Open Letter from Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah Pakistan to Be Delivered to Our Friends and Relatives Amongst the Officers in Pakistan's Armed Forces

O Officers of Pakistan's Armed Forces!

We in Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan address you in our capacity as a global political party, whose ideology is Islam. Our agenda is well known to you, which is working for the resumption of Islam as a way of life through the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood. We work to liberate the Muslims from the hegemony of the colonialist powers, the foremost being America. And we work with seriousness and dedication in Pakistan for it is a Muslim Land which is powerful enough to become the Khilafah first, a stable platform for unifying the remaining Muslim Lands as a single powerful state.

We address you in your collective capacity, as those who have the power to determine the course of Pakistan, both internally and externally. Internally, you collectively represent the Nussrah (Material Support) upon which the ruling by Islam can be established within hours, as it was through your predecessors-in-arms, the noble Ansaar (ra), who extended the Nussrah to RasulAllah (saaw). Externally, you command the most powerful armed forces in the Muslim World and one of the most capable in the entire world, which are the key to enabling Pakistan in shaping the course of the region, as well as influence the international scenario.

And we are compelled to address you now, at a critical time when the American plan for Pakistan, Afghanistan and India is unfurling to its full height, a plan that represents grave danger to the Muslims, their Deen, their armed forces, their security and their wealth.

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The US plan for our region is to support Indian regional supremacy, curb Pakistan's considerable abilities and eradicate the foremost obstacle to the US plan, the Khilafah project. On 9 April 2016, speaking at the Council of Foreign Relations ahead of his three-day visit to India, the US Secretary of Defense, Ash Carter, said, "The US has a 'whole global agenda' with India, covering all issues, while the relationship with Pakistan has to do with issues of terrorism and Afghanistan."

Indeed, America has a 'global agenda' with India. Thus, the US is expanding India's nuclear capabilities, including the building of new nuclear reactors and the acquisition of sensitive missile technology through the MTCR (Missile Technology Control Regime). The US is promoting Indian global political aspirations, including its inclusion as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, and strengthening its ties with resourceful Muslim countries under American influence, such as Saudi Arabia and Iran. This is aside from the US opening the doors of Afghanistan for an unprecedented Indian presence there, with the US puppet, Ashraf Ghani, shamelessly declaring Afghanistan as a "second home" for Narendra Modi.

Moreover, America has been working to remove the Muslims as an obstacle to the rise of India. To provide relief for India, Musharraf implemented US demands for the burial of the Kashmir issue and the declaration of those who are fighting for its liberation as "terrorists." As for now, US demands have ensured that Pakistan does not undertake any befitting response to repeated Indian Line of Control violations, whilst other demands ensure that Pakistan cooperates with India over its concerns regarding "terrorism," including intelligence sharing. On 7

June 2016, during their two-hour-long meeting, US President Barack Obama and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi jointly demanded that Pakistan must "bring the perpetrators of the 2008 Mumbai and 2016 Pathankot terrorist attacks to justice." As for General Raheel, in the era of Kayani, in response to US demands, he personally revised Pakistan Army's military doctrine, as embodied in its "Green Book," to remove the Indian centric focus, thereby removing the Muslims as an obstacle to the rise of the Hindu state. And to nurture a defeatist mentality towards India, Pakistan's officers are now being asked to war-game without the nuclear option.

As for removing Pakistan's nuclear program as an obstacle to Indian regional supremacy, Musharraf submitted to US demands for American intelligence to interrogate our nuclear scientists and ensure that they were sent off into virtual retirement, crippling essential ongoing research and development. Now, the US is making demands over the very existence of critical elements of our nuclear capability. In a testimony, reported on 26th March 2016, the Undersecretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, Rose Gottemoeller, commented on Pakistan's tactical nuclear weapons that represent a grave threat to any Indian advance, proclaiming "...we are really quite concerned about this and we have made our concerns known and we will continue to press them about what we consider to be the destabilizing aspects of their battlefield nuclear weapons program."

