

The Hijrah — A Great Political Event that Heralded the Rise of the First Islamic State

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The significance of events in the life of nations varies according to their impact on their emergence and course. In the life of Muslims, the Hijrah was the greatest event. The Hijrah led to the establishment of the first Islamic State, which lasted for more than thirteen centuries, during which Muslims were the leaders of the world, and the bearers of the torch of guidance and justice for all of humanity.

Enlightened thinking requires that the event of the Hijrah be viewed in connection with its surrounding context, both in terms of time and place. The Hijrah was preceded by actions carried out by the Messenger of Allah (saw) that led to it, and the Hijrah was followed by actions that resulted from it. Therefore, the Hijrah must not be separated from what came before or after. The same applies to the place, in Makkah before and during the Hijrah, and in Madinah afterward.

With an enlightened perspective, it becomes clear that the Hijrah cannot be detached from its causes, consequences, and surrounding circumstances. This is the precise and insightful way to view the Hijrah as a great event, born of many efforts and leading to tremendous outcomes.

Unfortunately, this is not how it is usually presented by some preachers and teachers in masajid or on satellite channels. They often address the Hijrah superficially, or sometimes delve deeply into its details and minutiae, without offering an enlightened perspective. As a result, they do not do justice to the significance of the Hijrah, nor do they convey its true image in the minds of Muslims. Its anniversary passes by like any other, without people drawing lessons from the Hijrah, or being driven to work toward the establishment of the second Islamic State.

The Hijrah is a major political event that must be viewed with an enlightened perspective. Such a perspective reveals that the Hijrah gave rise to a revived Ummah that established a state and a society based on an ideological foundation, of a rational aqeedah (doctrine) from which a system emerges: the Islamic Deen as an ideology. Through this, the Hijrah changed the face and course of history.

The Islamic Ummah, shaped by the Messenger of Allah (saw) through the ideology of Islam, became the crown jewel of history and, for many long centuries, the maker of history itself.

The specific actions carried out by the Messenger of Allah (saw), along with the miracles that occurred during the Hijrah, and together formed the event of the Hijrah, were described by Allah (swt) explicitly in the Qur'an as a victory from Allah. Allah (swt) said, ﴿إِلَّا تَنْصُرُوهُ فَقَدْ نَصَرَهُ اللَّهُ إِذْ أَخْرَجَهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا ثَانِيَ اثْنَيْنِ إِذْ هُمَا فِي الْغَارِ﴾ **“It does not matter if you believers do not support him, for Allah did in fact support him when the disbelievers drove him out of Makkah and he was only one of two. While they both were in the Cave...”** [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah 40].

This is a confirmation of Allah's Promise to Support (nasr) those who support Him. Allah (swt) says, ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ﴾ **“O you who believe! If you support Allah, He will support you and make your foothold firm.”** [TMQ Surah Muhammad 7].

It is also the fulfillment of His oath to support those who support Him, where He (swt) says, ﴿وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَن يَنْصُرُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ﴾ **“Indeed, Allah will surely support those who support Him. Indeed, Allah is All-Powerful, Almighty.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Hajj 40].

This guides us to the realization that the actions of the Messenger (saw) in Makkah before the Hijrah were, in fact, acts of support for Allah (swt) by the Prophet (saw) and his early noble Companions (ra), acts through which they earned Allah's victory, which came in the form of the Hijrah and the establishment of the first Islamic State in Madinah.

The Messenger (saw) earned Allah's Support (nasr) by conveying the Message of his Lord as he was commanded, and the Companions earned Allah's support by their steadfastness upon the truth.

A careful observer who compares the efforts made to attain Allah's Support (nasr) with the magnitude of the victory itself will find a great disparity between them. The efforts offered, no matter how significant, are very small in comparison to the scale of the victory.

This applies to the lives of the previous Prophets (as) and Messengers (as), as well as to the life of our Master Muhammad (saw), his noble Companions (ra), and those who followed them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

This conclusion affirms the Iman-based truth that victory comes from Allah (swt) alone. He (swt) grants victory to whomever He wills, and He is the Almighty, the Most Merciful.

