

Press Release

Hizb ut Tahrir is the Supportive Champion of the Oppressed and Persecuted. The Hizb is the Staunch Adversary of Tyrants and Despots

(Translated)

Under the title “Rising influence of Hizb ut Tahrir in Bangladesh could have spillover effect in India,” The New Indian Express published a report on 28 August 2024, stating, “Amidst the ongoing turmoil and instability across the country, Bangladesh is facing another challenge – the rapidly increasing influence of the Hizb ut Tahrir (HuT). The HuT is a fundamentalist political organisation that aspires to re-establish the Islamic Caliphate and implement Sharia globally. Although the HuT was banned in Bangladesh in October 2009, its supporters are taking out marches, including in Dhaka, and posters propagating their ideology have mushroomed. On August 9, supporters of the HuT organised a rally at Baitul Mukarram North Gate in Dhaka and demanded the establishment of the Khalifah in Bangladesh based on Sharia law which they claim would ensure “true justice and welfare” of all the citizens in Bangladesh. They also called to oust foreign companies and annul strategic agreements with non-Muslim states...” It also stated, “This is a worrying trend as they seem to have sympathisers in the army. They don’t believe in democracy and are against gender rights, so women have a lot to worry about,” a source from Dhaka told The New Indian Express.” It stated that, “Meanwhile, some arrests have been made in India too of covert HuT operatives who seem to be expanding their network. Most of them are educated and spread their propaganda through students... “If the HuT movement intensifies in Bangladesh, it would have an impact in India too as covert operators in India are likely to coordinate with Bangladesh,” said a source. The HuT has been banned in China, Russia, Pakistan, Germany, Turkey, UK, Central Asia, Indonesia and all Arab countries except Lebanon, Yemen and UAE. In January, the British Parliament had cleared a draft laid by the then Home Secretary James Cleverly to proscribe the HuT under the Terrorism Act 2000.”

In response to the claims published by the newspaper, we at the Central Office of Hizb ut Tahrir would like to emphasize the following points. We hope the newspaper will publish this response on its pages in accordance with professional journalistic standards and integrity. This is to ensure that readers and followers are provided with a clearer picture, and have access to both sides of the story, allowing them to make their own informed judgment on the matter:

Firstly: Hizb ut Tahrir’s call for the establishment of the Islamic Khilafah, which aims to implement Islam, is a call to cleanse the Indian subcontinent of the issues left by British colonialism, such as humiliation, servitude, poverty, oppression, and racism. This region once enjoyed peace, prosperity, and growth under Islamic rule for over eight centuries, during which the Islamic governance integrated various ethnic groups in the multi-ethnic and multi-religious land and revitalized the Indian economy. This economic prosperity made it a target for colonialist powers, with the United Kingdom at the forefront. The Indian Subcontinent under Islam had a 23% share of the world economy, peaking at 27% in the time of Aurungzeb Alamgir. Is this what concerns the newspaper, or the oppressed people of India under the Hindutva system, which is aligned with the Western colonialism? This colonialism is sometimes with British colonialism, sometimes with the Americans, and sometimes divided between the two. This system does not understand the meaning of independence, stability, or civil peace.

Secondly: The Hizb advocates preserving human nature from deviation. Allah created humans as two genders, male and female, as stated in the Qur’an, ﴿أَيَحْسَبُ الْإِنْسَانُ أَنْ يُتْرَكَ سُدًى * أَلَمْ يَكُنْ مِنْ مَّنِيٍّ يُمْنًى * ثُمَّ كَانَ عِلقَةً فَخَلَقَ فَسَوَى * جَعَلَ مِنْهُ الزَّوْجَيْنِ الذَّكَرَ وَالْأُنثَى﴾ “Do people think they will be left without purpose? * Had he not been a drop of sperm emitted? * Then he became a clot, and

Allah created and proportioned him. * And made from him two mates, the male and the female” (TMQ Surah al-Qiyamah 75:36-39). This perspective on human beings, male and female, has preserved human lineage and treated both men and women fairly without injustice. Divine Shariah rulings regulate the relationship between men and women, and Shariah laws elevate the status of women, making them honored as mothers, and respected as wives and caregivers whose dignity must be protected. In contrast, Western notions of liberation view women from a sexual perspective for male pleasure, treating them as commodities to be bought and sold. So, what “concern” for women is the newspaper referring to?

Thirdly: The banning of Hizb ut Tahrir in many countries around the world is evidence of its righteousness, the validity of its call, and the correctness of its ideas. The countries that ban Hizb ut Tahrir, as mentioned in the report, are either colonialist powers that cannot tolerate an organization within the Islamic Ummah, or so-called Third World countries that the colonial powers exploit. These countries would lose their ability to plunder resources, exploit, and enslave peoples. The United Kingdom is a prime example, having colonized the Indian subcontinent for centuries, and its influence is still felt in India. The United Kingdom recently banned Hizb ut Tahrir for its support of the oppressed in the Blessed Land of Palestine, and its stance against the genocide perpetrated by the Jewish state in Gaza. The United Kingdom also understands that the Khilafah (Caliphate) the Hizb calls for would liberate colonized and oppressed peoples, including the people of India, from such colonialist dominance. Thus, is the ban by the historical colonialist power, the United Kingdom, an indication that the Hizb’s call is “concerning,” or is it a mark of honor and proof that the Hizb is a noble opponent of colonialism, and its oppression of subjugated peoples?

As for the other countries that have banned the Hizb, including Arab states, Central Asian countries, and others, the newspaper knows that these are dictatorial regimes aligned with colonialist powers. These dictatorial regimes do not allow any ideological or political movement advocating the revival of the Ummah and the liberation of peoples from colonialist rule. Their ban on the Hizb is also a mark of honor and a testament to its stature. It is particularly absurd for the Indian newspaper to cite Pakistan's ban on the party. Has Pakistan become a benchmark and reference for India on matters of “freedom of opinion” and “human rights,” or because Pakistan and India are participating with the colonial countries, led by America, in their war against Islam?!

Fourthly: We would like to reassure the newspaper and the people of India that the Hizb’s call is to liberate people from the slavery to capitalists, who enslave over ninety percent of the population to the worship of the Lord of the worlds, Allah (swt), who ensures justice between the rich and the poor, and between the strong and the weak. The Hizb seeks to eliminate the dominance of financial tycoons and authoritarian rulers, allowing humanity to benefit from the great governance of Islam. How fortunate India would be if it were governed by Islam, as it was for centuries in the past. The people of India should warmly welcome the shebaab (members) of the Hizb and support them in spreading the message of truth and justice in their country, so that justice and prosperity can once again prevail in India.

Fifthly: We are aware that many journalists in tabloid journalism do not adhere to transparency or professional standards. They often merely repeat what is written in local and global newspapers, through copying and pasting without scrutiny, or publish what is dictated to them by local and global intelligence agencies that work for corrupt ruling elites, or those benefiting from the failing regimes in these countries. Is this the case with “The New Indian Express” and its journalists? Every journalist committed to their people should strive for accuracy in delivering news to their audience and readers, and should wish for the best for their country and people. There is no greater good than the magnificent Islam. The Creator of the universe, humanity, and life, Allah (swt) says, ﴿الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتْمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيْتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا﴾ **“Today I have perfected your Deen for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your Deen.”** (TMQ Surah Al-Maidah 5:3). Here, the Deen refers to a way of life, a system of living, and a governing system.

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