

Reasons for repeated attacks, arson and brutal killings on Hezbut Tawheed in Sonaimuri

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In the name of Allah, the Most Merciful, and the Most Kind

“O believers, if an evildoer brings you any news, verify ‘it’ so you do not harm people unknowingly, becoming regretful for what you have done”

(Al-Quran: Surah Hujrat, Verse 6)

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Fig: In 2009, Hezbut Tawheed’s member Ismail’s new house was looted and set on fire.

Dear audience,

Greetings and best wishes. Today I would like to present you the beginning and end of a truth which was deliberately suppressed from all of you. As a result, the great injustice which has been committed by spreading rumours and using religious sentiments has not been properly revealed to all of you.

My home is in Porkara village under Sonaimuri police station in Noakhali district. Our home and a few nearby homes have been repeatedly attacked. There have been four major attacks. The people of my country have the right to know who carried out these attacks, why they carried them out, what their far-reaching plans were, and so on. By making Hezbut Tawheed an issue, and spreading lies against us, the situation in my village area has been

clouded. Doing so, our houses have been looted and burnt, our lands have been seized, and our people have been killed and tortured. **They were trying to make such**

Ever since I became enlightened, I have longed for the Prophet's Islam to be effective in our society. I wanted our society to be governed according to the ideals of the religion of Islam. I wanted the Muslim nation to be united based on the sovereignty of Almighty Allah. That is why, I have been involved in various religious activities since my childhood and used to talk about religion with religious

an incident happen again. That is why, I feel the need to briefly present you the reasons behind the events that have taken place from the beginning to the present.

scholars. My purpose was to learn about Islam. Even when I was studying in college and university, I met various Islamic thinkers, philosophers, scholars and writers to learn about Islam. I even used to protest on the streets whenever there was any blow to Islam or my Muslim people. Because Islam was always conscious in my mind, in my thoughts, and I always tried to put it into action.



Fig: In 2009, our house (house of Member Nurul Haque) was looted and set on fire.

At the end of my education, I started to feel that I have a responsibility to do something good for my country and the people of this country. So, I decided that I will use my education, money, ability, and labour for the welfare of the people. Just as it is my

social duty as a citizen of the country, in the same way it is my religious duty as a Muslim. Because as a human being, I am a caliph or representative of Allah (Surah Bakara, Verse 30). So, representing Almighty Allah on earth as a representative

should be the main goal of my life. So, I took the initiative to engage myself for the welfare of the people of the society.

I looked at the world and saw that a lot of injustice, oppression, war, and bloodshed have taken a terrible shape on the Muslim nation. One by one, the Muslims in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, Bosnia,

Chechnya, Myanmar, Arakan, Thailand, etc were being attacked. They were being killed and millions were becoming refugees. In a word, there was panic everywhere. The Muslim nation was not supposed to be in this situation. The nation who was the best united nation at one time, why are they being oppressed and divided today?



Fig: In 2009, Hezbut Tawheed's member Abdul Aziz's house was also looted and destroyed.

In our society, things like injustice, unrest, usury, bribery, drugs, anti-politics, corruption, communalism, violence against women, etc. are not supposed to happen. But now our society is full of these. To simply put it, outside we are being beaten by other nations, and inside is chaos and unrest among ourselves. Due to these sufferings, I started to look for a way out of

this predicament. As I have said before, I go to many Islamic groups and thinkers in search of a correct path. But I did not get what I wanted and the way I wanted. Finally, I came in contact with Mr. Muhammad Bayazeed Khan Panni, a son of the famous Panni Zamidar family of Tangail. I would like to say a few words about him.



Fig: On 14th March 2016, preparations for the attack and mobilization began in the morning, and the situation was heated with provocative slogans.

