

Press Release

Is Turkey's Place Beside the European Union or the Leadership of the Muslim Ummah?

(Translated)

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) got together on 25th April 2017 for their Spring Time General Assembly and discussed the report titled "The Functioning of Democratic Institutions in Turkey". It was decided with 113 votes against 45 that Turkey should be taken under "political inspection" according to the draft decision that came with the report. The report demands "Especially the decisions made with the state of emergency after the coup attempt of 15th of July, the functioning of the democratic institutions had been decayed so the state of emergency should be lifted as soon as possible". With this decision the relations between Turkey and Europe returned to the pre 2004 state. President Erdoğan interpreted the "inspection" decision of the PACE as a "political decision" and said that "Turkey will not recognise the decision".

We as **Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah Turkey**, asked exactly 13 years ago in 12 September 2004 in a conference we organised in Istanbul; "Is Turkey's Place Beside the European Union or the Leadership of the Muslim Ummah?" and stated that "Turkey's place was not in the imperialist Europe! Instead it should be the leadership of the Muslim Ummah, so that it could be the flagship of carrying civilisation, happiness and peace for all humanity. Again when a negotiation date was brought back to Turkey by the Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan who was then welcomed as the "Conqueror of Europe", we wrote him an open letter of advice and warning; "The rulers of this country will never be able to make this people turn their backs on their religion, they will never make the people believe in the simple and lowly Western civilisation or the cheap and corrupt Western ideas. The European Union will never accept Turkey into their ranks -as long as it does not completely leave Islam-." For Rasullallah (Sallallahu 'Alayhi Wa Sallam) said:

«الدِّينُ النَّصِيحَةُ» قيل: لمن يا رسول الله؟ قال: «لِلَّهِ وَلِكِتَابِهِ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِأَيْمَةِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَعَامَّتِهِمْ»

"The religion is *naseehah* (sincere advice)." We said: For whom O Rasul Allah? He said, "To Allah, His Book, His Messenger, to the leaders of the Muslims and their common folk." Trusting this we again advice the rulers of Turkey! May they refrain and take advice!

1- You have to declare that you have ended all relations with the European Union which consists of Kuffar countries who are hostile against Islam and the Muslims and that you will not allow Turkey to join the European Union.

2- You would give control of Turkey: to America with the Presidential system, by joining the European Union to Europe or by joining the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation to Russia. This is the greatest evil that could be done to the people of Turkey. America, Europe, Russia these countries will never be pleased with us unless we join their religion. So stop pleasing them!

3- Turkey cannot be a strong country by getting under the wings of colonial powers. Quite the opposite it would just give them control over itself and be content with mission given to itself. So end also the relations with these colonial powers who stand over Turkey like a guillotine.

4- It should be known that only Khilafah Rashidah upon the method of the Prophethood can bring the Muslim Ummah together. So we will be great and powerful with our religion, strong with our Lord, happy and in peace in this world and the next Akhirah.

﴿وَأَلَيْسَ صِرَاطَ اللَّهِ مَن يَتَّصِرُ بِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَقَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ﴾

"Allah will surely support those who support Him. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might." [Al-Haj: 40]

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