

Islām is Our Citizenship!

A Statement from the Shar'ī Council of
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In the Name of Allāh, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful.

All praise is due to Allāh, the Guardian of the Righteous, the Supporter of the Puritan Monotheist Holy Warriors against the infidels, apostates, and hypocrites. And peace and blessings be upon the Prophet of the Unlettered, Muhammad the Trustworthy, and upon his family, Companions, and all those who follow them with sincerity until the Day of Judgment.

As for what proceeds:

Verily, it is one of the greatest bounties by which our Lord – Majestic and Lofty is He – honoured us with, that He made us a single nation, and chose one name for us... a name which comprises of all the individuals of this nation, without any exclusion.

Shaykh 'Abdullāh ibn 'Abdil-Latīf said, “And you are known by Islām. And you are named by it, in the midst of all the other religions' people. And this is one of the biggest blessings, as He – High is He – said, “*It is He Who has named you Muslims...*” [*Al-Hajj: 78*] ¹

So if Allāh has honoured us with this label, and chose us exclusively with this name – then it is illegal for us to exchange or abandon this, nor is it permissible for us to base our Loyalty and Enmity except upon it, and according to its requisites.

Shaykh Al-Islām Ibn Taymiyyah said, “And Allāh – Lofty is He – named us in the Qur'ān as ‘*Muslimīn*’, ‘*Mu'minīn*’ (Believers), and “‘*Ibādullāh*’” (the slaves of Allāh). So we do not exchange the names by which Allāh has labeled us for names which have been fabricated by men, which they have labeled, them and their fathers, for which Allāh did not send down any authority – upon which they base their (loyalty and) enmity. Nay, rather – the most noble of creatures in

¹ *Ad-Durar As-Saniyyah* (8/552)

the sight of Allāh, is the most righteous of them, regardless of which party they are from.”²

And based upon what has preceded, it is one of the constant and unchanging principles upon which Allāh has established this *Dīn* – that none is better than another, except on the basis of *Taqwā*. And there is absolutely no “courtesy” when it comes to establishing the Rights of Allāh; not even for the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him), when Usāmah ibn Zayd (may Allāh be pleased with him) had come one day attempting to intercede on behalf of a woman who had committed theft, so that her hand would not be cut off – the Prophet of Allāh said to him: “*Do you attempt to intercede against a Law from amongst the Laws of Allāh?! I swear by Him in Whose Hand is the soul of Muhammad! If Fātimah the Daughter of Muhammad were to have committed theft, then I would have cut her hand off!*” And the texts regarding this matter are numerous.

And the most astonishing thing is, that we see and hear people who claim to possess ‘*Ilm* (Islāmic Knowledge), and they attribute themselves to the Sunnah – yet, they declare sanctity for the apostates’ blood, those who are members of the army and police, those who have taken up arms alongside the Crusaders, and aided them against the People of *Tawhīd* and the Mujāhidīn! And they have nothing from the Qur’ān or the Sunnah to support this assertion of theirs! The only thing which they use for their argument, is that they are “Iraqis”, and that their blood is “Iraqi” – so obviously, this means that they are inviolable!

And it is well known that even the infidels would not agree with them on this matter; since all the governments around us in the world today have all legislated execution as the ruling for anyone who collaborates with the enemy or the colonialists!

And the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said: “*The blood of a Muslim is not violable, except in three cases; the married adulterer, the murderer, and the apostate who abandons his Dīn having separated from the Group.*” So he made the sanctity of the Muslims’ blood valid for other than these three categories mentioned. He did not select for the “Iraqis” any exceptional verdict; nor did he construct that verdict upon any basis of nationalism, tribalism, or *Jāhili* (ignorant paganistic) patriotism.

Thus, any married person who commits adultery, then he is killed by stoning – even if he is an “Iraqi”. And anyone who murders without having a legitimate reason, then he is to be executed – even if he is an “Iraqi”. And whosoever abandons his *Dīn*, separating from the body of the Muslims, then his

² *Majmū’ Al-Fatāwā* (3/415)

blood is violable – and there is no distinguishing between an Iraqi or otherwise. No one of the “children of the nation” are spared in exclusion of others.

The scale to which we refer in identifying who is to be taken as an ally, and who is to be taken as an enemy – is based upon the principles of Islām. And any scale other than this scale, is a *Jāhili* (ignorant paganistic) scale, and it has nothing to do with Islām in any sense whatsoever.

And for this reason, an American Muslim who believes in all that which was brought by Islām, and disbelieves in the *Tāghūt* – he is our own brother, we are tied by the bonds of love, and we are obligated to come to his aid. Likewise, the Arab apostate is our enemy – even if he is an “Iraqi”. And verily, the only nationality which can unite the body of this *Ummah*, is Islām... and nothing but Islām.

And had these apostates had anything remaining of dignity, manners, and *Fitrah* – let alone Islām – then they would not have taken up arms standing in the trench of the infidel Crusaders, under their flag, in order to wage war against the people of their own land. So actually: they have not even adhered to the scales of nationalism, which they preferred above Islām in the first place! So what sanctity could they possibly deserve!?

Verily, it is obligatory upon every Muslim who takes pride in his *Dīn*, to understand the plots of the Crusaders. For verily, the talk of the inviolability of “Iraqi blood” is nothing but a ploy and a continuation of those plots. Since the Crusaders became incapable of establishing themselves in the Land of the Two Rivers, they sought the support of these apostates, this army and police. And when they saw that the apostates are being slaughtered like sheep at the hands of the Mujāhidīn, they sought to create a safeguarding ploy for these agents and allies of theirs, to save them from the attacks of the Truth – so they thought up of claiming the sanctity of their blood, on the basis of them being from the same land: “Iraqis”.

So Here We Declare in Front of the Worlds:

We are a war against the enemies of Allāh, regardless of their nationalities! And by this, we seek nearness to Allāh, and upon this we live, and upon it we die.

Shaykh ‘Abdul-Latīf ibn ‘Abdir-Rahmān said, “Verily, the foundation of all principles (i.e. one’s Islām) is incomplete, and it does not have any firmness – except by boycotting the enemies of Allāh, battling against them, waging Jihād

against them, disavowing them, and seeking nearness to Allāh by means of loathing them and denouncing them.”³

And may Allāh shower peace and blessings upon our Prophet, Muhammad, and upon his family, and Companions.

– *The Sharῑ Council of the
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Rivers*

³ *Ar-Rasā'il Al-Mufīdah* (pg. 60)