I read in the history books that during the Sultanate period, the whole of India was ruled by Iranian, Afghani and Turkish Sultans. One such royal family was the Karrani Dynasty who ruled over vast areas including Bengal, Bihar, Orissa and Assam. The last sultan of this family was Dawood Khan Karrani who fought against the aggression of the Mughal forces in 156 AD and sacrificed his life in the battle of the historic palace to protect the independence of Bengal. The family has played a daring role against the British rule, even after the British later occupied the area. In a word, that family has played a huge role in the spread of Islamic values and the advancement of Muslims which includes the establishment of education, literature, culture, mosques, religious schools, normal schools and colleges in the region.

Nawab Sir Salimullah, one of the founding members of the All-India Muslim League, was also the son-in-law of the Panni family. In 1912, he donated 1,86,900 takas

including his 60 acres of land in the Ramna area of Dhaka, for the establishment of Dhaka University. Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury, one of the founders of Dhaka University, was the grandfather of Mr. Mohammad Bayazeed Khan Panni. He was the first Muslim minister of undivided Bengal. When there was a shortage of funds at the time of the establishment of the university, he paid a huge sum of 35,150 taka by mortgaging a part of his land. At present, the "Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building" of Dhaka University bears his memory. In the greater Mymensingh region, there are still many establishments named after him in which various government offices have been established. However, that real estate does not exist now. The history of that family is not known to the present generation. Mr. Mohammad Bayazeed Khan Panni, a descendant of that Sultanate dynasty, who had the spirit to fight for Islam, was also motivated to devote himself to the welfare of the people.



Fig: Religion businessman and their riotous followers gather in procession to chant the slogan "Beat the Christians and Break the Church".

After listening to him and reading his books, the path to liberation was clearly laid before me. I understood that the only way for our Muslim nation to be liberated in this world and in the hereafter was to be united on Tawheed, that is, we will not obey the commands (prohibitions) of anyone but

This is the proclamation of Tawheed "La Ilaha Illallah, Muhammadur Rasulullah (peace be upon him)". It means that our Lord is Almighty Allah, His Messenger is Muhammad (peace be upon him), our holy book is Al-Quran, and the nation will be a whole nation, a united nation.

But unfortunately, today the Muslims have been divided due to differences of opinion on minor issues. As a result, we are not able to stand proudly anywhere and hence cannot remove injustice and iniquity from our society. We, the Muslim nation, have been beaten, insulted, humiliated, and defeated by almost all nations of the world. The condition for salvation from this

only Almighty Allah in our entire life. Moreover, we will believe and accept that what Allah has declared to be right is right and what Allah has declared to be unjust is unjust. We will not listen to anyone else in matters where Allah and His last Messenger (peace be upon him) have any say.

situation is to unite the whole nation at any cost. The only source of this unity, that Almighty Allah has given, is to abide by the promise of Tawheed which is "La Ilaha Illallah, Muhammadur Rasulullah (peace be upon him)". If we can all be united in Tawheed, then we can be the best nation in the world.

No one has been able to distort or change a single letter of the Quran left by the last Prophet (peace be upon him). Fourteen hundred years ago, he transformed the ignorant Arab society into a society full of peace and justice by that great ideology based on the sovereignty of Almighty.

- (1) History says that the people of that society were involved in violence, enmity and fighting with each other. By following that great ideology, they became brothers.
- (2) At that time, women were considered as objects of consumption. Girls were buried alive. But, by following that great ideology, those women were respected in all aspects. Those women proved their ability and competence in all the collective work of the nation including military, social, economic, judicial, medical, and education. Not only that, but the Prophet (peace be upon him) even took the women to the battlefield.
- (3) All the people used to drink alcohol at that time. That drinking stopped.
- (4) There were a lot of theft, robbery, murder, and robbery at that time. Those incidents completely stopped, and streets and all other places became completely secure. It became so secure that a lonely girl would walk hundreds of miles in the dark night wearing ornaments, without fear of losing her dignity or wealth.
- (5) Slavery was abolished and people were liberated. The Prophet (peace

and blessings of Allah be upon him) lifted a severely deprived slave like Belal (RA) to the Kaba and asked him to give the call to prayer, proving that there is no nobility of lineage, and no distinction between black and white.

