

Press Release

Pakistan-Russian Collaboration is a Crime

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On 11th February 2016, Kremlin, spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Russia attaches great importance to counter-terrorism cooperation with Pakistan. In January 2016, Russian Army's Commander-in-Chief Oleg Salyukov had announced that Russian ground forces would hold their first military exercises with Pakistan. **Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan condemns collaboration with Russia and declares it as treachery against Islam and Muslims.**

The Muslims of Pakistan have not forgotten that it was Russia who openly supported India in the 1971 war, leading to the division of the largest Muslim country at that time, Pakistan, into two. It was Russia which invaded Afghanistan in 1980 and more than five million Afghan Muslims fled their country to escape the brutal oppression of the Russian forces. Russia invaded Afghanistan under the pretext of eliminating so-called "terrorists," who were sincere Muslims that wanted to end the communist regime and implement Islam. Today it is Russia that is relentlessly bombing the Muslims of Syria so that they abandon the call of Islam and accept the Syrian tyrant Bashar, who implements Kufr. And now once again Russia is declaring the sincere Muslims of Syria as "terrorists" and bombing them just because they wanted to turn the blessed lands of ash-Sham, the Abode of Islam, as the starting point of the second Khilafah Rashidah.

Russia considers as terrorists those who demand Islam. Extending hands of co-operation towards her means extending support in her quest to extinguish the light of Allah (swt). The Raheel-Nawaz regime knows all too well that Muslims of Pakistan will not accept that their armed forces and intelligence are used to kill the Muslims of Syria. It is because of this reality that the regime has avoided informing the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs as to what role it has committed to within the 34-Muslim nation coalition led by Saudi Arabia.

Like America, Russia is an enemy of Islam and Muslims. The Muslims of Pakistan are well aware of this fact. The traitors in the political and military leadership previously described relations with America as a compelling necessity to counter India. Now they portray "progress" in relations with another enemy of Islam and Muslims as a tactical move to escape American hegemony. This portrayal is deception as the traitors only establish relations with Moscow and Beijing with the permission of Washington. Moreover, if relations with America, an enemy of Allah (swt), His Messenger (saaw) and Muslims has always severely damaged Pakistan, then how can relations with another enemy of Allah (swt), His Messenger (saaw) and Muslims benefit Pakistan? Both Russia and America are Kufr colonialist states and Islam demands dealing with them on a war stance, rather than extending alliances with them.

Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan reminds all Muslims and the sincere officers of the armed forces in particular, that honor and strength can never be achieved through alliance with Kufr colonialist states. Honor and strength will only be achieved by implementing Islam and conveying the message of Islam through Dawah and Jihad to the whole of humankind. And the history of Muslims is ample proof of this fact. In order to gain honor and strength, O Officers of Pakistan's armed forces, turn your faces away from Kufr colonialist states, respond to the call of Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw) and provide Nussrah to Hizb ut Tahrir for the establishment of the second rightly-guided Khilafah (Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood.

﴿الَّذِينَ يَتَّخِذُونَ الْكَافِرِينَ أَوْلِيَاءَ مِن دُونِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَبِيتُوا لَهُمْ عَصَىٰ الْغُرَّةِ فَإِن يَّاسُوا لَكُم بِهَا جَمِيعًا﴾

"Those who take disbelievers for *Auliya'* (friends) instead of believers, do they seek honour, power and glory with them? Verily, then to Allah belongs all honour, power and glory" [An-Nisa:139]

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