

Press Release**What will Happen Following the Indictment?**

(Translated)

The Justice Council issued its decision of indictment in the terrorist explosion case that targeted two Masjids, At-Taqwa and As-Salaam, in Tripoli. The Council directly accused the two security officials of the criminal regime in Syria. This is not the first time that a security official from this regime has been accused by the judicial body in Lebanon. The criminal Ali Mamluk had already been indicted for planning acts of terrorism inside Lebanon and the previous minister Michel Samaha had been sentenced in the same case for 13 years.

This indictment does not cover a group of individuals working independently but rather they are working within a single system under a single administration. It has become clear that it was the regime of Bashar that gave the orders to undertake the two explosions in Tripoli. Targeting Tripoli represents a political targeting and it is not looked at from the angle of being a security or judicial issue alone. What is irreconcilable in respect to this indictment is the absence of any mention of the Lebanese political party leaderships that are loyal to Bashar's regime even though their participation in the carrying out of this crime has been confirmed. No accusations have been made against them which raises the fear of a deal being made to overlook criminals whose hands are covered in the blood of the Muslims.

This indictment demands the following from the authority in Lebanon:

- Do not overlook any participant in this crime and particularly the followers of Bashar who took part in the massacre of At-Tabanah that was perpetrated by the buried Hafez and his criminal Bathist party.
- To hasten to call in the ambassador of the criminal regime and to expel him, to halt all suspicious activities, not allow him to roam about as he wishes, cut all ties with the regime immediately and declare it officially a terrorist regime.
- To dissolve the political parties loyal to it and regard them as criminal parties and prosecute the followers of this criminal regime. That is because it is unbelievable for this authority and its security departments to prosecute the supporters of the revolution in Shaam whilst leaving the tools of Bashar's regime to roam free at their pleasure in Lebanon without being held to account.
- We warn in respect to making the indictment a pretext and excuse to close the file completely under the claim that it is impossible to prosecute the accused. And what kind of neglect of the government that would be in taking such steps that will place all of the ministers without exception within the sphere of the accusation of facilitating terrorist acts within the country and protecting the criminals. That is because it is not enough for a leader to come out with statements here or there attacking the criminal regime. The significance is not in the statements made but rather it is translated into political steps so that they become reality.
- The crime of blowing up the Taqwa and Salaam Masjids is only one of hundreds and indeed thousands of crimes of this regime that is thirsty for spilling blood, perpetrating crimes and demolishing places of worship, in Lebanon and the rest of Shaam. It is therefore obligatory to deal with it upon this basis. It is naïve to consider the indictment against intelligence officers of Bashar's army to be sufficient and then the matter has ended. Rather, it is necessary to take the rights for those who have had their blood shed and implement the legal retribution (Qisas) on the criminals by applying the rule of Allah upon them, even if their leader Bashar, and making them a lesson for those who may consider.

Allah Ta'Aalaa said:

﴿وَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّ اللَّهَ غَافِلًا عَمَّا يَعْمَلُ الظَّالِمُونَ إِنَّمَا يُؤَخَّرُهُم لِيَوْمٍ تَشْخَصُ فِيهِ الْأَبْصَارُ﴾

“And never think that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them for a Day when eyes will stare [in horror]” [Ibrahim: 42].

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