Islam is for the liberation of humanity and to purify man from the filth of ignorance. These histories seem like stories today. But our Prophet (peace be upon him) established such a peaceful society by establishing the true religion.

So, what did we understand by all of these? **It proves that the ideals of true Islam can change a society. Islam can make a weak nation into the best nation. It can unite a nation without unity which was shown by the last Prophet (peace be upon him). We want to say that today Islam can make our nation the best nation in the world in knowledge, science, military power and technology.** But the unfortunate thing is that we have been rejecting the God-given way of life for the last few centuries and following the way of life created by the Western materialist 'civilization'. Hezbut Tawheed is calling for the return of the true religion and the establishment of a peaceful society.



Fig: On 14th March 2016, the house of Abdus Sobahan was also destroyed completely. Then, it was set on fire. This barbarism of the religious businessmen seems to have defeated the invasion of the Pakistani army in 1971.

There are mainly two class of people that stand in the way of our call.

- 1) a group of religious businessmen, 2) another group of Islamophobes.

The multi-faceted propaganda and opposition of both these classes has created a terrible misconception about us in the society. These religious businessmen are exploiting the interests of the people. Fearing for their own self-interest, they do not want a social system to be established in which it will not be possible to do business using religion, gain interests, create terrorism and engage in anti-politics. They want only one thing. They want their religion-based livelihood to survive. It should not be scratched no matter whatever the situation is in the world. To perpetuate this religious business, they want to perpetuate sectarianism and conflict among

the Muslim population. **But the truth is that when the interests of a group become involved in religion, the religion loses its identity and becomes distorted. When religion loses its identity, many prohibited things are allowed, and many legal things are made illegal. Religion is made complex by going too far in many small matters. For this reason, the main purpose of religion is lost.** That is what happened in Islam today. The direct command and prohibition of Allah is not being obeyed while there is no end to the excesses, arguments, and debates about the Sunnah, Nafl, Mustahab, etc. These debates have divided the people into thousands.

Ordinary people, who do not have a clear idea or belief about Islam but are prone to religious sentiments, are being exploited by these group of religious businessmen to

make a living by exploiting their religious sentiment. They use religion to gain various interests and earn money. They take money from people by performing various religious rituals. They offer a lot of services which includes carrying out public religious events, helping students or people to memorize the Qur'an, burying the dead

However, it is absolutely prohibited to exchange religion no matter what. He says that if anybody does so, he cannot be forgiven. In verse 174 of Surah Baqarah, Allah says,

Those who conceal any part of the Scriptures that God has revealed, and thus make a little profit thereby- (1) they do not consume anything except fire in their bellies, (2) Allah will not speak to them on the day of resurrection, (3) Allah will not purify them, (4) they have bought punishment instead of forgiveness, (5) they have bought misguidance instead of guidance, (6) they are engaged in serious differences about religion, (6) how patient they are to endure the fire, their doom will be painful. ”. And in verse 21 of Surah Yaseen, He also said,

"Follow those who do not expect exchange from you, and those who are on the right path."

When I started telling these truths to the common people in my own area, my main opponent was the religious business group. They saw that if people knew these truths, then all their religious business and income would be stopped. Another section of them who are engaged in the politics of manipulation in the name of Islam, who continue all terrorist activities as jihad, also became active in our opposition. They saw that if the people knew the statement of Hezbut Tawheed, they would not be able to

during their funeral, performing religious house events and so on. But there should not be any worldly exchange of religion. We know that Almighty Allah says it is prohibited to eat blood, pigs, dead animals. But then He says that if you are helpless, you can eat it (Surah Al-Baqarah, Verse 173).

