

Press Release**Security Services Support Putin in its Brutality in the War on Islam**

(Translated)

In a large staff meeting of the Russian Interior Ministry on 9/3/2017, Vladimir Putin demanded from them to be tough on the war on (extremism and terrorism), adding that there is a need to actively work against those associated with global terrorist organizations. A week did not pass and yet the Interior Ministry in the Republic of Tatarstan rushed to hold a press conference and stated: "In a joint operation with the security services in Tatarstan, 15 leaders and activists in the terrorist organization Islamic Hizb ut Tahrir were arrested, the security forces carried out the operation on March 14th". In the press statement of the Interior Ministry it has been noted that 13 lawsuits were filed according to Article 205, Section 5, Part 1 and 2 of the Federal Constitution of Russia on "organizing and participating in the activities of a terrorist organization".

We, in turn remind that in Kazan and in other regions of Tatarstan large scale inspections and wide arrests of Muslims who were accused of participating in the activities of Hizb ut Tahrir took place. The next day, the judge of Kazan detained: Azat Gataulin (born in 1974); Saber Zianov Zulfat (born in 1987); Zialov Ilmar (born in 1980); Gabidulin Ruslan (born in 1984); Matiev Camille (born in 1980); Songatov Ruslan (born in 1977); Mu'min Janov Abdul Qahhar (born in 1978); Yamaliev Rustom (born in 1985); Sfilin Ilmar, Kreyev Farid (born in 1965); Salah Aldinov Rustom (born in 1975); and Sergey Jerebelski (born in 1996); Jamaliev Marcel (born in 1982) who did not appear in court because he tried to escape from the fifth floor, when hiding from the unlawful chase, he fell and is now at the Intensive Care Unit after suffering a spine fracture.

The security services filmed their special operation and tried to show its brutality in action, to the president that they fulfilled what he requested from them. The Media Office of the Interior Ministry distributed the video which showed gunmen breaking the doors of apartments of Muslims who were asleep, and it showed how they handcuffed their wrists, and when one of the detainees protested due the pain when they nearly broke his hand, they responded with offensive insults ... They brought dogs to sniff cupboards in the kitchens, thinking they will find illegal items... this video of the play ends with the security apparatus displaying Islamic books, notebooks, USB's as evidence of "terrorism" against our brothers, to convince people that the seized materials indicate "acting against the constitution by some of the nationals of the Republic."

Most of the names on the list of political prisoners reflect the reality of the abuse perpetrated by the security forces against Muslims from Hizb ut Tahrir. It is known that most of the charges directed at members of Hizb ut Tahrir in any crime are on the basis of the Supreme Court's decision, which is unjustified, on the law which was issued in 2003 and put the party on the list of terrorist organizations.

Therefore, the crime of the security services against members of Hizb ut Tahrir has started to unravel slowly before the people. And it became obvious that the policy followed by Russia is against Islam.

Allah (swt) says:

﴿قَدْ بَدَتِ الْبَغْضَاءُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَمَا تُخْفِي صُدُورُهُمْ أَكْبَرُ قَدْ بَيَّنَّا لَكُمُ الْآيَاتِ إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْقِلُونَ﴾

**"Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, and what their breasts conceal is greater. We have certainly made clear to you the signs, if you will use reason"** [Al-i-Imran: 118]

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