



### Kyrgyz Authorities are against Muslim Women in Hijab!

#### News:

On 19 July "K-news" Information Agency published Anar Bakytbekov's article entitled "Scandalous banners: a provocation or a call for national identity?" The author raised the question of the recent event that stirred the Muslims of Kyrgyzstan. For almost a week already, there have been persistent talks in the society about the banners hung in the capital of Kyrgyzstan with an illustration of girls in national hijab and niqab, and with the words "Where are we going, my miserable people!?".

On 14 July at a press conference in Bishkek, in honor of the visit of German Chancellor Angela Merkel Atambayev spoke about his initiative to allocate finances for placing banners across the country. These very large banners were hung in different places of Bishkek. Also A. Atambaev said: "There are absolutely nothing in common with Islamic values in these banners. This is due to the preservation of national values, traditions, national dress, our language and culture. We do not need Arab, Pakistani, Bangladeshi and other cultures".

### Comment:

The past month the Muslims of Kyrgyzstan discussed hotly the issue of the hijab. Some Muslims who are generally poisoned with western education and are secularized, are talking about the hijab to be alien for their culture presenting no evidence of their words. Another part of the Muslims, talking about the hijab, remembers their past and says that the hijab is an integral part of the culture of the Kyrgyz people. To prove this they cite their elders' words and show old pictures where Muslim women are in hijab with the prints and headgears typical and traditional of the Kyrgyz.

Earlier in the society a debate started on the subject of Women's Conference "Women's place in the history of Islam" held on 27th May in the town of Osh. The conference brought together hundreds of young Muslim women of the country. It was dedicated to the memory of Kurmanjan Datka (a Kyrgyz ruler in the late 19th century). The information and the photos from the conference have quickly spread in social networks, where they violently discussed that all the participants of the conference were wearing the hijab and niqab.

The rapid increase of practicing Muslims and Muslim women wearing the hijab in the country is a great concern of the vicious power that try to alienate Muslims of the country from Islam. For the struggle against Islam and Muslims, the power uses corrupt imams who make fatwas pleasing the power. Also the power uses the media and secularized intellectuals in the face of journalists and writers. A good example of this is journalist Naryn Ayyp, who published the photos from the conference and the comment on his Facebook page:

- "I was surprised. I thought whether it was Kyrgyzstan or not. Why do we need all this in the 21st century? Is it really necessary to wrap to show ones piety!? Taking only the external form without understanding the true meaning of religion is a bad phenomenon. Is it Islam or not, are they believers or unbelievers, it doesn't matter, but it is bad that the society is moving backwards. All of humanity is moving forward, but the Kyrgyz, guoting Salizhan Zhigitov have "eyes on the back of their heads", we are looking backwards. We do not have the elite that would lead us forward".

Such an attitude towards pure Muslim women, fulfilling the orders of their Lord, comes from the secular idea of the western colonizers. After all, it was the West, that through their vicious education, through intellectuals and corrupt politicians, brought the idea that Islam was not able to solve the pressing problems of a man, stating that it was degradation and medieval laws.

But reality shows that the secular idea of the West is nothing but a lie that the West uses for the material and moral colonization of our countries. Bringing secular ideas to the Muslims of Kyrgyzstan and not just to them, the West has ensured that the Muslims became backward in the cultural and material terms. We see how people live in poverty, there is no material development whether it is science or technology, and even more no progress in moral terms.

The power corrupts young people with all sorts of entertaining programs, drawing them into all vicious circles, whether alcoholism or drug addiction. Thus, the power has ensured that the youth remains dependent and unable to solve their problems.

Therefore, the power doesn't want the Muslims of the country to practice their religion and even more when it concerns the youth. Everyone knows that the youth is the most active layer of the society and it is the youth who can move mountains in their path. There are enough such examples in the history of Muslims, whether young Sahaabah or Taabi'een or later the noble men of the Islamic Ummah.

The attacks of the power on Islam and the Muslims of the country, whether it be on the hijab, a beard, dawah carriers and on many other things, show that the Muslims of Kyrgyzstan are awakening and striving to fulfill their Lord's commands. The more the power will attack on Islam and Muslims, the faster the Righteous Khilafah State upon the method of the Prophethood will reestablish. Prophet Muhammad (saw) said:

«... ثم تكون ملكا جبرية فتكون ما شاء الله أن تكون ثم يرفعها إذا شاء أن يرفعها ثم تكون خلافة على منهاج النبوة. ثم سكت»

"...After that, despotic kingship would emerge, and it will remain as long as Allah wills. Then, the Khilafah (Caliphate) shall come once again based on the method of the Prophethood".

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