continue the un-Islamic activities in the name of Islam. These two religious groups came together and started spreading rumours and lies against me to shut my mouth. **The rumours and lies are as follows: they started to spread that we have become Christians, we bury the dead with black cloth, we bury people by keeping them in a sit-down position, we pray back to the east, we have denied the Qur'an, and we do not follow the rules of the veil. All of these are lies.**

They began to spread more and more bizarre lies that we ourselves never knew. To tell these lies, they used religious circles like mosques, religious schools called "madrasa", public speech events and so on. They are respected in our society as 'Alem', 'Maulana', 'Mufti' which means religious scholars. When they say something, people blindly accept it as true. The same thing happened to us. People started believing us to be 'Christian' without any verification. They started calling our house the 'Christian home'. All of these were not limited to propaganda. The religious businessmen immediately issued written statements from the big religious schools in Chittagong saying that we are infidels and apostates. At their direction we were socially boycotted. It was decided inside the mosque that no one would talk to us. No one would work with us. Rather they continued to beat our people and kept insulting them wherever possible. No shopkeeper would sell goods

to us. No one would work on our farm. No one would even give us water. We were left in the lurch because of the horrific propaganda launched in one go. You all know what a miserable life it is for a family

to be boycotted or isolated in a rural society. But we remained steadfast in the hope that the misconceptions of the villagers would be shattered one day. We hoped that people will see the truth we stand for.



Fig: This is how the terrorists openly attacked with rods and swords in their hands. And using these, two members of Hezbut Tawheed were slaughtered.

The initiative to spread this propaganda was taken by four or five selfish families in our village who had been at enmity with my father Nurul Haque on various issues for a long time. The enmity of these families was not over religious or political issues. Their issue was Eastern rural hostility. When propaganda and conspiracies began all around, those rural enemies got a chance to avenge their ancient revenge. They organized our opposition with money, intelligence, and manpower. They wanted to take this opportunity to evict us from our village and share our wealth and resources among themselves. For this reason, those who were involved in the politics of the Union Parishad, also became involved in trying to evict us from our village. Everything was clear to us about what was

happening and what was going to happen. We have repeatedly informed the local administration about those issues: sometimes by GD, sometimes by issuing a memorandum, and sometimes verbally. But the local administration at that time was humbled by money. They did not take immediate legal action and misled the higher authorities by not giving correct information. We tried to explain them the level of horrible things that the religious businessmen and conspirators can create, but the police administration did not allow their superiors to realize that horror. They said that everything was under control. So, the higher authorities of the administration did not give any importance to what we said.



Fig: A mosque was being built at this place. The partially built mosque was demolished, the bricks were smashed, and the construction workers and family members were injured. (14th March 2016)

After boycotting us from all sides and cornering us, the religious businessman influenced the common people against us by fabricating lies. After that, they directly started attacking us.

It was year 2000. The worshipers in the mosque, i.e., the common Muslim people, were extremely angry on us when they heard all those lies and rumours which were spread inside the mosque by the religious businessman. Due to that, those people set a fixed date, and started attacking our members in a procession from Chashir Hut

After a long period of indescribable harassment, we were acquitted in that case. Social harassment, physical and mental torture, insults, and abuse continued on our members on a regular basis. We did not get any justice from

New Bazar Mosque after Maghrib prayer. The slogans of the procession were "**Burn down the houses of Hezbut Tawheed**", "**hold one of their members, and slaughter them one by one**" and so on. Our house was attacked all night. Railroads and highways were pelted with stones and our tin roofs were torn down. At that time, they could not kill me. The local administration did not intervene that day. Rather, the local administration was influenced by their propaganda, and took a conspiratorial false case in our name the next day.

anyone. Those rumours and lies spread by the religious businessmen and a few identified families have been proved to be true without any proof.



