

Communique from the Consultative Forum Regarding the Jihad in East Africa

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Allaah, the Exalted, says in the Holy Qur'an: **“Then fight in the Cause of Allaah, you are not tasked (held responsible) except for yourself, and incite the believers (to fight along with you), it may be that Allaah will restrain the evil might of the disbelievers. And Allaah is Stronger in Might and Stronger in punishing”** [Surah, An-Nisa, 84]

After five days of deliberations between more than a hundred members representing the different sections of the Muslim society in the Islamic Wilaayaat – including intellectuals, tribal elders and Islamic scholars – and the leadership of Harakat Al-Shabaab Al Mujahideen, the participants discussed the current situation of the Jihad in East Africa and by the grace of Allaah, reached a unanimous opinion regarding the matters discussed in the forum.

The forum which began on Saturday 19 Rajab 1441 Hijri, corresponding to 13 March 2020, also discussed the situation regarding the political confrontation in East Africa, the difficult plight of the Muslims in the region in terms of their religion, security, politics, economy, health, education and the Jihad against the enemies of Allaah.

Throughout the “Consultative Forum Regarding the Jihad in East Africa”, several officials from the Islamic Wilaayaat presented the dignitaries with their achievements and tasks that they have accomplished on behalf of the Muslims.

After lengthy consultation and analysis, the participants discussed the following main points:

- 1- That the Muslims of East Africa region are facing a ruthless campaign in which the enemy is destroying their religion, dignity, land, moral ethics and economy.
- 2- That the coalition of international crusaders who have invaded East Africa have intensified their war against the Muslims and at the forefront of that war is the crusader nation of America, in collaboration with NATO and AMISOM.
- 3- Accompanying the heightened crusader invasion is a concentrated campaign to corrupt the virtue and morality of the upcoming Muslim generation, making this crusader invasion the most dangerous one ever faced by the Muslims of East Africa.
- 4- Alongside the crusader invasion are plots by groups who ascribe to Islam and who confer legitimacy upon the foreign occupiers, misguide the Muslim Ummah away from the truth, and whose objective is to assist the disbelievers in achieving their sinister ambitions and undermine the Muslims.

After prolonged discussions, the “Consultative Forum Regarding the Jihad in East Africa” which was organised by the Office of Politics and Islamic Wilaayaat, reached the following conclusions:

- 1- The Mujahideen must intensify the obligatory Jihad in which they are defending the religion, land and the Muslims.
- 2- Muslims must stand united in confronting the sinister plots devised by the enemies against the Muslims of East Africa and prevent the invaders from plundering our resources.
- 3- The so-called federal government and the regional states that were established by the disbelievers in some parts of Somalia are apostate administrations that have left the fold of Islam. Fighting them is obligatory as evident in the Qur’an and the Sunnah of Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him).

The scholars have clarified that viewpoint in their verdicts which were published in the years 1433 and 1435 Hijri in conferences held in Baidoa, Elasha Biyaha and Bulo-Burte.

The scholars who participated in the “Consultative Forum Regarding the Jihad in East Africa” have once again reaffirmed all the decisions mentioned in those conferences, including the disbelief of the apostate regime, and that it is obligatory upon every Muslim to topple it. The scholars also reaffirmed the importance of supporting the Jihad whose aim is to restore Islamic Shari’ah.

- 4- That it is impermissible to participate in the so-called democratic elections that the crusaders and apostates are planning to hold in the cities occupied by the AMISOM crusaders, as explained in the verdict of the scholars who took part in the “Consultative Forum Regarding the Jihad in East Africa”.
- 5- That it is imperative to confront the so-called federal model, which is a system whose aim is to divide the country, resume the hostilities of civil war and place the country under Ethiopian and Kenyan invaders.
- 6- To be cautious of the exodus of Ethiopian Christian migrants who are entering the country, and of whom a large proportion have settled in some of the major cities, where they caused problems that have affected the five core principles which Islam safeguards.
- 7- To raise awareness and caution amongst the Muslim society so that they can take part in the liberation of the occupied Muslim lands, protection of their resources and supporting their oppressed Muslims, while at the same time be wary of the sinister plots of the disbelievers and apostates.
- 8- To safeguard the unity and brotherhood of the Muslims in general and, in particular, the Mujahideen and to jointly oppose anyone who attempts to divide the unity of the Muslims.
- 9- The Muslim tribes of Somalia must unite based upon the religion of Islam and avoid everything that may incite tribal feuds.

- 10- The administrations of the Islamic Wilaayaat must develop and expand the public services that they provide to the Muslim society, including security, justice, education and health.
- 11- To safeguard the economy of Muslims and their resources, and at the same time, to inspire and encourage domestic produce, such as farming, livestock rearing and investment.
- 12- To cooperate in preventing illegal tree logging and the erosion of pasture grounds, and to take strict measures in dealing with the countries, corporations and individuals involved in the desertification of the land.
- 13- The participants clarified that the Islamic Wilaayaat are a fortified bastion for all Muslims and a place of refuge for every Muslim affected by the oppression of the disbelievers against the Muslims.
- 14- The Muslim society is hereby called upon to take caution against the infectious diseases that are now on the increase across the world, such as Coronavirus and HIV, whose spread is contributed to by the crusader forces who have invaded the country and the disbelieving countries that support them [AMISOM].

In conclusion, participants of the “Consultative Forum Regarding the Jihad in East Africa” send their condolences to their Muslim families affected by the American aerial bombardment in the Islamic Wilaayaat. Likewise, they send their condolences to the Muslims living in the occupied Muslim lands in Kenya, who are victims of regular organised assassinations by the Kenyan crusaders. The participants also express their sorrow regarding the blatant aggression of Abey Ahmed’s regime against the Muslims of Ethiopia, the latest of which is the string of Mosque arsons in the Amhara region.

All the participants of the “Consultative Forum Regarding the Jihad in East Africa” call upon the Muslims of East Africa to wake up and realise the storm of enmity that is looming towards them.

History highlights to us that this region has always been a theatre for war between the Muslims and the disbelievers and a place of contest between Tawheed and Polytheism. As such, Muslims must beware of the plots of the disbelievers, realise the responsibility of defending their religion and their land and rise up to confront the oppressive disbelievers who have transgressed upon their religion, people and land.



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“But honour belongs to Allaah and His Messenger, and to the Believers; but the Hypocrites know not”