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Further Proof that Muslim Salafi Scholars Are in Complete Opposition to ISIS and Their Brutal Crimes

On 22nd of Sha'ban the Year 1436H., corresponding to June 11th 2015, Shaikh 'Abdul Muhsin al 'Abaad (حفظه الله تعالى) wrote the following brief article in response to recent criminal actions performed by ISIS followers residing in Saudi Arabia.

The Shaikh said:¹

All praise belongs to the Lord of the worlds, and may the peace and blessings of Allah be upon His servant and Messenger Muhammad, and also upon Muhammad's family members, companions, and those who follow him in good until the Day of Judgement.

In proceeding:

In recent times, a group has emerged in Iraq and Syria that has named itself The Islamic State, and then (it proclaimed itself to be) The Islamic Caliphate. This group is well known as ISIS, which are the first letters of its proclaimed name: The Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. Some youth have been deceived by this deviant group, especially some who are very young residing in Saudi Arabia, and consequently, they have been led by this group's call and they placed themselves under their guardianship (by migrating to their land). Others from amongst them have remained in their countries, but they (continue to) receive their instructions and execute their deplorable plots.

Previously, I wrote an article titled:

'The Calamity of the Self-proclaimed Caliphate in Iraq'

¹ The article is titled: The Self-proclaimed ISIS Caliphate Kill (Muslim) Worshippers, and Slaughter People With Knives

This article was publicized on the 28th of Ramadan 1435H. (last year). Within this article, I mentioned that the youth who are led by this group's call are anticipating death by means of suicide bombings or (they desire) killing others using knives. I said (in the article):

“It is upon the youth who have been led by the call of this group to evaluate their affair and return to correct guidance. They should not consider joining this group and by doing so, they end their lives using explosive belts which are worn by them, or (killing others) with knives; this has become a distinguishing trait for this group. It is upon the youth (of Saudi Arabia) to adhere the rulership of Saudi Arabia which they have lived under and their fathers and grandfathers have lived under this rulership in safety and security.”

In recent days, two young males assisted the ISIS group in implementing their vile acts by carrying out suicide bombings while wearing explosive belts in mosques in the Eastern province (of Saudi Arabia) during the Friday prayer on the 4th and 11th of this month (Sha'ban), consequently killing themselves and a number of worshippers. Indeed this action is horrific and it isn't merely a crime, but rather, it is the paramount of crimes.

This is because of the following:

1. Killing innocent people unjustly, is from the greatest of sins, and this sin is magnified due to killing them while (they were) performing prayer.
2. Generally, the condition of those who attend the masjid is that they should experience comfort, relaxation, and safety from any disturbance and fear. What then, would be the case if this disturbance has reached the level of killing worshippers in the masjid?

3. If the Islamic legislation has forbade killing monks in their cellars; as has been reported in the Musnad (2728), and other books of hadith, then killing (Muslim) worshippers in the masjid would be considered an even greater crime.
4. It is not permissible for a Muslim to kill himself with an explosive belt, nor any other device, under any circumstances. This is due to the statement of (Allah) The Most High:

{ولا تقتلوا أنفسكم}

And do not kill yourselves. Surah an-Nisaa:29

5. The (Islamic) legislation has informed of the prohibition of killing children during war, as has been mentioned in Sahih Muslim (1731). From amongst those who were killed in the attacks with these explosive belts were small children.
6. This vicious act is a hindrance (for people) on the path to Allah and it creates fear for those attending the masjid for the purpose of conducting the Friday prayer. This action has even caused individuals to ask about the ruling on avoiding the Friday prayer due to fear of such vicious acts; but it is not permissible to avoid conducting the Friday prayer in the masjid out of fear of a criminal act which rarely occurs.
7. Such a malicious act is harmful to Islam and the Muslims, because it is implementation of the plots of this deviant group that has titled itself as The Islamic State.
(Hence), no good is expected nor anticipated from a so-called Islamic state whose actions are an illustration of their crimes.

8. Killing worshippers in the masjid is a major crime, even if this took place in any part of the world, but it is even more vicious due to its occurrence in Saudi Arabia; the country which is judged and ruled by the Islamic legislation, and it is the best if the Islamic countries.
9. The harm of the self-proclaimed ISIS Caliphate is not limited to the young youth who have been deceived by them and who have destroyed themselves and others by executing the plots of this group, rather, their harm has greatly affected the families of those youth and they have disobeyed their parents by their actions.
10. (In Islam) it is forbidden for men to imitate women, and for women to imitate men, based on the statement of Ibn 'Abbaas رضي الله عنهما:
"The Messenger of Allah صلى الله عليه وسلم cursed the men whom imitate women, and the women whom imitate men." Sahih Bukhari (5858)

While carrying out their crime, one of the youth wore female clothing.

In conclusion, indeed I sincerely advise every young individual who has followed the delusions of this deviant group, that they should take hold of themselves, and they should remain with their families; far away from matters that will cause harm for them in this life and the next.

I ask Allah to rectify the Muslim youth and to guide them to the paths of safety. (I ask) that the Muslims are given success to implement what will bring about good consequences in this life and the next. (I ask) that the government and the people of this country (Saudi Arabia) are granted success in bringing about good, and that they are protected from all harm, and to protect them from the harm of evil individuals. Indeed He (Allah) is the All Hearing, the One Who answers the supplication.

May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Prophet Muhammad, and upon his family and companions.

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Translator's note: Notice how our Salafi scholars continue to refute deviant groups and their ideologies even a few days before the commencing of the blessed month of Ramadan. This is a clear indication that refuting falsehood is an unending task and the scholars of the Sunnah are always at the vanguard! May Allah bless them and protect them from all harm.