Fig: My house was set on fire in front of the police after looting all the furniture in the house and after injuring all the members of the house in the last attack. (14th March 2016)

In 2003, several members of Hezbut Tawheed were attacked again. Over the next few years, there were isolated beatings and assaults. A boy named Russell was brutally beaten in the dark of night. Three members named Rahmat Ullah, Mubarak and Imam Hossain were beaten by hanging from a tree in Sonaimuri Bazar in broad daylight. Momin Ullah, in-charge of Sonaimuri, was attacked at Sonaimuri railway station and injured. My younger brother Mainuddin was taken off the bus and tortured. Such isolated attacks and torture continued for four or five years. Our lives were unbearable. It seemed like we did not have no other way but death. Many members migrated abroad to escape the torture. All the girls from these families, who were married in the surrounding villages, were tortured. People tried to break up their families by influencing the people of their in-laws. Our relatives, who were not members of Hezbut Tawheed, were also persecuted. They also could not respond to the persecution of the religious

businessmen and started putting family pressure on us.

In February 2009, we held a social event at our home. Hearing about that event, the anti Hezbut Tawheed activists started to get angry again. Once again, they attacked and plotted to oust us from the area. **A complete planning is required for any attack. Therefore, those people continued to spread rumours day after day.** A religious scholar was hired from a religious school in Sutrapur, Dhaka. A public event was carried out where that religious scholar aroused the common people to directly attack us by telling those same rumours and lies. After enough rumours and lies were spread, people were ordered to directly attack our people on the morning of March 9, 2009. Thousands of people attacked the houses of a few members of Hezbut Tawheed using sticks, swords, railway stones, fishing rods and other indigenous sharp weapons. One by one, eight of their houses were set on fire. Several were killed and seriously injured. Hundreds of pounds of fish were looted from the area. The

remnants were killed by poison. The fruit trees were destroyed. The ripe crops of the field were cut down. Cattle, poultry, and paddy were all looted. **After conducting the attack for several hours, the police took our wounded, bloodied dying women, men, old people, and children to the police station in the name of**

providing security. Then the local administration again filed a false case in our name with the connivance of the conspirators. From a new-born child to a seventy-year-old woman, all of them were forced to spend several months in prison.



Fig: In this way all the members were injured and bled one by one. (14th March 2016)

By capturing the members of Hezbut Tawheed on false charges, they started plotting to seize their houses and lands. After four long months of imprisonment, the members could not go back to their own area. After trying to reach out for help to a lot of places for a long time, the High Court directed the district administration to provide rehabilitation and security to the affected members of Hezbut Tawheed. Due We did not get any justice from any of these cases. Nobody even tried to help us get any compensation for our losses. The accused always got away. They thought that no matter what they did, nothing would happen

to that, the conspirators sat in the OC office of Sonaimuri police station and gave a written bond that they would not conspire again. After that, the members of Hezbut Tawheed started living in their respective homes after being in exile for two and a half years. Then the members repaired their burnt-down houses and continued to cultivate and produce crop in their lands.

to them. Hence, they became more reckless. That is why, they continued to plan and expand the scope of their conspiracy to make more tragic events.

In the meantime, we kept on organizing many events against militancy, terrorism, religious trade, anti-politics, communalism, drugs, violence against women, corruption, etc. We have all those events in various websites, magazines, magazines, books, YouTube, Facebook and so on. As a part of this, we held an anti-militancy rally in front of the union office near our house with the approval of the special branch of the Noakhali District Police. Then we took the initiative to build a mosque in our backyard to offer five daily prayers including



Fig: One member was critically injured and was bleeding to death. (14th March 2016)

Again, religious scholars were hired from various places to give provocative statements against us. Then those people who rumoured about us wrote a nameless false handbill. In it, various statements of our book have been fragmented and

