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## **Press Release**

## How do Young Advocates of the Khilafah Remain in Abduction, Under a Regime that Claims to Give Youth a Political Voice?

Despite its claims to give youth a political voice, the PTI government is as ruthless as the previous regimes when it comes to the noble youth that undertake political work for the reestablishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood. On 15 September 2017, Muhammad Junaid Igbal, the son of Dr Igbal Zakaria, and Syed Nabeel Akhter, the son of Syed Jameel Akhter, were abducted by government agencies, whilst they were distributing leaflets in Karachi, calling for the return of the Khilafah. Muhammad Junaid is a textile engineer, who graduated from NED University of Engineering and Technology, whilst Nabeel is a finalist in Chartered Accountancy. There have been over fifteen hearings in the courts with no result whatsoever, without the caring parents even knowing about the whereabouts of their good sons.

Justice delayed is justice denied. Junaid and Nabeel remain in enforced disappearance even though the Minister of Human Rights, Dr Shireen Mazari, suggested on 5 November 2018 that Prime Minister, Imran Khan, immediately sign the International Convention against Enforced Disappearances, because "country-wide legislation takes a lot of time as bills get stuck in different ministries." Yet, on 27 November 2018, Dr. Shireen Mazari confirmed the drafting of the 'disappearance enforced bill,' whilst admitting again countrywide legislation takes a lot of time as bills get stuck in different ministries! How are families of missing persons assured that such measures are not just delay tactics, as employed by previous regimes that marched in the path of the US policy to prevent Islamic political expression?!

So, how does the regime accept persistent forceful abduction for those who call for the resumption of Islam as a way of life, when RasulAllah (saaw) warned, « وَمَنْ عَادَى أَوْلِيَاءَ اللّهِ فْقَدْ بَارَزُ اللّهَ "Whosoever shows hostility to the Awliya (ones close to Allah) of Allah will vie «بالْمُحَارَبَةِ with Allah in belligerency" [Hakim narrated as Sahih from Mu'aadh bin Jabal]? How does the regime delay the release of Muslims who turn to Dua as a protection, when RasulAllah (saaw) warned, «اتَّق دَعْوَةَ الْمَظْلُوم فَإِنَّهَا لَيْسَ بَيْنَهَا وَبَيْنَ اللَّهِ حِجَابٌ» (Fear the Dua of the oppressed, for there is not a veil between it and Allah (swt)" [Bukhari]? And how does the regime delay the reuniting of the abducted with their terrified families, when RasulAllah (saaw) warned «مَنْ رَوَّعَ مُؤْمِنًا لَمْ يُؤَمِّن المُ Whosoever terrifies a believer will not be secure from being" اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ رَوْعَتُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ» terrified on the Day of Resurrection." (Kanz al-Ummal)? And how does the regime not repent and immediately release those who work for the ruling by all that Allah (swt) has revealed, when Those" ﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ فَتَثُوا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْعُوالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ who persecute the Believers, men and women, and do not turn in repentance, will have the Penalty of Hell: They will have the Penalty of the Burning Fire." [Surah Al-Buruj 85:10]?

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