

Press Release

New Unjust Sentences by the Military Court in Russia

(Translated)

On March 13, 2019, the military court of Privolzhsky in Russia sentenced five members of Hizb ut Tahrir from Tatarstan and considered them guilty under the criminal law based on the anti-Islamic basis established by the Russian Supreme Court in 2003 which considered Hizb ut Tahrir a terrorist movement, thus membership of Hizb ut Tahrir became a crime punishable by law. The court considered the accused to be involved in terrorist activities and were sentenced as follows:

- Sungatov Ruslan, born in 1977, was sentenced to 22 years imprisonment, including two years in solitary confinement.
- Yamaliev Rustem was born in 1985, was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment, including two years in solitary confinement.
- Zinnatov Ilmar was born in 1984, was sentenced to 19 years imprisonment, including a year and a half in solitary confinement.
- Marat Tulyakov, born in 1979, was sentenced to 18 years imprisonment, including a year and a half in solitary confinement.
- Irek Nasirov, born in 1985, was sentenced to 14 years imprisonment.

The court's decision and ruling were politically recommended by the men of the security forces against Muslims, as was the case in all previous trials in which the Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir were tried. As the Russian lawyer Henry Reznik said, "What can I say if the court is under the control of the Fifth Special Forces?"

This verdict did not surprise the convicts themselves from the Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir who understand Russia's anti-Islamic policy. This is clear in the text of the letter they sent shortly before their verdict, which stated:

"We are jailed in Russia while Russia declares its war on Islam and Muslims. We see the aggressiveness of the security forces when they storm the house of an elderly woman, 82 years old, in Crimea, on charges of "terrorism" who then dies in the hospital as a result of the shock. We see the aggressiveness of the security forces in Chelyabinsk when they torture a disabled man for a long time in interrogation cells. We see how Muslim youth in the Caucasus are being killed without any guilt they committed. We see how Muslims are prevented from their freedom along the Volga River. We also see the security forces threatening the older people who are trying to donate part of their pensions to the children of Muslim detainees. They try us in military courts as if we were criminals in the ranks of the army.

We also see how the Dawah carriers have their sentences of imprisonment extended so as to remain in prison; all in order to make us leave the call to Allah and leave the work on the method of the Messenger of Allah (saw). But we chose the path of the Messenger of Allah (saw), and with Allah's permission we will stay on it and not depart from it even if we are deprived of our people or others for life; our answer to them is the saying Allah (swt): ﴿فَافْضُ مَا أَنْتَ قَاضٍ إِنَّمَا تَقْضِي هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةَ الدُّنْيَا﴾ "So decree whatever you are to decree. You can only decree for this worldly life". [Ta-ha: 72].

At the same time, we know very well that the time of the tyrants is about to end, and the earth will shine with the light of its Lord. We accept Allah's fate and destiny (Qadaa and Qadar), and we know that true happiness lies in this path of Truth.

Allah (swt) says: ﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ﴾ "Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [to authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient." [An-Nur: 55].

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