Jumma at our own expense. The religious traders and the former enemies of the village started a new conspiracy centering on the construction of this mosque. Propaganda against the mosque began as soon as construction began. **It was said that we were building a church, not a mosque. The religious businessmen also started spreading propaganda on social media. Basically, they again started propaganda to create the prior planning for attacking our house.**

distorted interpretations have been given to unite people against us. One Friday, some young men wearing a Muslim outfit called Punjabi, rode on eight motorbikes and spread those false handbills to different mosques in the village. The imam of the mosque, and other people responsible of the mosques seemed to be ready to hand over the handbill to the worshipers who had come for the Friday prayers. Then, they incited the people against Hezbut Tawheed. They did not even look at that anonymous flying handbill. The handbill had no name, no address, nobody knew where it came from, nobody knew who brought it, and nobody even thought what the consequences could be. Realizing the awfulness of the situation, we ran to the police station with a General Diary (GD) because we have the horrible experience of 2009. But the then officer-in-charge of the police station did not take any effective action. The next day, being helpless, we ran to the police super. But as soon as the police superintendent took effective action, the attack started.



Fig: A member's finger was cut off with a sharp sword. (14th March 2016)

It was 14th March 2016. The situation in the whole village area was tensed due to the propaganda. Someone started to begin the propaganda by announcing “Beat the Christians, break the church” in the microphones of the streets. A procession was brought from the nearby religious schools with small children. Teachers were also brought in to fuel the violence. Cadres of religious-based political parties also joined.

In the morning, they started coming in groups to demolish the mosque under construction. People from those groups started throwing bricks at the construction workers who came to volunteer for the construction of the mosque. Those people had sticks, swords, cow

slaughtering knives, iron rods etc. in their hands. We were already blocked. However, those who were outside were still trying on the telephone to bring the situation to the attention of the administration.



Fig: Our whole house, including ten or twelve motorcycles, vans, furniture, and cattles were completely set on fire. (14th March 2016)



Fig: In this way, the terrorists openly attacked us with swords and rods in their hands. (14th March 2016)



Fig: Two members of Hezbut Tawheed were slaughtered and their eyes were plucked out. (14th March 2016)



Fig: In this way, two of our Muslim brothers were slaughtered and their eyes were plucked out just on the basis of false rumors. (14th March 2016)

When hailstones began to fall from all sides, those people smashed the bricks of the mosque and threw them at the members of Hezbut Tawheed. The unarmed construction workers and the members of the Hezbut Tawheed tried desperately to

defend themselves. But they were nothing compared to the thousands of mad attackers. Moreover, if any of our members had been done anything to the attackers in self-defence, then Hezbut Tawheed would have been blamed. The attackers were

constantly throwing bricks. The members of Hezbut Tawheed were injured one by one. Blood was all over the place due to wounds in various parts of the body including the head, brought by sharp weapons. **There was still no intervention from the administration.** The attackers set fire to the houses one after another. **The half-finished house of a neighbour called Abdus Sobahan was completely destroyed and was also set on fire. Those attackers grabbed two of the members who came to build the mosque and**

To bring more people to join this massacre, they desperately continued to call more people. For example, the bus on the Dhaka-Noakhali Road was stopped and the passengers of the bus were lied to and were provoked to take part in the attack. They continued to express their joy on Facebook stating that they have killed two Christians. Invitation from various Facebook IDs were sent to people to come from different places to take part in the attack. Those IDs were handled by activists of various political parties based on religion. We still have screenshots of those activities. That news of the attack continued to be broadcast live in local and foreign media throughout the day. People from all over the world have seen

The administration and the government then began to realize that the motives of the attackers were much larger. They actually wanted to create a big anarchy in the country. They just used Hezbut Tawheed as their medium. However, eventually the BGB, riot police, RAB and other forces brought the situation under control.

