

In The Name of Allaah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy.

Allaah [The Exalted] said:

أَفَمَنْ زُيِّنَ لَهُ سُوءُ عَمَلِهِ فَرَآهُ حَسَنًا فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ يُضِلُّ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَيَهْدِي مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ فَلَا تَذْهَبُ نَفْسُكَ عَلَيْهِمْ حَسْرَاتٍ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِمَا يَصْنَعُونَ

Is he, then, to whom the evil of his deeds made fair-seeming, so that he considers it as good? Verily, Allah sends astray whom He wills, and guides whom He wills. So destroy not yourself (O Muhammad) in sorrow for them. Truly, Allah is the All-Knower of what they do! [Surah Al-Faatir. Verse 8]

Sa'eed Bin Jubair [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "This was revealed regarding the people of Bidah and desires". Qataadah [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "And from them are the khawaarij who make lawful the spilling of the blood of the Muslims and confiscating their wealth. As for the people of the Kabaa'ir [i.e. those sinful Muslims who commit major sins], they are not from them [i.e. not from those whom the evil of their deeds are made fair-seeming] because they do not declare the major sins to be lawful. (1)

Indeed, we find that whenever some journalists at **Al-arabiya News and Arab News** are given the opportunity, they speak ill of **President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan** [may Allaah preserve him], and whenever some journalists at **Daily Sabah** are given the opportunity, they speak ill of **Prince Muhammad Bin Salman** [may Allaah preserve him]. These journalists are oblivious of the fact that they are strengthening the agenda of the wicked Kharijites, the spiteful neocolonialists and the militant secularists - those who hide and wait for the right moment to destabilise the Muslim governments. We have not heard any sinful Muslim drug dealer, regardless the harm he causes, seeking to justify his crime, rather in most case drug dealers desperately attempt to prove that they were not in possession of drugs when they get caught. But as for those Muslim journalists who vilify Muslim rulers, they seek to justify their deeds in the name of freedom of speech, even though the Islamic legislation clearly establishes the fact that the way they deal with Muslim rulers is forbidden in the sight of Allaah and the Messenger. Iyaadh Ibn Ghanam [may Allaah be pleased with him] said that Allaah's Messenger [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him], said, "Whoever wants to advise the one in authority, then he should not do so openly; rather he should take him by the hand and advise him in private. If he accepts the advice, then that is good. If he does not accept it, then he has fulfilled his obligation". (2)

Indeed, that which is mentioned in the above hadeeth is totally the opposite of what many journalists do, because they criticize Muslim rulers openly - either in the name of enjoining good and forbidding evil or in the name of so called freedom of speech. However, this behaviour is nothing but a path leading to chaos, trial and tribulation. Imaam Muhammad Ibn Saaleh Al-Uthaymeen [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "**There is no rebellion with the sword except that it is preceded by rebellion with the tongue**". (3)

Al-Allaamah Saaleh Al-Fawzan [may Allaah preserve him] was asked, "The one (i.e. Dhul

Khuwaysirah) who said to the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him), 'Be just'; is he considered to be from the Sahaabah or is he a khaarijee, alongside the fact that he did not rebel against the Messenger and did not disbelieve through major (kufr etc)?"

**Answer:** The one (i.e. Dhul Khuwaysirah) who said to the Messenger (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) "Be just" is not a just person. This was the beginning of the khawaarij in view of the fact that he accused him of oppression. And it is not a condition that the khawaarij have to carry weapons, rather he (the person) is from the khawaarij and upon their school of thought if he believes in declaring Muslims disbelievers due to major sins (they commit). If he incites (the people) against the one in charge of the affairs through sermons and writing, (then) this is the school of thought of the khawaarij even if he does not carry weapons. **The khawaarij are of different types- amongst them are those who carry weapons, those who speak like the who said to the Messenger "Be Just", those who write and amongst them is the one who believes in his heart, but he neither speaks nor does anything, however he has the belief of the khawaarij in his creed. But some of them are worse than others. (4)**

