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Why Are the Kyrgyz Authorities Persecuting Hizb ut Tahrir

News:

On 9 October, **the INTERFAX news agency** reported*: "Almost four dozen members of the religious extremist organization 'Hizb ut Tahrir al-Islami' (designated as a terrorist organisation and banned within the Russian Federation) have been detained in Kyrgyzstan," the press office of the State Committee for National Security (SCNS) reported on Monday.*

"A large-scale operation has been carried out across the republic to detain the members of a religious extremist organisation "Hizb ut Tahrir" that is banned in the country. A total of 38 citizens of the Kyrgyz Republic (men and women) have been detained, the majority of whom hold senior and middle management positions within this organisation," the statement reads.

According to the security services, 'irrefutable evidence has been obtained of their propagation of radical ideology of Hizb ut Tahrir, corroborated by the findings of relevant religious studies expert reports, and instances of the recruitment and induction of new followers into their ranks have also been documented."

Comment:

Once again Kyrgyzstan's security services have reported mass arrests of the members of the Islamic political party Hizb ut Tahrir. And, as a rule, the security forces broke into homes, violating the honour and dignity of Muslims. During searches, they did not seize grenades, weapons or money, but books and leaflets. This cruel physical hostility highlights the systemic crisis facing the security forces in their struggle against the party, as the authorities, guided by corrupt aims and ideas, are unable to offer a viable alternative to the ideas of Islam and Khilafah, which Hizb ut Tahrir brings to the people.

Decades after the party was banned in Kyrgyzstan, the authorities continue to report on "large-scale operations" and the detention of party members of Hizb ut Tahrir. This suggests that the party's ideas have taken root amongst the people and that its influence is growing, despite physical persecution.

The Kyrgyz authorities, being subordinate to Moscow, carry out orders in line with the Kremlin's policy, persecuting Islam and Muslims. The country's legislation bears the hallmarks of Russian models, whilst the fight against extremism and terrorism is conducted with the involvement of the SCO and the CSTO. In Kyrgyzstan, as in neighbouring republics, nearly 20 organisations are banned, and only one has no connection with Islam. Moscow perceives Islam and Muslims as a threat and therefore demands that its subordinate, the President of Kyrgyzstan, Sadyr Zhaparov, carry out sweeping crackdowns on active Muslims, including searches, arrests and bans on Islamic literature.

Despite their best efforts, the Kyrgyz authorities, in their fight against Hizb ut Tahrir, have failed to eradicate the party's ideology. No arrests or bans imposed by the authorities will be able to eradicate the desire of Muslims to live according to Shariah law, as these peoples have practised Islam for centuries. The people are beginning to see the corruption of this system and realise that it is not enough simply to change the president or individual local leaders. The solution lies in radical changes to the entire political system.

And so we see that the country's Muslims have not abandoned the idea of reviving the Islamic way of life and reviving of the second Rightly-Guided State of Khilafah. The country's Muslims are rallying behind the party's ideals and working to change this corrupt state of affairs. Ultimately, these corrupt rulers will fall, and Islam and the Muslims will prevail. Allah said in His Noble Book: ﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُم فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَٰلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ﴾ **"Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient"** [TMQ Surah An-Nur:55].

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