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“Allah has promised to those among you who believe and work righteous deeds, that of a certainty, He will cause them to accede to power on earth, as He granted it to those before them, that He will establish in authority their Deen which he has chosen for them, and that He will change (their state) after the fear in which they lived, to one of security and peace: They will worship Me (alone) and not ascribe powers to any beside Me” [TMQ 24: 55]

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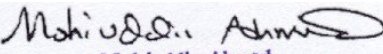
Chief Coordinator & Spokesman of Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh, Mohiuddin Ahmed strongly condemned the government for preventing the protest march to the Danish Embassy organized by the party today (10-02-06) after Jumma prayers. He said Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia has exposed her government's total disregard for Islam by preventing thousands of Muslims from protesting against the attack on the Prophet (SAW). Putting barriers at every step of the demonstration and the baton charge on Muslims revealed that the government valued the unfounded concerns of the disbelievers for their safety more than defending the honour of the Prophet (SAW). The government sided with the disbelieving imperialists and obeyed their instructions to the last dot.

More than 10,000 Muslims attended the protest march to the Danish Embassy. The deputy spokesman of Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh, Kazi Murshedul Haque addressed the people before the start of the protest march. He described the attack on the Prophet (SAW) as a part of the terrorist West's crusade against Islam and said that the call for calm and forgiveness from the crusaders and their agents in the Muslim world further insults of the Prophet (SAW). He said statements from Prime Minister Khaleda Zia and the Danish ambassador the day before the protest march was a staged drama aimed at pacifying the people. The Prime Minister was silent on the issue for two weeks until the people and other political parties were mobilized by Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh with the announcement of the protest march to the Danish embassy. Kazi Murshedul Haque condemned the Danish ambassador for his cheap attempts to deceive the Muslims with a so called apology in roundabout language. He added that defending the freedom to publish the cartoons and expressing an understanding of Muslim reaction cannot be sold as an apology.

After Kazi Murshedul Haque's speech, leaders of Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh led the people towards the Danish Embassy. People waved banners and placards reading "Free speech symbolizes war against Islam", "Where is the freedom of Muslim women to wear hijab?" and "Honour of the Prophet will be protected by the Khaleefah". People from all walks of life joined the demonstration. Police stopped the demonstration from going far and asked the leaders of the party to turn back. However, the leaders continued to march when the police started to beat them and tried to push them back. For half an hour Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh leaders and the people struggled trying to march ahead. At one point, about 200 protesters broke through the police barricade. The police charged the Muslims with batons and about 15 people were injured including Joint Public Relations Secretary of Hizb ut-Tahrir Bangladesh, Mohammed Ejaz. Finally the Muslims were forced to turn back.

At a press conference after the demonstration Mohiuddin Ahmed reiterated the demands for recalling ambassador's of Bangladesh from countries responsible for the attack on the prophet (SAW); closing down the embassies of these countries and expelling their ambassadors; and severing all diplomatic and economic relations with governments that continue to allow the offensive cartoons to be published. He also announced the following activities:

- 1. Demonstrations at city centres across BD to be held this week including Chittagong, Sylhet, Khulna and Rajshahi.**
- 2. Demonstration throughout Dhaka city on Thursday 16th February demanding boycott of Danish product "Dano"**
- 3. Demonstration outside the national mosque on Friday 17th February demanding the closure of the Danish Embassy.**


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