O officers of Pakistan's armed forces, indeed America has a limited agenda with Pakistan, confined to repeated, insistent demands made of you, related to "terrorism" and Afghanistan. In an article published on 25 July 2011 by The Atlantic, titled "Pakistan's ISI from the Inside," Steve Clemons revealed a complete letter authored by the former Director General of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Assad Durrani, in which he wrote, "The ISI was thereafter subjected to another purge in the hope that the refurbished setup would put its heart and soul behind the new decree: 'chase anyone resisting the American military operations in Afghanistan all the way to hell." Having witnessed firsthand Muslim capabilities in uprooting the Soviet Union occupation in Afghanistan such that it never dared to return, the US feared the same for its own occupation of Afghanistan. Thus, its loyal agent Musharraf submitted to the US demand for American intelligence to purge the ISI according to the new US requirements. Even this was not enough, so the US oversaw the super-ceding, retirement, house arrest and court martial of any Islam-loving officer within the entire armed forces who challenged the US plan. Kayani then submitted to the US demands for a vast Raymond Davis network of US intelligence and private military to incite attacks against our armed forces in the name of the tribal Muslims, as well as acting as the essential eyes on the ground for its continuous drone attacks on our soil, to justify transferring our troops into the tribal regions to end resistance to the US military presence in Afghanistan. Then Kayani submitted to US demands to exploit our beloved troops for the protection of American military operations in Afghanistan, rather than directing them to uproot the poisonous American infrastructure. And now General Raheel has submitted to US demands for Pakistan's armed forces to cross what was considered a red-line even by the likes of Musharraf and Kayani, which is fighting the hardy and capable Haggani network of North Waziristan that have struck terror in the hearts of US troops, whose cowardice paralyzes their supremacy in weaponry. This is in addition to the US exploiting ISI's influence within the Afghan Taliban to force them into the maze of negotiations, so as to establish sanctity for the US military footprint politically, a matter that it could not achieve for itself on the battlefield despite over a decade of fighting. As for those who reject talks, America employs drone attacks that make mockery of our sovereignty, whilst being met with weak-kneed protest from General Raheel. In a manner similar to Kayani's weak stance over US attacks on Abbotabad and Salala checkpost, on 25 May 2016, Raheel Sharif met US Ambassador to Pakistan David Hale and meekly declared "Such acts of sovereignty violations are detrimental to relations between both countries and are counterproductive for ongoing peace process for regional stability," which is

rubbing salt in our wounds, when a jaw breaking response was the need of the time, so that the US never even dreams of repeating its violation.

As for Islam, from the time of Musharraf, America is seeking to end the Muslims' deep attachment to Islam which was developed over centuries of adherence to Islam, fighting in its cause, ruling and dominating the entire Indian Subcontinent by it, as it is the greatest obstacle to the American plan. Suppressing Islam in Pakistan is now a matter of survival for the American presence and interests in the region. Using the "National Action Plan" amongst other means, America has ensured the clamping down on Islamic expression in the media, social media, education and the political medium, denouncing it as "hate speech", "radicalism" and "Islamism," whilst seizing thousands of sincere Ulema and politicians who call for Jihad against America's occupation of Afghanistan and the return of the Khilafah to Pakistan. In submission to US demands, the current leadership has fully engaged the ISI and military intelligence in purging the armed forces of Islam loving officers, as well as ensuring their supervision of the persecution, arrest, abduction, interrogation and severe torture of those who call for Islam in general and the advocates for the Khilafah in particular. In response to US President Obama's 6 December 2015 demand to curb our Islam, under the banner of "fighting extremism", our military leadership gathered in a meeting of 22 December 2015, after which the ISPR submissively declared, "All military leaders resolved to ... help government fight extremism."

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Hizb ut Tahrir has repeatedly warned you of the folly of submitting to US demands. Hizb ut Tahrir warned you in the time of Musharraf that his giving in to US demands to abandon Kashmir will only encourage Indian regional hegemony. We then warned you in the time of Kayani that his giving into US demands to counter the tribal resistance will consume us internally, stretch our capabilities and burn our country in a destructive war of Fitna, which only benefits our enemies. And Hizb ut Tahrir is warning you now that should you allow the current leadership to submit to US demands for Indian regional dominance, curbing Pakistan's capabilities and the suppression of Islam, we will be plunging ourselves into even greater dangers.

