



The Attacks on Mosul: Civilians become Victims once again

New fresh bloodshed of the Muslims. On behalf of the war against ISIS and to repel ISIS invaders, a large US-led coalition has been deploying their troops to Mosul. Iraqi Prime Minister Haidar al Abada, as reported by BBC (17/9/16), began military operations to retake Mosul, which has been under ISIS control since June 2014. In his speech broadcast on state television on Monday morning (17/10/16), the Prime Minister said, "When victory has come, the operation to liberate Mosul has begun."

The attack involves Kurdish Peshmerga militia, Iraqi government forces and allied military backed by US-led coalition. The military operation is, of course, under the leadership of the United States, which became the leader of this coalition of major attacks. Two weeks before the campaign began, more than 50 air strikes targeting ISIS in Mosul area have been launched by the US-led coalition forces. Col. John Dorrian, the spokesman for the coalition, said that they have intensified attacks in and around Mosul.

The United States alone provides loans worth \$2.7 billion to the Iraqi government to fund the fight against ISIS. The loans are used to buy ammunition and to maintain F-16 fighter planes, tanks, combat helicopters and other military equipment. The cost of the fight against ISIS is a huge burden for the Iraqi government which takes place when the world price of oil, the backbone of the country's export, is declining.

The war is not expected to be quick. Predictably, many innocent civilians will become the victims. The UN has already warned of the consequences of humanity of this battle can be 'extraordinary' which affects approximately 1.2 million people. The war will cause another misery to the Ummah, the blood of the followers of the Noble Prophet (saw). And sadly, in the name of war against ISIS, the Iraqi government, the Kurdish, as well as the coalition forces, commit murder under the command of the United States and its allies invaders. They even feel proud to receive this assistance.

In fact, everyone knows that today's conditions in Iraq today cannot be separated from the US occupation in this Muslim country. The chaos in Iraq and Syria is the result of the US interference. Neither can it be separated from American policies in Syria, which still supports Bashar Assad who has committed a massacre against the Muslims in Syria. Regardless to the fact that the birth of ISIS was with the help of the United States-and its supports for this group, it cannot be separated from the fight against the barbarity committed by the US in Iraq. This includes the US supports for puppet regimes in Iraq who carried out massacres and atrocities against Muslims in Iraq, especially against the Sunni. In addition, there are many anomalies when Mosul and some parts of Iraq were occupied by ISIS so easily. It seems that the Iraqi soldiers deliberately allowed the regions to fall into the hands of ISIS.

In this military operation to attack Mosul, these invaders are considered a hero. They portray themselves innocent when they commit murders and massacre. These

are very extraordinary war crimes which happen the butchery of the Muslim ummah is considered normal in the name of the war against terrorism and ISIS. Similarly, such thing happens in Aleppo, Syria today. This Syrian region has been constantly bombarded by the Russian and Assad regime ruthlessly, without any real efforts of the world to stop it. All is done in the name of the war against terrorism and ISIS.

'Liberation' of Mosul does not mean to stop the problem. The next problem will be the sectarian conflict between the Sunni against the Shia, the conflict often played by the West to divide the Muslim Ummah especially when the victims are many civilians living in Mosul. Given that the Iraqi government and its forces are now a Shia regime while Mosul is mainly inhabited by the Sunni. The end result is the realization of what has long been an American scenario: to divide Iraq on the basis of sectarian Sunni, Shia, and Kurds.

What is happening in Iraq today reminds us about the importance of the struggle for the establishment of the rightly guided Khilafah, Khilafah ala Minhajin nubuwah, which stands on the basis of public awareness and the support of Ahlul Quwwah. The Khilafah is to unite the Muslims and to stop the murder and the massacre of Muslims. It also stops the occupation and the interference of the imperialist countries which destroy the unity and the body of the Ummah. For that reason, the Ummah needs to unify their thought and their attitude and realize that their true enemy is the United States and its allies. This country is the culprit of the crimes in the body of the Ummah supported by their contemptible puppet rulers. The Muslims must reject any interference from this ruthless imperialist country. Allah Akbar!

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