Muslim journalists at **Al-arabiya News, Arab News, Daily Sabah and all other online news providers** must pay close attention to the following statement of Al-Allaamah Saaleh Al-Fawzaan, that "**The khawaarij are of different types- amongst them are those who carry weapons, those who speak like the who said to the Messenger "Be Just", those who write and amongst them is the one who believes in his heart, but he neither speaks nor does anything, however he has the belief of the khawaarij in his creed. But some of them are worse than others**". Therefore, they must restrain their tongues and pens, and stop vilifying Muslim rulers in the name of defending national interests. Muslim rulers are not to be advised in public let alone vilified. When the media of the spiteful neocolonialists sought to wage war against Prince Muhammad Bin Salmaan [may Allaah preserve him], some journalists at **Daily Sabah** transmitted the attacks of the enemy, rather they even sought to mock at him. Read on these two links: <https://salaficentre.com/2021/03/04/disgusting-habit-of-mockery-and-depicting-people-heads-of-state-and-others-in-cartoon-characters-brief-reminder-to-a-foolish-ignorant-evil-doer-called-yahya-boston-at-turkish-newspaper-daily-s/>

<https://salaficentre.com/2021/02/26/who-deserves-to-be-to-called-global-pariahs-a-brief-rebuttal-against-stooges-who-parrot-allegations-of-some-western-ideologues-against-some-muslim-rulers/>

We also find some journalists at **Arab News** transmitting the views of the spiteful neocolonialists and their criticisms against the Turkish authorities because they disagree with the manner in which Turkey is dealing with those suspected of posing a threat to national security. How amazing that instead of leaving this matter to the Muslim rulers, these loud-mouthed journalists criticize and transmit the views of the spiteful neolonialists. So, you hear them saying that **member states of the Council of Europe (CoE) has released its Annual Penal Statistics report and that Turkey topped the list with an incarceration rate of 357.2 inmates per 100,000 inhabitants, and that Terrorism offenses are broadly defined in Turkish laws under**

**which dissident activities such as attending demonstrations and exercising critical journalism are punished. They also say that Turkey's amnesty law was found to be politically biased because several drug dealers and mafia bosses were released while dissident journalists and politicians were excluded.**

Indeed, the above statement transmitted by some journalists at Arab News - without clarification of a verdict from the sound Prophetic Methodology - clearly manifests their corrupt methodology, because - in the first place- the pure Islamic Sharee'ah prohibits demonstrations as well as the actions of those dissident journalists and politicians. Those dissident journalists and politicians believe that the path they take to enjoin good and forbid evil is sound and the rabble think that they are freedom fighters (so called freedom fighters), even though it is a path forbidden in the Sharee'ah. They are more harmful to the Muslim nations than the drug dealers, because their actions sow the seeds of hatred and animosity between the Muslim authorities and those citizens who are ignorant of the Sharee'ah ruling in this subject matter, whereas no citizen is ignorant of the fact that drug dealing is unlawful. Al-Allaamah Zayd Bin Haadee Al-Madkhalee [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "**Protests (or demonstrations) are newly invented matters in the religion. Every newly invented matter in the religion is a bidah; every bidah is misguidance and every misguidance is in the hell fire [i.e. is a path leading to the hell fire]. Allaah's legislation is perfect and complete-based on The Book and The Sunnah-and we do not know of anything by way of the evidences in the Book and the Sunnah that makes it permissible for a handful of people to gather for demonstrations, which causes disturbance for the people and time wasting. And greater than this [disturbance and time wasting] is abandonment of the prayers [during protests] and the loss of life [i.e. murder]. If one was to kill a Muslim in a single protest, the one [or those] who called to such protests will carry his sins-be it an individual, a group or those who participate. It has been reported in an authentic hadeeth, "The termination of the world means less to Allah than the killing of a Muslim [i.e. without right]". (5)**