Know that despite his attempts to keep his distance from the widely-reviled Musharraf and Kayani, General Raheel is following in their footsteps exactly, in complete submission to American demands, completing the treachery that Musharraf initiated. Know that submitting to American demands will never bring the Muslims security or prosperity, but will only bring more demands and ruin. The US incites disturbances and disputes to justify intervention in the regions she wishes to dominate. Then when the US is ready to attack, it demands the use of our air bases, seaways and air corridors to launch its attack. Then when the US has invaded, it demands the right to exploit the wealth of the Muslims, whilst its violent intrusion shakes the region, severely disrupting the economy. And then when the US faces fierce resistance to its occupation, it demands that Muslims fight Muslims. At every stage, America demands the use of the strength of the Muslims against Muslims, so as to dominate over all of them, politically, ﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لاَ تَتَّخِذُوا عَدُوى وَعَدُوَّكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ تُلْقُونَ إِلَيْهِمْ economically and militarily. Allah (swt) said, O you who believe! Choose not My enemies who are your "بِالْمَوَدَّةِ وَقَدْ كَفَرُوا بِمَا جَاءَكُمْ مِنْ الْحَقّ enemies as friends showing them affection even when they disbelieve in that truth that ﴿إِن يَتْقَفُوكُمْ يَكُونُواْ لَكُمْ أَعْدَاءً وَيَبْسُطُواْ مِهِاللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ اللَّهِ الله has come to you." [Surah Mumtahina 60:1] And He said (swt), Should they gain the upper hand over you, they would" إِلَيْكُمْ أَيْدِيَهُمْ وَأَلْسِنْتَهُمْ بِالسُّوءِ وَوَدُواْ لَوْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴾ behave to you as enemies, and stretch forth their hands and their tongues against you with evil, and they desire that you should disbelieve." [Surah Mumtahina 60:2]

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Hizb ut Tahrir calls for the removal of the treacherous leadership which has crippled us through submission to America, belittled us before our enemies and exposed us to ever increasing harm at their hands. Your collective responsibility is not that you safeguard the traitors in the military and political leadership, who are submitting to every American demand. No, your duty is to protect Islam and the Muslim Lands and this can only be achieved practically by the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood. Today, there is no Khilafah in the world by which to challenge the American criminal brutality and unify the Muslims as a single powerful state. Know that only the Khilafah State will work from the first day to unify and strengthen the Muslims and overturn the plans of the hateful Kuffar. Know that the real strong man that we need today, a Khaleefah Rashid, ruling by Islam, will call for the Muslims of the tribal region and our armed forces to gather as one force against the US military footprint on our doorstep, simultaneously exposing the hypocrites within our ranks, whilst striking fear in the hearts of our enemies, who have been unable to face small, poorly armed groups of fighters within Kashmir and Afghanistan. Only a Khaleefah Rashid will cut off the hands of US influence and mischief within Pakistan itself, sealing the US embassy and consulates and rounding up and expelling the US intelligence and private military. And only a Khaleefah Rashid will work actively to unify all the Muslim Lands as a single powerful state.

So, Dear Officers, consider the severe consequences of remaining in obedience to those who submit to America, for Allah (swt) warns of a fateful punishment of obeying tyrants, saying, ﴿وَجَاوَزْنَا بِبَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ الْبَحْرَ فَٱتْبَعَهُمْ فِرْعَوْنُ وَجُنُودُهُ بَغْيًا وَعَدْوًا ﴿ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَدْرَكُهُ الْغَرَقُ قَالَ آمَنْتُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَٰهَ إِلَّا الَّذِي آمَنَتْ بِهِ بَثُو And We took the Children of Israel across the sea, and Pharaoh and" إِسْرَائِيلَ وَأَنَّا مِنَ الْمُسُلِمِينَ ﴾ his soldiers pursued them in tyranny and enmity until, when drowning overtook him, he said, "I believe that there is no deity except that in whom the Children of Israel believe, and I am of the Muslims." [Surah Yunus 10:90] Thus not only Pharoah, but his entire army was drowned and punished for obeying the Pharoah in his sin of defying the message of Allah (swt). Thus, beware of standing with the traitors in their crusade against yourselves and those whom you have sworn to protect. Beware of losing your Hereafter for the worldly gains of the traitors within your leadership. Earn the prayers of the entire Ummah and work for the victory of your Ummah and yourselves by providing the Nussrah to Hizb ut Tahrir, under its Ameer, the eminent jurist and statesman, Shaikh Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah, for the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the Method of Prophethood. Earn the Help of Allah (swt) and do not despair, for you will be victorious by the will of Allah (swt) overcoming the enemies and liberating the oppressed.

Allah (swt) said,

"Do not weaken nor grieve, for you will overcome them if you are (indeed) believers" [Surah Aali-Imran 3:139].

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