

Press Release

## Condolence about Death of Member of Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir in Ukraine Ali (Vitaliy) Ryadinskiy

﴿مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّن قَضَىٰ نَحْبَهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّن يَنْتَظِرُ وَمَا بَدَّلُوا تَبْدِيلًا﴾

“Among the believers are men who have been true to their covenant with Allah [i.e. they have gone out for *Jihad* (holy fighting), and showed not their backs to the disbelievers], of them some have fulfilled their obligations (i.e. have been martyred), and some of them are still waiting, but they have never changed [i.e. they never proved treacherous to their covenant which they concluded with Allah in the least”. [33:23].

Hizb ut Tahrir in Ukraine grieve over death of Vitaliy Ryadinskiy, member of Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir in Ukraine. Our dear brother left this world after long illness at 5<sup>th</sup> Muharram 1440 AH (15 September 2018). We pay respects to his family, brothers and friends.

We do not acquit any one in front of Allah (swt), but our late brother was known with his fear and taqwa from Allah, sincerity to his religion, and extreme responsiveness in dawah. We pray that he will be among the righteous man.

The history of his life is an example of steadfastness, devotion and patience in carrying the dawah. Being a Russian by nation, Ali came to Islam in the beginning of 2001. At the end of 2003, Ali met Hizb ut Tahrir and started working with it. But in December 2004 he was arrested by Russian Special Services and was sentenced to 7 years in a high security prison. Long years of imprisonment did not break our brother and after his release from prison, he immediately continued his work with the Hizb after saying his famous words: “Human is a weak creation, he gets tired from all things. So we became tired from being afraid”.

After strengthening of repressions in Russia and initiation of fabrication of new criminal case against him in 2012, Ali with his family migrated to Ukraine. He had added filming of videos on Islamic and political topics to his daily duties in the party. These videos are still popular among Muslims on the internet. He also participated in press conferences and roundtable discussions about Russian repressions against Muslims and particularly members of Hizb ut Tahrir. When he was offered to be a member of the Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir in Ukraine, he in his nature immediately agreed, despite the fact that he was Russian citizen, and Russia could in any moment request his extradition and could even abduct him.

He was informed about his incurable illness in Month of Ramadan 1438 AH (June 2017), while he was laboriously working on the “Ramadan video-blog 1438” project issued on behalf of the Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir in Ukraine.

After that, our dear brother experienced one and a half years of serious trial that Ali bore in a worthy way. While being in hospital he asked for his computer since he wanted to continue working on his Islamic projects. His family members say that he had never complained his illness and its difficulties.

Yes, the eyes shed tears and the heart grieves, but we do not say only what pleases Allah Subhanahu, O Ali your passing is of great sadness; and we ask Allah Almighty, Ar-Rahman Ar-Raheem, to unite us in the Highest Paradise with the Prophet (saw) and the honorable Companions (may Allah be pleased with them). And we ask from Allah to grant His solace and patience to his family, his parents and brothers in Islam as the Almighty truthfully said, ﴿الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَصَابَتْهُمُ مُصِيبَةٌ قَالُوا إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ \* أُولَٰئِكَ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَوَاتٌ مِّن رَّبِّهِمْ وَرَحْمَةٌ وَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُهْتَدُونَ﴾ “Who, when disaster strikes them, say, “Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return. Those are the ones upon whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy. And it is those who are the [rightly] guided.” [Al-Baqara: 156-157]

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