

The Second Amir of Hizb ut Tahrir - Sheikh Abdul Qadeem Zallum

His name is Sheikh Abdul Qadeem Bin Yusuf Bin Yunis Bin Ibrahim Al Sheikh Zallum and he was a renowned scholar. He was born in the city of Al Khalil in 1342 (Hijri) or 1924 (CE). His family was known for the practice of Deen. His father was a Hafiz e Qur'an and even in the last years of his life, he would be busy in the recitation of Holy Qur'an. His father was a teacher during the time of the Uthmani Khilafah.

His father's paternal uncle, Abdul Ghaffar Yunis Zallum, was a mufti in Al Khalil during the time of the Uthmani Khilafah. The Zallum family is one of those families that are the trustee of Ibrahim mosque and thus, this family is one of the servants of Yaqoob (as). This family is entrusted with the responsibility of hoisting the Islamic flag at the minbar on Fridays and various occasions.

The Uthmani Khilafah used to entrust the renowned families of Al Khalil with the responsibility of taking care of Ibrahim mosque and these families used to feel honour and pride in undertaking this responsibility.

The first fifteen years of the life of Sheikh Abdul Qadeem Zallum were spent in the city of Al Khalil. He acquired the basic education from the *Ibrahimi Madrassah* of Al Khalil and after that, his father sent him to Al Azhar so that he became an expert in Islamic jurisprudence. So, at the age of 15, he left for Al Azhar in Cairo. It was 1361 (Hijri) when he acquired his first degree from Al Azhar – *Shahada tal Ahliya tal Oola*. In 1366 (Hijri) he obtained the degree of *Al 'Aliya Li Kuliya tal Sharia'* from Al Azhar and then in 1368 (Hijri) he obtained *Shahada tal 'Alamiya* and specialized in Judiciary which is equivalent to the Ph.D of modern times.

He organized a group of Muslims during the Israel-Palestine war and left Egypt for Palestine for the purpose of *Jihad*. But on reaching there, he came to know that the war has been stopped and a ceasefire agreement has taken place. Therefore, his purpose of *Jihad* could not be met in Palestine. Sheikh was held dearly in Al Azhar University and was called '*Mulk*' (King). He was always a prominent student. He joined the occupation of teaching upon his return to Al Khalil in 1949. He was associated with the *Madarassah* of Bethlehem for two years. He then shifted to Al Khalil in 1951 and became a teacher at *Madrassah Usama bin Ma'aqiz*.

In the year 1952, this man had his interaction with Sheikh Taqi which gave way to continuous debated and arguments, with respect to the topic of a Hizb at Al Quds; thus he used to travel constantly to this blessed city for this purpose. Sheikh Zallum joined Hizb from the day the party started its work and in the year 1956, he emerged as a leader in the Hizb. He was a great orator and people used to love him. On Fridays, he used to preach in *Ibrahimi Yusufiya* mosque and a great crowd would gather to listen to him. Then after Friday prayers, he used to preach in *Ibrahimi* mosque where people also would gather to listen to him in great numbers. Sheikh was nominated as a candidate in the election for House of Representatives in 1954. Similarly, he was a candidate in 1956 but the state rigged the elections and he was declared unsuccessful. He was arrested and was imprisoned in *Al Jaffer Al Saharawi* where he spent many years, before finally being released with the help of Allah (swt).

May Allah (swt) have mercy on him; he was the right hand of the founding leader. He was an arrow in the quiver of the founder, he used to trust him for high profile expeditions. He never showed any hesitation and always preferred Da'wa over his family and luxuries of this temporary world. One day he is found in Turkey, the other day he is present in Iraq, the next day it was Egypt and then went to Jordan and Lebanon, so on and so forth. Wherever he was demanded, he used to accompany the Ameer to speak the truth. The expedition of Iraq was a very crucial one and only a real daring man could undertake this responsibility. The Ameer bestowed him with this duty and he accepted the responsibility, under the supervision of Ameer and fulfilled his obligation in a brilliant manner.

At the time of death of the founding leader, the duty of this Da'wa was rested upon his shoulders. He carried the burden of this struggle and the Da'awa progressed in leaps and bounds. The style of Da'awa got clearer, its area of action got so wide that it reached Central Asia and South East Asia. The echo of this message was even heard in Europe as well.

This unwavering scholar continued to be the leader and flag bearer of Da'aw till the age of 80 when his intuition about his impending death made him take a decision about this work for which he spent two thirds of his life – 25 years in the capacity of right hand of Ameer and almost 25 years in the capacity of Ameer himself. He wanted a satisfactory fulfillment of his responsibility; therefore, he decided to resign from the leadership role and hold elections for next Ameer which was exactly what happened. On Monday, Moharram 14, 1424 (Hijri) or March 17, 2003 he himself resigned from the leadership and within a few days after the election of the new Ameer his soul left for the eternal world.

Thus, this great ocean of knowledge, the Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir, Sheikh Abdul Qadeem Zallum, met his creator at the age of 80 on Tuesday night dated Safar 27, 1424 (Hijri) or April 29, 2003, *Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilaihi Raji'un*. On his death, the number of people that came for condolence in Al Khalil – *Abu Gharbiya Al Sha'rawi* was an unprecedented spectacle. People came from various cities and villages. Poets and writers wrote poetry and prose about his life. Condolence messages were received from all over the world on telephone and radio. Numerous condolence messages were received from Sudan, Kuwait, Europe, Indonesia, America, Jordan, Egypt, and other countries. At the same time, a huge crowd gathered in Beirut (Lebanon) and Amman (Jordan).

The Sheikh *raheemullah* was a courageous and bold man when it comes to the matter of Deen. He never cared for any reprimand in this regard. He was really an active person, who neither got tired of his efforts nor despaired. He was an embodiment of disposition and high morals. He kept himself at a great distance from anything that was *Haram*. He was extremely tolerant, patient and gracious. His close friends mention that he used to stay awake at nights for worship and would cry while reciting the *ayah* of Allah (swt). He was extremely steadfast and firm in Da'awa. He lived his life in obscurity, oppressive rulers were always after him till the moment he died and left this temporary world. Only Allah (swt) can grant him his reward for his struggle. May Allah (swt) shower him with his countless blessings, amen.

Following are his books and booklets that were published by Hizb ut Tahrir during his time:

- i. Funds in the Khilafah State

- ii. Addition to the Book 'The Ruling System of Islam'
- iii. Democracy is a *kufir* system
- iv. Shara'i' ruling regarding Cloning and Organ Transplant
- v. Methodology of Hizb ut Tahrir to bring change
- vi. Hizb ut Tahrir
- vii. American Campaign to destroy Islam
- viii. The Crusade Attack by George Bush on Muslims
- ix. The Crisis of the Stock Market and related Islamic ruling
- x. The Clash of Civilizations is inevitable