

Press Release

Those Who Mix Hoof Prints with Dog Prints and then Take Aim at Hizb ut Tahrir. We Know Your Conspiracies and Oppression!

On Friday, 3rd of September, 2016 Ankara police conducted a raid on the house of our brother Fatih Babayiğit, one of the members of Hizb ut Tahrir. The police officers justified the search in the house of Fatih Babayiğit with receiving a tip about meetings held in the name of FETO. Although the search and the declaration revealed that our brother has no link whatsoever with FETO, Fatih Babayiğit was taken into custody and interrogated for 4 days on the grounds of being a member of Hizb ut Tahrir. And on 7th of September 2016, Ankara's Second Criminal Court of Peace ruled for the arrest of Fatih Babayiğit.

Fatih Babayiğit, who previously lived in the Netherlands and settled in Turkey a short time ago, is known as a sincere Muslim by his neighbours, relatives and any Muslim who know him, both in the Netherlands and in Turkey, and is mentioned only in goodness. Till this day, our brother who carries the Islamic dawah with Hizb ut Tahrir was never involved in any violent action. This is because Hizb ut Tahrir decisively rejects any method of force and violence.

And yet, our brother Fatih Babayiğit, has to face the accusation of a crime charged on those who fired bullets to the people, and is subjected to unjust and unlawful treatment. It must be absolutely clear that Hizb ut Tahrir never had any intellectual or actual relationship with FETO, and it will not have any relation in the future. Because from 2001 on, this structure has openly declared war on Hizb ut Tahrir's ideological intellectual struggle, using all the means and opportunities of the state and in cooperation with the leaders, and thus sentenced the members of Hizb ut Tahrir unjustly and unlawfully to prison. This structure is an oppressive and treacherous structure. Hizb ut Tahrir however, since the day of its foundation, is an Islamic political party that literally enlightened the Ummah like a shining light. Although this feature of Hizb ut Tahrir is known by all public institutions and the public, this kind of persecution and arrests remind of the oppression and conspiracies by FETO towards the Muslims in the past. It used all its efforts in putting any other Islamic party and community than itself into the same category of a terror organisation through the Ergenekon accusation. However; Allah *Subhanahu wa Taala* reversed its plan. And now the government seeks to throw FETO-mud at sincere Muslims by using the same method.

We in Hizb ut Tahrir in Wilayah Turkey say the following about this issue: just as the Ergenekon-mud thrown at the Muslims in the past did not hold; the FETO-mud that is sought to be flunged will not hold and will stick on the hands of its holders. The number of custodies and arrests under the pretext of fighting FETO, which lack of any evidence and qualification, is increasing in recent times. Muslims who have not any relation to FETO are being detained under false accusations and arrested under various unlawful reasons. The President said on this issue "hoof prints are mingled with dog prints" [being unable to distinguish between good and bad], but he did not answer the question to who mixed hoof prints with dog prints, and why. So we call out to those who mix the horse prints to the dog prints and then take aim at Hizb ut Tahrir: "We know your conspiracies and oppressions." Allah *Subhanahu wa Taala* knows everything best. And we trust only in Him and seek refuge in Him.

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