

Press Release

Anniversary of the Battle of Badr:

**Occupied Kashmir Demands Liberation by the Khilafah, the
Shield of the Ummah**

As we remember with pride, the visionary leadership and brave fighting men that led to victory in the Battle of Badr, let us consider the situation in Occupied Kashmir. Brutal Hindu troops continue to oppress the Muslims of Occupied Kashmir in Ramadhan, in their latest long campaign that begun last summer and has so far included the use of pellet guns to blind and the tying of a Muslim to a jeep as a human shield. The seven decades long oppression in Occupied Kashmir is a painful confirmation of why our forefathers sacrificed so much to establish Pakistan, knowing well that were the Hindus to have any degree of authority over us, they are incapable of justice. And today we shed tears and grieve, with the knowledge that tens of thousands of our brothers and sisters have been martyred, thousands have been injured or blinded and hundreds of our sisters have been raped by the Hindu Mushrikeen, including the dozens gang raped by Hindu troops on February 23, 1991 during the "search and interrogation" operation in the twin villages of Kunan and Poshpora, that was met with international outcry.

Yet, instead of having a visionary leadership to rouse our brave officers and troops to liberate Occupied Kashmir, we are burdened by a visionless leadership that gives loud addresses as a prelude to more inaction and "restraint." Despite hostiles actions from his Indian counterpart, including the martyrdom of an elderly Muslim in Poonch district on 10 June, Pakistan's Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa, remains motionless. In fact, on that very day, Bajwa instead tried to pour water on the fire that burns in the breasts of our troops stationed along the Line of Control, by hollowly stating the obvious, "We are aware of defence and security challenges being faced by the country and we are capable to defeat all threats irrespective of the front." Enough of ineffective and inept military leadership that hides behind words, when jaw-breaking responses are the demand of the time! Enough of a leadership whose hollow words condemn the Muslims of Kashmir to a future full of oppression through a "solution" where the Hindus will be guaranteed an authority over Muslim Land. And we know well that the Hindu cowardly troops could not earn such an authority for themselves on the battle field in seven decades, despite being only confronted by small bands of poorly armed, yet highly motivated Muslims. O for that glorious day, when the Hindus are roundly defeated by a powerful Muslim armed forces, led by a Khaleefah Rashid, raising the flag of RasulAllah (saaw)!

Enough, O Muslims, it is enough! Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan urges the Muslims to restore their shield, the Islamic Khilafah State, so that Ramadhan becomes a month of victory again as it was for centuries. Yes, today, Monday 12 June, corresponds to 17 Ramadhan corresponds to the anniversary of the Battle of Badr, 2 AH. Indeed the Battle of Badr is a reminder for us all that whilst the Muslims had an Imam who ruled by Islam, fearing none but Allah (swt), the Muslims were victorious over their enemies, even when they were greater in number and possessed superior weapons. Muslim narrated on the authority of Abu Huraira that

RasulAllah (saaw) said, «إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتِلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيُتَّقَى بِهِ فَإِنْ أَمَرَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَعَدَلَ كَانَ لَهُ بِذَلِكَ أَجْرٌ وَإِنْ يَأْمُرُ بِغَيْرِهِ كَانَ عَلَيْهِ مِنْهُ» **“The Imaam (of the Muslims) is a shield for them. They fight behind him and they are protected by (him from tyrants and aggressors). If he enjoins fear of God, the Exalted and Glorious, and dispenses justice, there will be a (great) reward for him; and if he enjoins otherwise, it falls back upon him.”**

And the Battle of Badr is a reminder that whilst the Muslims were shielded by an Imaam who feared only Allah (swt), the Iman of their fighting men soared, which multiplied their capability, whilst striking fear in their enemies so as to prepare the path for victory. Muslim narrated from Anas (ra), that "RasulAllah (saaw) and his Companions reached Badr before the polytheists, and when they arrived, he (saaw) directed: «لَا يَفْدِمَنَّ أَحَدٌ مِنْكُمْ إِلَى شَيْءٍ حَتَّى أَكُونَ أَنَا دُونَهُ» **“Let no one of you advance ahead of me.”** When the polytheists came near, the Messenger of Allah (saaw) said, «فُؤَمُوا إِلَى جَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ» **“Now stand up and proceed towards Jannah which is as wide as are the heavens and the earth.”** 'Umair bin Al-Humam (May Allah be pleased with him) asked: "Is Jannah as wide as are the heaven and the earth?" The Messenger of Allah (saaw) replied in the affirmative. 'Umair remarked: "Great!" The Messenger of Allah (saaw) asked, «مَا يَحْمِلُكَ عَلَى قَوْلِكَ بِخِ بَخٍ؟» **“What had urged you to say so.”** He replied: "Nothing, O Messenger of Allah! But hope that I might become one of the inhabitants of Jannah." The Messenger of Allah (saaw) said, «فَأِنَّكَ مِنْ أَهْلِهَا» **“You will definitely be among them.”** 'Umair then took some dates out of his quiver and began to eat them, but after a short time he said: "If I live so long as to eat my dates, it will mean a long life." So he threw away the dates which he had with him and then fought with the enemy till he was killed.

However, today, without such a shield, burdened by a visionless leadership, even though the Muslims collectively possess more than three million troops in their armed forces, how do we find ourselves? Without our shield, the body of this Ummah is struck hard by even the smallest of nations, such as the rulers of Burma, as well as the cowardly, such as the Jewish State, the Hindu State and the American crusaders. It is the urgent need of the time for the Muslims in general to fulfill their Islamic duty towards the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the Method of the Prophethood. And it is the urgent need of the time for the officers of armed forces in particular to free themselves from the criminal rulers of today who restrain them, by granting the Nussrah to Hizb ut Tahrir for the re-establishment of the shield of the Ummah.

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