

Press Release

Defamation of the Khilafah Project is a Sin

Media Undermines its Own Credibility by Lying on Behalf of Criminal Regime

The day after Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Bangladesh shook the criminal Sheikh Hasina regime by issuing its special call, *Dawn* Newspaper published a flagrantly slanderous report on 18 June 2016 in which it was stated, "*Hizb ut-Tahrir (Party of Liberation) is an international militant group outlawed in several countries, including Bangladesh.*" By attempting to accuse Hizb ut Tahrir of militancy, *Dawn* Newspaper has effectively undermined its own credibility before its readership for Hizb ut Tahrir is well known within Pakistan, and previous slander campaigns by the regime have failed miserably. Despite a full five days since defiling its publication with such poor journalism, *Dawn* editors did not come to their senses yet, neither printing a retraction nor making any attempt to contact the Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir in the Wilayah of Pakistan.

Yes, Hizb ut Tahrir is well aware of the immense pressure on the media from the regime to prevent it from presenting the call for Islam in a favorable light, claiming that this is "glorification of terrorism" and "hate speech." Yes, Hizb ut Tahrir is aware that the pressure extends to the point that the media people receive visits from the regime's thugs were they to even print a small photo of a protest of Hizb ut Tahrir, buried within the inside pages, let alone a bold statement from Hizb ut-Tahrir. However, such excuses do not justify lying on behalf of a criminal regime that joins its days and nights in disobedience of Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw). If the media cannot speak good of the Khilafah project, it can at least not speak ill of it. RasulAllah (saaw) said, «مَنْ كَانَ» **«Whosoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him speak good or keep quiet.»** [Muslim and Bukhari]

We assure our brothers and sisters in the media that the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood is on the horizon bi'ithnillah and the regime itself sees it and so has become frantic in defaming the Khilafah project. We urge the people of the media not to demean themselves by standing on the side of the criminal regime, for the Ummah is looking carefully for those who sided with her in her Deen at her greatest time of need and appreciates their goodness. The day is not far when the media will be freed from the bondage to the criminal regime, which is accustomed to using a mixture of threat and bribes upon the media. The day is not far when a Khaleefah Rashid will call upon you and others to account him on the basis of your Deen, Islam, so that he remains firm upon the Truth and can face his Lord (swt) in a way that pleases Him (swt). We, with you, look forwards to a day when all believers will rejoice at the complete failure in the attempts to extinguish that which cannot be extinguished. Allah (swt) said, «يُرِيدُونَ أَن يُطْفِئُوا نُورَ» **«They want to extinguish Allah's Light with their mouths, but Allah will not allow except that His Light should be perfected»** [At-Taubah: 32].

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