

Press Release**Condolences and Sympathetic Message of Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah
Afghanistan Regarding the Recent Flood in Different Provinces!**

As a result of seasonal rainfall and flood in the Central and Northern provinces of Afghanistan, more than three hundred people have lost their lives with dozens of others being missing. A large number of houses and agricultural lands have also been destroyed.

The Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir/ Wilayah Afghanistan expresses its deepest condolences and sympathy with the victims of the recent flood in various provinces of Afghanistan and prays to Allah (swt) that He counts those as martyrs who lost their lives and grant the wounded swift and full recovery. We ask the affected victims to have their patience.

It is narrated from Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said: «الشُّهَدَاءُ خَمْسَةٌ: الْمَطْعُونُ، وَالْمَبْطُونُ، وَالْغَرِيقُ، وَصَاحِبُ الْهَنْمِ، وَالشَّهِيدُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ» **“The martyrs are of five kinds: One who dies of plague; one who dies of disease of his belly; the drowned; one who dies under the debris (of construction, etc.), and one who dies while fighting in the way of Allah.”**

This life is undoubtedly filled with *Ibtala'* (suffering and calamities), and every calamity that comes to people from Allah (swt) has its own Hikmah and the believer's must bear patience (*Sabr*), trust (*Etemad*) and reliance (*Tawakul*) upon Allah (swt) at the time of calamities and learn necessary lessons from these incidents.

Additionally, it is an obligation for the ruler (who is responsible for Muslims) to take proper measures and wisely observe the affairs of them. It is the sheer responsibility of the ruler to have a pre-devised strategy and plan aimed at protecting people's lives and properties from natural disasters before any disaster occurs, and to make necessary and full efforts to reach out to the victims of the disaster afterwards. Undoubtedly, one of the causes of such “natural calamities” is the implementation of the capitalist system and the lack of sovereignty of the Deen (system) of Allah (swt) on earth – as a result of which the environment has been corrupted, leading to the probable climate change and global warming. According to the report by the United Nations, Afghanistan has a share of 0.08% in the production of greenhouse gases in the world, but it is the sixth country that is most vulnerable to climate change – adding to the complications of water and environmental disasters in Afghanistan. Unfortunately, due to the lack of attention of the rulers and the lack of basic infrastructures, similar incidents happen every year; and the rain, which is the blessing of Allah (swt) turns into a means of destruction of people's lives, properties, houses, animals, and farms. «الإِمَامُ رَاعٍ وَهُوَ مَسْنُونٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ» **“The ruler is a guardian of his subjects and responsible for them.”**

Now that this incident has struck the people of Afghanistan, we hope that all Muslims at all levels shall join hands and rush to help the victims of the accident.

«الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ * أُولَٰئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ»

“Who say, when struck by a disaster, “Surely to Allah we belong and to Him we will ‘all’ return. They are the ones who will receive Allah’s blessings and mercy. And it is they who are ‘rightly’ guide.” [Surah Al-Baqarah:156-7]

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