Both this result and this truth compel Muslims today to obey Allah's commands by striving to establish the second Islamic State. In doing so, they offer little, working to restore the Ruling of Allah (swt) on earth and in return, they will receive much, a clear and decisive victory from Allah, the All-Powerful, the Almighty.

Allah Almighty bestowed His favor upon His believing servants who were once a small, oppressed group on the earth hunted and pursued by the ruling disbelieving authorities, living in fear that people might seize them. He (swt) granted them refuge after the Hijrah in the new Islamic State in Madinah, supported them with His victory, and provided them with good and pure sustenance. He, the Exalted, said, ﴿وَاذْكُرُوا إِذْ أَنْتُمْ قَلِيلٌ مُّسْتَضْعَفُونَ فِي الْأَرْضِ تَخَافُونَ أَنْ يَخَطَّفَكُمْ النَّاسُ فَأَوَّاكُمْ وَأَيْدِيكُمْ يَنْصُرُهُ وَرَزَقَكُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ﴾ **“And remember when you were few and oppressed in the land, fearing that people might abduct you, but He sheltered you, supported you with His victory, and provided you with good things.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Anfal 26].

This is the Sunnah (Way) of Allah (swt) in His creation, a Sunnah that never changes or deviates. It was the same with the previous Messengers, as He (swt) says, ﴿وَنُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اسْتُضْعِفُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَنَجْعَلَهُمْ أَئِمَّةً وَنَجْعَلَهُمُ الْوَارِثِينَ * وَنَمَكِّنَ لَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ﴾ **“And We desired to bestow favor upon those who were oppressed in the land, and to make them leaders and to make them inheritors, and to establish them in the land.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Qasas 5–6].

This Sunnah continues until the Day of Judgment, until Allah (swt) inherits the earth and all upon it. And it applies to us Muslims today. We are oppressed across the earth, divided into fragile entities controlled by colonialist disbelieving powers.

Yet, the source of our strength Allah, the Almighty is Ever-Present. Our Helper Glorified and Exalted is He, is always there. And His Sunnah continues to apply to us, just as it did to those before us.

We are fully capable today of working to bring about a new revival for the Islamic Ummah. We are capable of striving to establish the second Islamic State, just as the Messenger of Allah (saw) established the first one.

Allah's promise of Victory (nasr) still stands. So what are the Muslims waiting for?

Indeed, the Hijrah changed the face of history and the face of the world, coloring them with the shade that Allah Almighty intended, ﴿صِبْغَةَ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ صِبْغَةً وَنَحْنُ لَهُ عَابِدُونَ﴾ **“The color of Allah—and who is better than Allah in coloring? And we are worshippers of Him.”** [TMQ Surah Al-Baqarah: 138].

Yet today, we see the Prime Minister of the illegitimate Jewish entity arrogantly proclaiming that he will reshape the face of the Middle East. We hear the President of the United States loudly declaring that he will forge deals to change the face of the Middle East, that is, the Islamic lands. The most notable of these deals is the so-called Abraham Accords, a deal built upon the manufactured Abrahamic Faith.

This raises the urgent and pressing question: Where are you, O Muslims, in the face of what you see and hear?

Are you not the rightful owners of the land, its resources, and its strategic position?

Are you not the people of a long and glorious history of ideological revival, through which you brought humanity out of darkness into light?

Are you not the people of the Hijrah through which the first Islamic State was established, and through which you changed the face of history and the world?

Is not Hizb ut Tahrir among you a truthful and trustworthy guiding party carrying the banner of revival with the noble Islamic ideology?

Are you not, with your armies and your strength, capable of supporting Hizb ut Tahrir so that Allah (swt) may grant you victory by establishing the second Islamic State, just as He supported His Messenger (saw) and his noble Companions (ra) through the Hijrah and the establishment of the first Islamic State?

Come, O Muslims, to this great good.

Join the ranks of Hizb ut Tahrir and support it.