

Press Release

**US Declaration to Slow Troop Withdrawal**

**US Presence in Afghanistan is because of Traitors in the Political and Military Leadership of Pakistan**

US President Obama announced on 15 October a slowing down of the withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan, as well as confirming a continued US military presence beyond 2016. He made this announcement whilst claiming that the puppet Afghan regime could not confront a sudden rise in insurgency. Obama asked Pakistan to continue efforts to bring the Afghan Taliban to the negotiation table. Obama also maintained that the Pakistan Army's military operations in the tribal regions forced militants to enter Afghanistan.

Just as America could not occupy Afghanistan without Pakistan's help, similarly it can neither maintain its occupation nor bring the Afghan resistance to the negotiation table without Pakistan's help. This reality confirms that America cannot even fight and control a few thousand ill-equipped but dedicated and motivated mujahideen, yet the current rulers always try to scare the Muslims regarding America's so-called military might. If America had not been enjoying the support of the traitors within the political and military leadership of Pakistan, she would have not been able to maintain its occupation in Afghanistan.

The American installed puppet regime in Afghanistan, the Afghan National Army, the US forces, NATO air power and thousands of US mercenaries can neither secure the American presence from the wrath of the Afghan resistance nor force them to sit on the negotiation table, without the help of Pakistan. This situation confirms that the actual power lies only with Pakistan, and not with the US, to change the situation of this region. However, the immense power and influence of Pakistan and its armed forces are being used to protect cowardly US soldiers and to maintain the US presence in Afghanistan, thanks to the traitors in the political and military leadership of Pakistan.

Hizb ut Tahrir declares to the Ummah that as long as traitors in the political and military leadership remain, they will continue to use Pakistan and its armed forces for the benefit of America. And Pakistan and its armed forces will continue to bleed severely. Indeed, Allah (swt) has given immense power to Pakistan, such that it alone can remove the American presence in this region, but this will only happen under a righteous Khaleefah who will not fear anyone except Allah (swt). Therefore Hizb ut Tahrir demands from the people of power to uproot traitors in the political and military leadership and give Nussrah to Hizb ut Tahrir for the establishment of the Khilafah, so that a new era of the dominance of Islam in the region begins.

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ حَرِّضَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَى الْقِتَالِ إِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ عِشْرُونَ صَابِرُونَ يَغْلِبُوا مِائَتِينَ وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ مِّنْهُ يَغْلِبُوا أَلْفًا مِنَ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا  
بِأَنَّهُمْ قَوْمٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ

**“O Prophet! urge the believers to war; if there are twenty patient ones of you they shall overcome two hundred, and if there are a hundred of you they shall overcome a thousand of those who disbelieve, because they are a people who do not understand”**  
[Al-Anfal: 65].

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