By that time, two of our houses had been burnt down. Two volunteering members had lost their lives. Many had been injured, crippled, had no arms, no legs,

dragged them from our house to the pond of Abdus Sobahan's house and brutally slaughtered them with a knife next to the bushes. They cut their veins in their hands and feet. Then, they plucked out their eyes with a knife. After mutilating the body, they poured petrol on the bodies and burnt them. Meanwhile, the police arrived, but the attackers did not pay any attention to the police. Moreover, the then police did not even take any effective action.

that hellish demonic event. Meanwhile, a special police force led by the Superintendent of Police arrived at the spot. At that time, after crossing the house of Abdus Sobahan, our house was also looted and set on fire. A few motorcycles, a hundred manas of paddy, furniture, cattle, and many other assets were burnt to ashes. No one came forward to put out the fire, although everything took place in front of everyone's eyes during the day. At one stage, with the intervention of the higher administration, steps were taken to bring the situation under control. When the administration tried to take necessary steps to handle the situation, the attackers cut down trees, blocked the road and attacked the police station.

and had bruises all over their bodies. They sent the injured, old, and dying people to the district jail the next day with false charges. They were not even allowed to drink a glass of water. After two months in jail, they were released on a court order, albeit in the name of providing security. The case has not progressed in the next two and a half years. The accused used to move around proudly in public, walk around the market and threaten others saying

that they have slaughtered two people and will slaughter all those who were there. They used to say that no one could do anything to them. Finally, a few days before the 2018 election, a chargesheet was issued in a hurry. However, the accused included in the chargesheet were easily released on bail, calling it a case of political harassment. But we did not even get the opportunity to present any statement against the accused in the police case. In fact, the police ridiculously listed our

members as **accused** in the same case. We were accused as both the attacker and the victim in the same case. Our clear statement was that the bodies of two of our innocent members have also been misrepresented. At that time, we could not include many of the real culprits in the chargesheet because we did not know their identities. The identities of those criminals are now being revealed in various sources. We hope that soon they too will come under the law.



Fig: After slaughtering and killing our Muslim brothers, their corpse were set on fire by pouring petrol on it in order to completely destroy it. (14th March 2016)

You might have a question that "**Why is this place being attacked again and again?**" The first answer is that this house is the house of the leader of Hezbut Tawheed. The leader of Hezbut Tawheed is in the most vulnerable position because he highlighted the ideals of Islam against religion, sectarianism, rumours, excitement, bigotry and militancy. Naturally, the attackers have targeted this place as the home of the party chief. Secondly, some so-called Islamic political

parties who are ideological opponents of Hezbut Tawheed incited local opponents and former family enemies. Those people were the ones who composed the handbills, supplied terrorist cadres, hired religious scholars and speakers. All these lead to the propaganda. Thirdly, some blind followers of the religious businessman, including members of some of the identified families in the village having terrorist nature, were influenced by the heinous propaganda, and hence kept attacking us again and again



Fig: The three floors of the five-storey mosque under construction have been completed (2020).

Dear Audience!

God has given you eyes, ears, and wisdom. Try to see what we are actually doing rather than simply believing the rumours. For twenty years, they have preached that we are Christians. The mosque, which they demolished as a church, has now been demolished and a three-storey mosque has been set up in exchange for the blood of two martyrs. Five daily prayers are being carried out also including Friday prayers and Eid congregation. More than a thousand worshipers pray together every

Friday. Classes are being run on the ground floor to teach the Qur'an and important things about Islam to the children and teenagers. We even have evening class activities for adults. I want to request you to come and see for yourself what we are doing. Listen to what we say. It has now been proved that those who have been spreading rumours against us for so long are liars. Those liars created those propagandas just to occupy our places and properties.



Fig: Produced fish (2020).

But by the grace of Allah, we have not lost to their injustice. We are again trying to make our village a better ideal village by making maximum use of the resources, education, and capacity that we have. They looted the fish in our ponds and enclosures. Then, they poured

poison and killed the rest. We are re-cultivating fish in those ponds and the fallen water bodies of the villages by leasing them according to the proper rules. We have created bio flock method fish projects to produce more fish on less land.



