

Press Release

It is a Duty for Muslims to Account Rulers by Islam

Protests Demanding the Release of Naveed Butt, an Advocate of Islam and its Khilafah

Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan has held demonstrations across the country, demanding the release of Naveed Butt, spokesman of Hizb ut Tahrir in Wilayah Pakistan. Demonstrators were holding banner declaring: **“Release Naveed Butt, Advocate of Khilafah”**. Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan strongly condemns the double standards of the regime when it comes to Islam and its political expression. So, on the one hand, we saw that government officials and their mouth pieces focus the forced disappearance of liberal bloggers, until they were released within months. However, when it comes to Naveed Butt, the regime maintains stone silence even though he has been forcibly disappeared for four years and nine months, having been abducted by government agencies on 11 May 2012!

It is clear from the stance of the regime that it has completely submitted to Washington regarding its own double standards over political expression. The United States only tolerates political expression within the Muslim World when it is based on the Kufr Democracy and liberal freedoms, which are the origin of injustice all over the world today. However, the moment any Muslim confines his political expression to the Quran and the Sunnah, he becomes a target of the regime. It is then that Washington turns a blind eye as its agents in the Muslim World mete out punishment and torture upon sincere Muslims, which even jungle animals would shy from. Moreover, any Muslim who works to restore Islam as a complete way of life is seen as less than human by America and its agents, with no right to even a trial before judiciary for his political expression. Who gave America the right to determine the form of political expression within the Muslim World? So, how dare its agents to engage in the folly of trying to undo over a millennium of adherence to Islam, the Deen of Truth! And how dare they use force to prevent the Muslims from accounting the ruler by Islam, which is not a mere right, but a duty for which they are answerable to Allah (swt).

Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan calls upon the sincere within the media, politicians, Ulema, intellectuals, lawyers and human rights activists, who hold Islam and Muslims in high esteem, to raise voice for the release of Naveed Butt. As a sincere worship to Allah (swt) they must spare no effort to end the grave injustice against Naveed, being committed in a country established in the name of Islam. So for our own sake, let us raise our voices against the oppressors and remove the oppression. RasulAllah (saw) said, **«إِنَّ النَّاسَ إِذَا رَأَوْا الظَّالِمَ فَلَمْ يَأْخُذُوا عَلَىٰ يَدَيْهِ أَوْشَكَ أَنْ يَعْمَهُمُ اللَّهُ»** **«بِعَقَابٍ»** **“If the people witness an oppressor and they do not take him by his hands (to prevent him) then they are close to Allah covering them all with punishment.”** [Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi, ibn Majah].

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