## Do not allow the blood of people of Afghanistan and Pakistan be shed for the sake of US interests!

Clashes between Afghanistan and Pakistan troops on Torkham border area of the cancerous Durand Line has made many sincere Muslims concerned. Many casualties are reported from both sides in these clashes, and people on both sides of the border have suffered economically, mentally and physically. Discussion on media sources in both countries is full of patriotic and nationalistic fervor. The cruel governments in both countries, interest groups and people linked to interests of Kuffar are vehemently trying to link this tragic incident to the rotten concept of national interests. These elements are trying to provoke hostility among Muslims of the two lands.

Hizb ut Tahrir would like to explain the context of these incidents in a couple of points to create awareness and to expose US plans and the complicity of its puppet rulers in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

1. US policy in the region is to create new balance of power set-up that shall revolve around India and China. To achieve this goal, it must divert Pakistan attention from Indian border to tribal areas of Pakistan. This policy will result in intensification and expansion of hostility between people of Afghanistan and Pakistan. The recent border clashes is one example of how this policy unfolds itself. As a matter of fact, armies of the two countries have killed each other on the orders of corrupt and puppet rulers such as Ashraf Ghani and Nawaz Sharif – Raheel Shareef to guarantee US strategic interests in the region.

2. On the other hand, this incident comes at a time when John Kerry's installed government in Afghanistan has failed from the outset in establishing security, economic progress and political stability, thereby resulting in serious public disappointment. Instability and lack of security has expanded from Southern Afghanistan to the North so much so that people are afraid of commuting on highways and between cities. The recent incidents of hostage taking on highways explains the extent of seriousness of the security situation. Consequently, people have become extremely disenchanted with the government. In the backdrop of this reality, the government of Afghanistan is manipulating the Torkham incident for the purpose of regaining its lost legitimacy. The government is exploiting patriotic emotions among young Afghan soldiers, and is taking advantage of poverty of Afghan youth pushing them into a war with Muslims.

However, every sane person would acknowledge that war between Muslims over a border drawn up by Kuffar is a drama played by puppet rulers of the two countries to ensure US regional interests. It is obvious that Muslim sons from both sides are sacrificed because of vicious strategies of traitor rulers.

3. People of Afghanistan and Pakistan are part and parcel of the great Muslim Ummah, who have one Aqeedah. People of these two lands have demonstrated time and again that they consider Kuffar as their true enemy. They have always stood against their true enemies. In jihad against former Soviet Union, the people of Pakistan stood shoulder to shoulder with their Muslim Afghan brothers, helping them and accommodating their refugees in their houses. Even now, people of Pakistan accept Afghans in their hospitals and on their land. Currently, three million Afghans live in Pakistan. However, it is the corrupt and cruel government and rulers of Pakistan that have oppressed Afghans for so many years. It is important therefore to differentiate between traitor rulers of Pakistan and its people, as it is important to differentiate between traitor rulers of Afghanistan and its Mujahed people.

Hizb ut Tahrir believes that hostilities between Pakistan and Afghanistan is a war of attrition aimed at weakening the power of Muslims.

The current clashes between Muslims of Afghanistan and Pakistan is absolutely Haram. Under these circumstances, it is to be seriously contemplated what these soldiers or dying for?

Therefore, to eliminate enmity between the two Islamic lands, and to foil designs of Kuffar and their puppet governments, sincere people within armed forces of the two countries and politicians sincere to Allah Almighty and to Prophet (saw) should take initiative in their hands. They must unite material and human resources of the two lands under one political leadership. If strategic edge, military power and human resources of the two lands are combined under the system of Khilafah (Caliphate) on the methodology of the Prophethood, this will lead to the formation of a formidable power that will eliminate colonialist policies from the region.

We must be beware that the Prophet (saw) warned Muslims against fighting amongst each other. He (saw) said,

«لَا تَرْجعُوا بَعْدِي كُفَّارًا يَضْرِبُ بَعْضُكُمْ رِقَابَ بَعْضٍ»

"Do not return to Kufr after my death by cutting each other throats." (Bukhari)

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