

### Press Release

## Half a Decade has passed, yet the Hasina Government Hasn't Learnt that Arrests, Persecution and Bullets are Blunt Tools against Hizb ut Tahrir

On Friday, 05 December, 2014, eleven (11) members and activists of **Hizb ut Tahrir** were arrested in Dhaka and Chittagong when they were distributing a leaflet issued by the party dated 13 Safar, 1436/05 December, 2014. What is it with Hasina and her government? Half a decade has passed and they have not yet learnt that arrests, persecution, and firing bullets etc are useless blunt tools with which to face **Hizb ut Tahrir**. The Hasina government has arrested many hundreds of party members and activists in the past half a decade, from the beginning of 2009 till now and yet it has not succeeded even by a hairbreadth to stop the party from pursuing its goal of liberating the Ummah by establishing Islamic rule, the Khilafah. Rather **Hizb ut Tahrir** has become stronger and established its roots deeply within the country. Hasina and her henchmen need to stop undertaking shallow actions which might work against other parties but not **Hizb ut Tahrir** and face us by putting forward a political ideology and message stronger than our political ideology i.e. Islam and our political message.

For the benefit of all we summarize here the message in our leaflet which we issued with the title, "Oh People! Where is the Officer Who Will Say Not One More Bullet Shall be Allowed to be Fired at the People...? Tyrant Hasina has Resorted to the Use of Iron and Fire to Compel You to Submit to Her Rule; the Only Way to Free Yourself from Her is to Demand from the Sincere Military Officers to Overthrow Her and Transfer the Authority to **Hizb ut Tahrir** to Establish the Khilafah" –

1. The people have rejected Sheikh Hasina's rule due to her treacherous acts and that of her government against the country's interests, due to the looting of people's wealth and failing to look after their affairs, and due to her Godless regime's enmity to Allah (swt), His Messenger (saw) and the Believers. When her mischief and that of her government caused the people to reject her, she resorted to suppression and force by use of iron and fire to compel the people to submit to her rule.
2. The only real alternative for the people is to establish the Second Khilafah Rashidah state, which will rule them with compassion, caring for them, and acting as their guardian rather than being an enemy to them like the tyrants of today.
3. The people have to reject the current kufr ruling regime and stop the circus of the so called free and fair democratic elections. It is this rotten democracy which created and made space for the likes of Hasina to enter politics, corrupt it and reach the authority. And reject all forms of intervention in the country's affairs by US-Britain-India and resist those who are calling for applying foreign pressure and involvement in ensuring fresh elections.
4. The people must demand from the sincere officers in the military, those they know and they meet, to overthrow Sheikh Hasina and transfer the authority to **Hizb ut Tahrir** to establish the Khilafah. Making the sincere officers to switch sides, making them abandon the regime and take the people's side is the assured way to change the regime when they overthrow it, not for taking power for themselves, rather for transferring the authority to sincere and aware politicians, those politicians who will build the regime on a new basis, the Islamic basis and declare Bangladesh as the Khilafah. These sincere and aware politicians, those who are aware of how to solve the people's problems according to the Qur'an and the Sunnah, how to industrialize the country, how to face regional and global challenges, are to be found in **Hizb ut Tahrir** and not in any other party, the combination of the two - sincerity and deep awareness - does not exist in any other party.

The leaflet ended with the following call to the sincere officers in the military –

“Oh Sincere Officers, the People of Power!

The return of the Khilafah is an inevitable matter, it is from the decreed matters of Allah (swt) and it will be soon, insha'Allah. But it will not fall from the sky. So the question is not is it possible for the Khilafah to be re-established, rather the question is by whose hand Allah (swt) will cause it to return and accordingly He (swt) honours them. Who from you seeks this honour; who from you wants to become the means for the return of Islam in ruling and the liberation of the people from this tyranny? Who from you has the courage, which an officer is supposed to have, to be the supporters of Islam and the people? We are aware that the regime is indoctrinating you with the motto of “safeguarding the constitution” and other such nonsense which mean nothing but being loyal to Hasina and the regime. But what about your loyalty to Allah (swt), His Messenger and the People? What about the blood of the people, is there not among you an officer or officers who will say not one more bullet shall be allowed to be fired at the people by tyrant Hasina and her henchmen? Oh officers! Respond and do not delay; respond to the command of Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw) and respond to the call of the people. Be the vehicle for the fulfillment of Allah's promise; overthrow Sheikh Hasina and transfer the authority to **Hizb ut Tahrir** to establish the Khilafah. May be He (swt) will honour you and your families in the Dunya and the Akhirah like He (swt) honoured the Ansar (ra) and their families.”

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