize in obedience to Him. End the Fitnah, seize the oppressors, right the wrongs and earn the pleasure of Allah (swt). Allah (swt) says, ﴿وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ﴾ **“And fear the Fitnah (affliction) which affects not only those of you who oppress. Know that Allah is Severe in punishment.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Anfaal 8: 25].

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