

Press Release

Authority is for the Ummah, Sovereignty is for Allah

The July 15 coup attempt was stopped and prevented by Muslims flocking to the squares, despite the crazed coup plotters' brutal massacres. **The willpower displayed by the Muslim people has demonstrated that no authority and power utilized by that authority is stronger than the Islamic willpower of people.** This is because Islam has clearly expressed that authority solely belongs to the Ummah. These nationalist, secular and Kemalist coup plotters, who have no Islamic sentiments and who throughout the Republic's history made no bones about their enmity towards Islam and the Muslims, have sought to seize authority through pressure and arms without regard to the people by attracting some careless betrayers of Islam to their ranks. However the power of tanks, planes and guns has been defeated in the face of the power of the Muslims.

Also, this coup attempt has once again proven the belief and awareness within the Ummah regarding Allah's sovereignty. For the Muslims did not resist the tanks, planes and bullets of the coup plotters for the sake of democracy. Those people killed by heavy arms did not sacrifice their lives for democracy. In contrary, they flocked to the squares and resisted the coup with their calls of "Allahu Akbar Allahu Akbar, La ilaha Illallah Muhammed Rasulullah". No one on the squares opposed the coup plotters by calling "long live democracy". Nowhere did the Muslims call the slogan, "Sovereignty belongs to the nation"; the people had not a single poster showing these expressions. In contrary, buildings were draped with banners of "Sovereignty is for Allah", and Muslims walked holding up placards stating "Legislation (hukm) is for Allah". And this, despite the fake-coup-opponents shouting "democracy" at the top of their voices in media and public! For they worked a lot in order to present the people's resistance as "Feast of Democracy and the "Triumph of Democracy", and to cover up the truth!

It is understood that this people did not embrace democracy in spite of ninety years of oppression! The voice that drew the people to the squares was the calls of Sala from the minarets until morning. The Muslims protected their religion and literally casted down the Islam hostile secular Kemalists.

Therefore O Muslims! We as Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah Turkey call you! Power and authority surely belongs to the Ummah, and sovereignty belongs solely to Allah Taala. This strong willpower that resisted the coup, democracy and secularism, and which was belittled by some traitors for years, is solely your willpower. This is an Islamic willpower! These very democrats and seculars, who belittle your willpower, those very ones are defeated now.

O Muslims! Now there is something else very important that needs to be done. Be on the alert towards those insidious thieves who seek to steal your resistance, and know them well. Never allow those democracy apostles, who subsist through England and America, to impede your willpower. Do that for Allah, for Islam and for your brothers and sisters who sacrificed their lives! But most importantly account your leaders who ignore your Islamic sensitivities and demands! Your true enemies are all the colonialists, with England and America in the forefront, whom these leaders regard as their allies. While you were defying the killer junta gang, these colonialist states and some collaborators have slyly waited for the result. Therefore, for the sake of Allah, you have to account the rulers who still regard them as their friends and allies, and who put their trust in the West instead of trusting in Allah and in you in order to extricate from the situation. They will finally know who is friend and who is foe and accept their errors.

For Allah, make the following call to them: "Oh Rulers! As we are the Ummah, authority is for us. And this is our power. Therefore take our support and establish the **Khilafah Rashidah** (Caliphate) upon the methodology of the Prophethood which will make Allah's rule dominant. Don't be afraid, we will surely never look back."

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