**These protests are nothing but bidah and acts of misguidance advocated by shaytaan; [enticed] by the urge of the evil soul and desires. And these enemies [i.e. shaytaan, the urge of the evil soul and desires] do not come together in any affair except that the religion and worldly affairs are destroyed, just as it is the case in these demonstrations [or protests]. The end results of protests [or demonstrations]: Carnage, destruction, wastage of wealth and time and terrorising those living in peace. And how many disadvantages are there in [that]! It is enough to be considered something sinister due to the fact that the Noble Messengers and the Great Prophets who were put to trial and harmed by their people did not hold protests [or demonstrations]. Neither did they engage in plotting to cause explosions nor committing suicide; rather Islaam has forbidden all of that. Those who call to protests [or demonstrations] and hold that there is success in it, they are mistaken and they have missed the correct path. Rectification of the affairs can only be by way of the Book and The Sunnah in accordance with the understanding of those scholars who are firmly grounded in knowledge. So whoever calls the people to this chaos, then indeed he has brought about a means to corrupting the land**

and the slaves, and what has occurred – in the past and at present- is a witness to that. Therefore, we warn the students of knowledge that they are not persuaded by the speech of those who allow protests [or demonstrations]. They say that peaceful demonstrations are permissible-as they categorise it into this categorisation- without proofs and concrete evidence from the Book and the Sunnah- neither from the actions of the Messenger and the Noble Sahaabah nor from the Notable Imaams; rather the verdict on protests [or demonstrations] is only what has been stated earlier and as well as what has been written by other than myself [i.e. protests (or demonstrations) are not permissible]". (6)

**Question to Al-Allaamah Rabee Bin Haadee Al-Madkhalee [may Allaah preserve him]:** Going out to demonstrations, [initiating] revolutions and nurturing the youth upon it; is this from the methodology of Ahlus Sunnah Wal Jamaa'ah or not, whether [carried] out within or outside the Muslim countries? **Answer:** This is the methodology of Marx (i.e. Carl Marx), Lenin (i.e. Vladimir Lenin) and those similar to them. It is not from the Islamic methodology. Revolutions, bloodshed, trials and troubles are Marx's and Lenin's school of thought. (7)

### **Animosity Caused Due to Tale-carrying**

There is no doubt that animosity and hatred will occur when some of these journalists engage in seeking after the faults of the rulers of other Muslim nations and then transmitting that to their citizens. An example of this is the tale carrying by some **Daily Sabah** (Turkey) journalists that Prince Muhammad Bin Salmaan [may Allaah preserve him] is not free from blame in some murder case, even after he was found innocent by the Saudi Share'ah Courts. And likewise, we find some journalists at **Arab News** quoting the neocolonialists regarding the manner in which Turkey is dealing with those suspected of posing a threat to national security. This is what some of these journalists transmits to the citizens of their countries regarding the rulers of other Muslim Nations - tale carriers! Narrated Anas Ibn Maalik [may Allaah be pleased with him] that the Prophet [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] said, "**Do you know what Al-Ad'hu is (i.e. calumny)?**" **They (i.e.the people) said, "Allaah and His Messenger know best". He said, "Transmitting speech from some people to another people in order to destroy their (mutual relationships)".** Al-Allaamah Zayd Bin Haadee Al-Madkhalee [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "The subject matter of this hadeeth is about the dangerous (consequences) of tale-carrying in this Dunyaa and in the Aakhirah. Indeed, the Prophet [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] called it Ad'hu, and the meaning of Ad'hu is to transmit speech from some people to another people in order to corrupt their (mutual) relationships. And in the hadeeth of Ibn Mas'ood [may Allaah be pleased with him], it is explained to mean tale-carrying and that is to transmit the statement of one person to another person, or from a group of people to another group, or from one country to another one in order to cause corruption. **This (deed) is one of the major sins due to its evil (consequences) and the punishment (associated with it) in this life and the next. In this worldly life, it might lead to murder, chaos and other similar affairs – events that are in opposition to rectification. And due**

**to this, the scholars say that the tale carrier- the one who transmits speech from one person to another person, or from a group of people to another group, or from one country to another in order to sow the seeds of corruption- causes more harm than a magician. This is because a magician might only harm one person, but as for the tale-carrier, he might harm many individuals and the tribulation that (results from this deed of his) will be prolonged. Therefore, it is forbidden for a Muslim to transmit speech (for the purpose) of causing corruption between those upon brotherhood and those who aid one another upon piety". (8)**

