



Rahmon's regime in Tajikistan declares a war against the female Islamic clothing

News:

On 27 January 2017 Idigul Kosimzoda, a chairman of the Committee for Women and Family Affairs to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, reported at a press conference that her committee periodically conducts raids with the participation of law enforcement agencies whose purpose is to identify the “women wearing non-Tajik clothing, that are alien to our culture”.

The chairman of the committee also accused the women wearing hijab in spreading debauchery, saying: “We personally saw that women in hijabs were engaged in pimping. I saw it with my own eyes, and, frankly, I was very disgusted”. “When women adhere to ideals alien to Tajik culture debauchery for them also becomes the norm” – she added.

Comment:

The Rahmon's regime does not hide its frank enmity against the rapid revival of Islam in Tajikistan. For about two decades of power, they have been dropping masks year after year in the fight against religion, and now they have already turned to the frank insults against Tajik women.

It should be noted that Kosimzoda is not the first state official who publicly attacked Islamic women's clothing. Earlier, the former minister of education and at the same time the brother-in-law of the president Abdujabbor Rahmonzoda made a sharp statement to students in hijabs during his visit to the Lyceum of the Tajik National University. “Drive out the parents who are wearing hijabs! So do their children! Let mullahs who order you to wear hijabs teach your children. Why do not you comply with our laws, but bring your children to us? Then send them to Iran”, - said the minister then.

President Rahmon himself, addressing the students at the Tajik National University on September 1, 2010, said: “Watching young people, mostly girls and women, on the streets of the capital, I see that some of them copy the style of clothing of other countries. If you like the style of clothing of another country, then I will send you there”.

Do they seriously consider Islam an alien religion for the people of Tajikistan? What clothes were really worn by the mothers and grandmothers of the current Tajik women?

To answer these questions, the following should be clarified:

1) To date, the population of Tajikistan is more than 8 million people, 98% of whom are Muslims. Islam came to the lands of Central Asia (including Tajikistan) as a result of the campaign of the famous commander Kuteyba ibn Muslim in the 7th century according to the Gregorian calendar. Ever since until now, the peoples of this region have been Muslims and have not renounced Islamic values even after the occupation of tsarist Russia, and then for 70 years of the atheistic tyranny of the USSR.

2) As for the clothing of Tajik women, so it always was an Islamic one. “The long dresses of a loose-fitting style to the ankles with long sleeves to the hands. And the headdress consisted of a long scarf that covered ones hair and hanging down to the elbows”, Olga Sukhareva, a famous Soviet ethnographer, describes the clothes of Tajik women in her book, published in 1979, “Costumes of the Peoples of Central Asia”.

Consequently, Idigul Kosimzoda's statements that hijab contradicts the traditions of the Tajik people are completely untrue. On the contrary, she tries to distort and pervert the history of the people, introducing the secular ideas alien for us and clothing of unbelievers.

Thus, today in Tajikistan there is a purposeful struggle against wearing Shari women's clothing. This is done through the false nationalist propaganda and the persecution of the women who wear hijabs. Rahmon's regime is trying to influence public opinion, wants the people to abandon the laws of Islam.

Allah Almighty said: ﴿يُرِيدُونَ أَنْ يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَيَأْبَى اللَّهُ إِلَّا أَنْ يُنِيرَهُ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ﴾ “They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah refuses except to perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it” [9:32]

Written for the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir by
Umar Farsiyy