

Press Release

The Khilafah is the Shield of Muslims

China Restricts Ramadan Fasting in East Turkestan, whilst Raheel-Nawaz Regime Sits on its Hands

China has marked the start of Ramadan by slapping the Ummah of Muhammad (saaw) in the face. It demonstrated its belligerency against Islam by restricting civil servants, students and children in what China calls Xinjiang from fasting, as government websites announced on 6 June 2016 and also ordered restaurants to stay open. China regularly persecutes the Muslims. As an example, in July 2009, the Muslims around the world angered by brutal hostilities against the Muslims by Chinese government forces, along with Han Chinese gangs supported by these forces, leaving nearly two hundred dead and hundreds injured and then came the peak of hostilities against Muslims, when authorities forbade Jumm'a prayers and closed the main Masjid in Urumqi the capital of the region that China calls Xinjiang, rather than its real name "East Turkestan." East Turkestan is a part of the Central Asian state of Turkestan, which Muslims opened to Islam in the First Century AH, corresponding to the beginning of the Eighth Century CE, and was occupied forcibly by China in the middle of the last century, i.e. 1949. As for the largest and nearest Muslim armed forces that could easily extend support to the oppressed Muslims of East Turkestan, the very next day Pakistan's key civil and military leaders assembled at the Army's General Headquarters in a rare meeting, in an "extraordinary" meeting convened by Army Chief Gen Raheel Sharif. However, there was not even a single word against Chinese belligerency and instead the rulers focused on the "challenges" to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, which is to open the riches of Muslim Lands to the oppressive Chinese!

What makes China and others dare to occupy Muslim lands, usurping Muslims' rights and oppressing them, is that the Muslims are without a shield, a righteous Imam to secure them. Without our shield, the Islamic Lands are considered as a place only for the spilling of the pure blood of the elderly, women and children, a place for distress calls from the bereaved, for division and dismemberment and for control by enemies and allies alike. Anyone who has a heart, hearing and sight can comprehend that the Muslims have lost the caretaker who looks after their affairs. They have lost the Imam who protects them and behind whom they fight, as RasulAllah (saw) said, «إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتِلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيَتَّقَىٰ بِهِ» "The Imam is a shield, behind him you fight and by him you are protected." (Muslim). So, they have lost the rightly guided Khaleefah who will protect the sanctity of Islam and guard the frontiers. And they have

lost the Mu'atasim who will answer the distress call of the afflicted, the cries of the oppressed and the screams of the subjugated! The Muslims today number more than one and a half billion, but they are without a state that rules by all that Allah has revealed and fight Jihad *fee sabeelillah*, but instead they have rulers that rule by everything other than Islam and fight everyone other than the enemies of Allah, His Messenger and the Believers. The rulers of Muslim look and listen to all that is occurring and has occurred in East Turkestan, but they did not mobilize to help them, for they are deaf, dumb and blind and have no sense. Their example is that of one who speaks of strength, but the speech is merely words without any action and yet he insists he is strong.

We remind the Muslim officers of Pakistan armed forces, upon whom the Nussrah for Khilafah is incumbent and long overdue, of their brother in arms, the Muslim commander Qutaiba bin Muslim Al-Bahilee who opened Turkestan: the West of Central Asia and opened its two major cities, Samarkand and Bukhara, in 94 AH, and then he turned towards the east until he reached Kashgar, which in those times was the capital of East Turkestan, which China now calls Xinjiang, and he completed its opening in the year 95 AH. He then stopped at the gates of China and his army was about to set foot on Chinese soil. When the Chinese Emperor heard about him, he was stricken by fear and panic and sent a delegation to the Muslim commander to pay Jizyah and sent him soil in which he could fulfill his oath to step on Chinese soil. Such was the glory of the Muslims and Islam! The Muslims had been granted dignity by their Lord, strengthened by their Deen, standing as a strong and powerful wall that no-one who hated Islam and Muslims would dare to approach, let alone assault.

So we ask, O officers, when will you respond?

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