Therefore, we remind these journalists to pay close attention to the statement of Al-Allaamah Zayd Bin Haadee Al-Madkhalee as follows, **"This [deed - tale carrying] is one of the major sins due to its evil (consequences) and the punishment (associated with it) in this life and the next. In this worldly life, it might lead to murder, chaos and other similar affairs – events that are in opposition to rectification. And due to this, the scholars say that the tale carrier- the one who transmits speech from one person to another person, or from a group of people to another group, or from one country to another in order to sow the seeds of corruption- causes more harm than a magician. This is because a magician might only harm one person, but as for the tale-carrier, he might harm many individuals and the tribulation that (results from this deed of his) will be prolonged".**

Al-Allaamah Saaleh Al-Fawzaan [may Allaah preserve him] stated, **"A person should not leave the people in dispute; rather it is incumbent upon him to be eager to bring about conciliation between disputing parties, especially relatives. As for some people—and Allaah's Protection is sought—they only bring into disputes that which will increase it. This type of person is a shaytaan. Also the one who seeks to bring about conciliation between the people should do that with justice; he should not oppress any of them or judge based on desires". (9)**

Finally, we supplicate for all our Muslim rulers, rather we even supplicate for the non-Muslim rulers to be guided to Islam. We have been commanded to supplicate for our Muslim rulers and this was the path of the pious predecessors of this Ummah. Imaam Al-Bayhaqqi [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, **"Abu Uthmaan (may Allaah have mercy upon him) said, 'Advise the ruler and supplicate for him a lot to be upright, guided in speech and action, and in his judgments, because indeed if they are righteous, the people will be righteous due to their righteousness. And beware of supplicating against them to be cursed and they increase in evil, so calamity increases on the Muslims; rather supplicate for them to be granted the ability to repent so that they abandon evil and calamity is removed from the believers". (10)**

Imaam Ibn Salaah [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, **"The leaders of the Muslims deserve to be advised, aided upon truth and obeyed in that. They should be notified and reminded with gentle and kind speech, avoid rebelling against them and supplicate for them to be blessed with guidance and good deeds". (11)**

Imaam An-Nawawi [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, **"The scholars hold a consensus that it is recommended to supplicate for the rulers and leaders of the Muslims**

**during the Jumu'ah khutbah, that Allaah rectifies them, helps them to establish truth and justice, and what is similar to it, as well as supplicate for Muslim armies". (12)**

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<https://salaficentre.com/2021/02/10/believers-bahaviour-towards-muslim-rulers-advise-given-in-private-supplicate-for-them-and-refrain-from-rebellion-so-beware-of-spiteful-foreign-instigators-and-some-dangerous-social-media-networ/>

Imaam Barbahaaree on the Manhaj of Dealing With the Rulers- Authors: Prepared by Shaikh Abu Talhah [may Allaah have mercy upon him and his wife] and Shaikh Abu Iyaad [may Allaah preserve him]: <http://www.salafipublications.com/sps/sp.cfm?subsecID=MNJ16&articleID=MNJ160002&pfriend=>

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[Ref 4. Source: Al-Ijaabaat Al-Muhimmah Fil-Mashaakil Al-Mulimmah: page: 10-11]

[Ref 5: Hadeeth declared authentic by Imaam Albaanee. Saheeh Al-Jaami 9208]

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[Ref 8: At-ta'leeqaat Al-Maleehah Alaa Silsilatil Ahaadeeth As-Saheehah' pages 27-28]

[Ref 9: Excerpt from 'Al-Minhatur Rabbaaniyyah Fee Sharh Al-Arba'een'. pages 213-217. paraphrased]

[Ref 10: Shu'ab Al-Eemaan 6/26]

[Ref 11: Siyaanatu Saheeh Muslim 244]

[Ref 12: Al-Majmoo 4/391]

