

Press Release

## Truly Deprived, Pakistan's Merciless Rulers Maintain Naveed Butt's Seven Years of Abduction in Ramadhan

The month of the Sending Down of the Noble Quran, Ramadhan, witnesses the continuing abduction of a faithful servant of Allah (swt), who invited to the ruling by all that Allah (swt) was revealed. This Ramadhan, it is seven years since Naveed Butt, the Official Spokesman of Hizb ut Tahrir in the Wilayah of Pakistan, was abducted on 11 May 2012, by security officials, in front of his children and neighbors. And this Ramadhan, Pakistan's rulers prevent Naveed from breaking fast with his family, let alone let them know of his well-being, yet, they gave tea and early release to the captured, attacking pilot of the Hindu State, Abhinandan Varthaman. Is mercy, clemency and compassion only for the enemy of Muslims and not for the one who calls to Islam?!

**O Muslims of Pakistan and their Intelligence Officials in Particular!** Pakistan's rulers refuse to release Naveed, even though the one who deprives himself of the goodness of Ramadhan, is truly deprived. RasulAllah (saaw) said, «إِنَّ هَذَا الشَّهْرَ قَدْ حَضَرَكَمْ وَفِيهِ لَيْلَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ» «Ramadan began, and the Messenger of Allah (saaw) said: 'This month has come to you, and in it there is a night that is better than a thousand months. Whoever is deprived of it is deprived of all goodness, and no one is deprived of its goodness except one who is truly deprived.'» [Ibn Majah]. The rulers of Pakistan are persistent in their sin, even though Allah (swt) has greatly eased the avoidance of sin in Ramadhan. RasulAllah (saaw) said, «إِذَا جَاءَ رَمَضَانُ فَتُحْتَبَرُ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ وَغُلِّقَتْ أَبْوَابُ النَّارِ وَصُفِّدَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ» «When there comes the month of Ramadan, the gates of mercy are opened, and the gates of Hell are locked and the devils are chained.» [Bukhari]. Pakistan's rulers defiantly oppress Naveed, even though Allah (swt) answers the Dua of the Fasting and the Oppressed. RasulAllah (saaw) said, «ثَلَاثَةٌ لَا تُرَدُّ دَعْوَتُهُمُ الْإِمَامُ الْعَادِلُ وَالصَّائِمُ حَتَّى يُفْطِرَ وَدَعْوَةُ الْمَظْلُومِ يَرْفَعُهَا اللَّهُ» «There are three whose supplications are not rejected: A just ruler, and a fasting person until he breaks his fast. And, the supplication of one who has been wronged is raised by Allah up to the clouds on the Day of Resurrection, and the gates of heaven are opened for it, and Allah says, 'By My Might I will help you (against the wrongdoer) even if it is after a while.'» [Ibn Majah]. Is it not enough of prolonged, sinful oppression for us to at least speak in the favor of Naveed's release, if not to secure his actual release?! And is it not upon Pakistan's rulers to immediately release Naveed Butt to avert the wrath of Allah (swt) upon them?! Allah (swt) warned, «إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحَادِّثُونَ 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]

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