

In the Name of Allah, Most Merciful, Most Kind.

Dear Ambassador of the French republic in Turkey,

France's recent announcement to ban students from wearing the Hijab (the headscarf) in schools, and several German states' decision to ban Muslim women from wearing the Hijab in public institutions have caused great hurt to Muslims around the world. This is not the first time that western governments have shown their intolerance towards Muslims and their right to practise Islam. Since September 11, under the pretext of war against terrorism, the West has undertaken a number of measures that specifically target Muslims living in the West. These measures include arbitrary arrest, torture, and imprisonment without trial; death whilst in custody has also occurred. Monitoring of the mosques, silencing the Mosque imams, forcing some Muslims to spy on each other and endless media campaigns to distort Islam have also taken place. All of this has left a permanent impression in the minds of Muslims that secular democracy in the West is unable to guarantee the security of Muslims in practising their religion.

Hizb ut-Tahrir is a political party whose ideology is Islam. **Hizb ut-Tahrir** believes that Islam is the only ideology that enables the followers of different religions to practise their worships in accordance with their beliefs without fear or retribution. This right is a Sharee'ah rule and will be guaranteed by the Khilafah state in the future -when we re-establish it with Allah's permission- just as it was guaranteed when the state existed in the past. The Jews and Christians who lived in the Khilafah state knew that where the Khilafah used to look after their affairs it did so with justice, and that they used to practise their religion in peace and security. It was because of the justice of Islam that Christians stood with Muslims against the crusaders in Egypt and in the Shaam region. The Jews who were expelled from Andalusia (Spain) did not find a state that would accept their immigration and provide them a secure life, except for the Ottoman Khilafah state. However, they repaid the kindness of the Islamic state by harming the Muslims. They usurped the land of Islam (Palestine) and expelled its inhabitants. The security that was afforded to the followers of other religions under the shade of the Khilafah is a well known matter; a feat unparalleled in human history.

In light of this **Hizb ut-Tahrir** in Turkey, on behalf of the Muslims of Turkey, wishes to remind France that her insistence on banning the Hijab will, sooner or later, create a break in relations between France and the Muslims and cause enmity between them.

We are presenting this letter to you with the hope that you raise our protest with your state officials so that they take this matter seriously.

Kindly accept our greetings.

Hizb ut-Tahrir in Turkey

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