

Press Release

**The Peaceful Protesting Picket in Al-Khalil Confirms the Rejection of Political Arrests
and the Palestinian Authority Confirms its Thug-like Behaviour, Lies and Deception**
(Translated)

In the city centre of Al-Khalil and with the participation of a large gathering of the Ja'bari family and the families of Al Tamim and supporters and members of the Hizb ut Tahrir a picket was held yesterday Saturday, 25/2/2017. The picket held by the Hizb rejected political arrests exercised by the Palestinian Authority (PA) and called the people of Al-Khalil to join and voice their support to it.

Despite the submission of a notice by the Hizb to the Hebron police to complete the legal aspect, as well as a copy of the notice was delivered to the Independent Commission for Human Rights, and a copy of the declaration of Al Tamim in participating in the picket, as well as the declaration of Ja'bari's family to participate in the picket from the starting point of Sarahneh Mosque, but the PA refused except to behave like thugs and with violence towards the participants in the picket and the passers-by. The PA fired live bullets and tear gas, and used batons and injured participants and passers-by, including women, children and shopkeepers in the shameless spectacle of the PA and its security forces, resulting in the injury of dozens with wounds, bruises, fractures, and choking, and arrested scores during and after the picket.

The menacing of the PA reminded us of the actions of the Jewish entity's soldiers after they committed the massacre in the Ibrahimi Mosque; which today marks its anniversary.

The PA had arrested a group of Hizb members the night before the picket from the city of Al-Khalil and its villages; and on the morning of the picket, erected checkpoints at the entrances to the city and the junctions, and turned the city center into a military barrack, all in a desperate attempt to prevent people from participating in the picket and gagging and silencing those who criticize it and its president for their crimes.

The PA did not stop at the crime of arresting the group of members of Hizb ut Tahrir, in an arbitrarily political arrests on the checkpoints, on Saturday, 4/2/2017, following the picket organized by Al Tamim and tribes of Al-Khalil in rejection of the decision of the PA to hand over 72 dunums of land of the noble companion Tamim Ad-Dari to the Russians. Not only that but it attacked the peaceful protesting picket yesterday and arrested and injured dozens, and above that it practiced deception and lying about the picket and its participants !! It is enough of a response for them to mention the statement cited by Al-Watan agency that was in the report of the Independent Commission for Human Rights, "according to the monitoring of the Commission, Hizb ut Tahrir have organized a peaceful demonstration on the Ibn Ar-Rushd roundabout in the city of Al-Khalil, after providing a written notice to the provincial police director, 48 hours before the march as is the protocol, this is in protest against the continuation of the detention of 15 supporters of the party by the Palestinian security, against the backdrop of a demonstration last week rejecting the decision to transfer the ownership of the land on which Al-Mascoob Church is built to the Russian ecclesiastical mission".

The sedition and inciting strife that the PA is blabbering about, is the work of the PA, and the one who forsaken the endowment land (waqf) for the benefit of the Russians. The people of Palestine including the members of Hizb ut Tahrir do not have a problem with the Christians of Palestine, they live among us and we protect them and we protect the Omari covenant which was given to them by Khaleefah (Caliph) Omar bin Al-Khattab, may Allah be pleased with him. The refusal of Muslims and the people of Palestine in particular to give ownership of an endowment land given by the Messenger of Allah (saw) to the Russian criminals, is abiding by the Shariah rule and to the Shariah of Allah. But the sinful PA that turned its back on Islam and its rules considered the defense of the land and the commandment of the Messenger of Allah (saw) as provoking strife and sectarianism, and it is saying that the people of Palestine who refuse to surrender the land of Palestine to the Jews are rioters and provokers of sedition and strife!! What an evil judgment.

The Palestinian Authority has turned into a gang of thugs that do not hold any weight to the sanctity of Islam. It threatens judges in their courts and tramples on its laws that it legislated and it infringes on people's rights and their sanctities, and it shows its force against the people but it is weak against the occupation, but it works to serve and defend its security.

In the end:

With every crime committed by Muslim rulers, it confirms the need of Muslims to Islam and a Khalifah (caliph) who will rule by the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger (saw), who will establish the truth and spread justice and goodness among the people and defends the sanctity of Muslims.

The thug-like actions by the PA only reduces its credibility making it seen as vile by the people, and its actions strengthens our resolve, and strengthens our connections with Muslims and assures them of the truth of what we say. Allah willing we will stay on the truth and continue to enjoin the good and forbid the evil until Allah make His Deen Dominant and humiliates the criminals.

And Finally:

We warn the PA and its security forces from the wrath of Allah and His great power and severe punishment, and we warn it from the wrath of Muslims when they are angry for their Deen and their sanctities, and of the consequences of injustice and betrayal of Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw). If the PA believes that bullying and repression of the people is the way to impose their presence, then it should know that this is the road to its extinction.

﴿قُلْ سِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَانظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الْمُجْرِمِينَ﴾

“Say, [O Muhammad], ‘Travel through the land and observe how was the end of the criminals.’” [An-Naml: 69]

﴿أَوَلَمْ يَسِيرُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَنْظُرُوا كَيْفَ كَانَ عَاقِبَةُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ كَانُوا هُمْ أَشَدَّ مِنْهُمْ قُوَّةً وَآثَارًا فِي الْأَرْضِ فَأَخَذَهُمُ اللَّهُ بِذُنُوبِهِمْ وَمَا كَانَ لَهُمْ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَاقٍ﴾

“Have they not traveled through the land and observed how was the end of those who were before them? They were greater than them in strength and in impression on the land, but Allah seized them for their sins. And they had not from Allah any protector.”
[Ghafir: 21]

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