Fig: Pumpkin planted in the vegetable project. (2020)

Those attackers burned our paddy in the fire and destroyed it. We are re-planting paddy and vegetables in all the lands. They cut

down our fruit trees. We are planting trees again.



Fig: This is a flour mill (2020).

We have taken initiatives to create employment for the youth of the village to bring them back from the black culture of subculture and drugs and to free them from

unemployment. As part of this, we have set up garment factories and food processing projects.



Fig: Duck farm established in the aftermath (2020).

They looted our cattle. Today we have an organic cow fattening farm that has gained a reputation among the people of the area for providing healthy-looking sacrificial animals during past Eid al-Adha. We are establishing a high school with the aim of educating the next generation in both modern and moral education. In a word, we believe in building instead of destroying.

We believe in friendship instead of enmity. We believe in good education instead of illiteracy. We believe in the creation of employment instead of unemployment. We have left our signature on it. We have no other motive behind these activities except development, progress, and prosperity of the village. All of these will be proved with time.

No one in our village can say that we have harmed anyone so far. In fact, it is common sense that the reason for the repeated attacks on us is nothing more than the conspiracies of a few local families and the protection of the interests of religious businessmen. We have fallen into their wrath for speaking out against iniquity in the name of religion, against drug trafficking, against vested interests in the name of religion, against militancy and anti-politics. What we did not say has been said in our name. But we have never taken the law into our own hands. You know that we could have done a lot if we wanted to, but we did not. The reason we did not take law into our hands is because we have a law and constitution in our country. The country became independent in 1971 in exchange for the blood of millions of people. That independent country has a sovereign government, a police force for law enforcement, a judiciary, and courts for justice. Hence, we cannot take the law into our own hands. In the eyes of the law, we are like any other citizen. But the religious businessmen have taken the law into their own hands because they believe that they are above the law. We have repeatedly followed the law. Before organizing any sort of event, we take official permission from the higher authorities. We have always abode by the law. Hence, nobody should interfere where the constitution of the country gives me the right to organize events, to express my views, to assemble my people, to perform my religious duties, to propagate my religious views. It is our human right, social right, constitutional right, and religious right. If anyone carries out any illegal activity, there is a court of law to investigate that. But the attackers have repeatedly broken and taken away the law by denying all our rights. Still, we did not break the law.

Think about it. I am being attacked again and again in my house. As my house was attacked, I must have the right to defend myself, right? I could not use that right because even if I do, there will be propaganda saying that we have committed terrorism and we are attacking the villagers and so on. So, we couldn't even defend ourselves and were helplessly getting beaten by the attackers. Now, it is your responsibility to identify those who have done wrong today. You must take a step in demanding justice for our people who have been killed and tortured.

Once again, they have started propaganda by bringing religious scholars to spread rumours against us in public events by distributing false handbills in different places. The people of this region work all day and they go to those public events held by the religious scholars at night. Because they believe that they will be awarded and their sins will be forgiven in the Hereafter if they do so. That is why they go to listen to the narrations of the Qur'an and Hadith in those public events. Using these religious public events, a group of people incited people against Hezbut Tawheed. Due to all of these, we, the innocent Hezbut Tawheed, are being repeatedly harassed by all of them.

You should be aware of their propaganda and raise your voice against their propaganda. I request you to be a defendant. If you do not speak out and raise your voice today, then those who have attacked me today for speaking the truth and trying to establish the true religion, will also attack you tomorrow. Then, someone else will be attacked the day after tomorrow. At one stage, the country, the society, and the state will no longer exist. Things like rumour and fanaticism are like a monster. This monster will destroy everyone. That's why I am

requesting everyone to raise a voice against these. Because we Hezbut Tawheed hold the true teachings of Allah's Messenger, and dedicate ourselves to the welfare of humanity.

May the Almighty Allah grant us all the grace to differentiate between truth and falsehood, and right and wrong. May He give us the strength and blessings to stand up for justice, and for truth in all circumstances. And may He bless you. Goodbye.

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