

The Darkness of Prisons Will Not Extinguish the Light of Ideas, Nor Will It Weaken the Resolve and Steadfastness of the Truthful

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Concurrently, with the release of detainees from the era of the former Bashar al-Assad regime under a declared amnesty, a secret court in the dungeons of Idlib prisons is issuing harsh sentences against prisoners of conscience from the shebaab (members) of Hizb ut Tahrir, reaching up to ten years.

Since the events of 7 May 2023, most of these detainees remain in custody, not for any crime they committed, but for their declared political stances: their rejection of the process of normalization with the Jewish entity, that the region was being forcefully pushed towards, their demand for liberating political, legislative, and military decision-making from foreign influence, and their incitement to open fronts to overthrow the criminal Assad regime and establish Islamic ruling governance.

This stark disparity in judicial treatment, between releasing the henchmen of the former regime and punishing those who champion Islamic thought and a clear Islamic political project, demonstrates the absence of a just system based on Islam. It reveals that true awareness, and the project of genuine revival, are the targets, and that those with independent Islamic political thought are the threat, whose voices are to be silenced.

However, the advocates of this true cause are not intimidated by prisons, nor deterred by sentences. They are fully aware of their path, knowing that the way of truth is fraught with trials, that those who remain silent about the truth are complicit, and that those who seek the revival of the Ummah do not wait for anyone's approval or pardon.

The word of truth, proclaimed by the sincere, will remain stronger than chains, and principles will remain more steadfast than the walls of cells, prisons and dungeons.

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