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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

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“And in Whatsoever You Differ, the Decision Thereof is with Allah” {Ash-Shura 10}

All praise is due to Allah, and peace be upon His chosen worshippers. And henceforth:

Amid what the liberated areas are experiencing of international conspiracies, the striking of enemies, and the siege of the mujahideen in a limited area, we are surprised in the past few days of what the leaders in Hayat Tahrir al-Sham are proposing and especially their military supervisor. The most important issues of this proposal:

1- To form a military council under the leadership of one of the dissident officers of the regime who are part of the Free Army or Faylaq al-Sham, and the most likely from Faylaq, and this council will have the decision of war and peace in the liberated areas!

2. Hayat Tahrir al-Sham will not object to the opening of the international highway of the regime.

We are surprised by the proposal of the Hayat leaders, as we know their previous views and directions, and we know that this will lead to negative results on the scene, especially at such time and circumstances.

This matter leads us to emerge from our silence and delay in our demand for our weapons and our rights from Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, which we have not received after the split with brother Jolani. As the issues have reached this point, we believe that we cannot remain silent about our rights and our weapons.

Therefore, today we are demanding our weapons and our rights, as these are among the issues which were disputed between us previously, and which were unresolved until now.

We are in need of our weapons and our rights to complete our jihadist path, pursuant to the method and the way we have agreed upon. We have seen its blessings and good effects previously, away from projects that only add to the area more weakness, devastation, and scattering, especially after we saw the results of confiscating the weapons from the Mujahideen at the hands of the State Organization, Jaysh al-Islam, and others.

It is the time for a general mobilization and recruitment, a time for seeking to break the regime and its allies away from the influence of regional powers, and submitting to their directives.

It is the time for exhausting the regime economically and cutting off its supply routes, not to open them, and helping it get rid of its economic and political crises.

It is the time to unify the efforts of every Muslim towards one project, which is to push away the regime and break its military stature, and not to engage in projects that kill the jihadist spirit in the souls.

We ask our honorable sheikhs – may Allah preserve them and increase their power - such as Sheikh Abu Muhammad al-Maqdisi, Sheikh Abu Qatada al-Filistini, Dr. Hani al-Sibai, Dr. Tarek Abdul-Halim, Sheikh al-Sadiq al-Hashimi, and Sheikh Na'il Masran, and others, to be the judge between us, and to apply the Shari'ah concerning our rights.

We declare that we will accept what they judge. Allah said: "And in whatsoever you differ, the decision thereof is with Allah." {Ash-Shura 10}

Here we say to our brothers in Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham: We still hold to our convictions of doctrine, methodology, and jihad, and you are our brothers in faith, regardless of our differences.

We call on all brothers and groups who denounce the proposal put forth by some of the Hayat leaders today, to reject this proposal, to claim their rights through legitimate means, to demand the honorable sheikhs judge between us, and to adopt and fulfill these demands and this statement so that we complete our jihadi march on the approach of those who preceded us in this path.

The road is long and the enemies are waiting for us and wish us to overlook and abandon the sources of our strength, our honor, and our weapons.

Allah said: "Those who disbelieve wish, if you were negligent of your arms and your baggage, to attack you in a single rush." {An-Nisa 102}

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