





Response of Pakistan's Renowned Religious Scholars to Tehreek-e-Taliban

Pakistan

Mufti Noor Wali Khan, leader of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan recently requested guidance from Pakistani scholars regarding their armed activities against Pakistan in his statement.

On January 23, 2023, Pakistan's renowned scholars and religious leaders unanimously endorsed their first Fatwa (Paigham-e-Pakistan). Grand Mufti of Pakistan, Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani, in his address responded to Tehreek-e-Taliban by taking a clear stance in the light of Paigham-e- Pakistan.

Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani said that Mufti Noor Wali is seeking guidance as if this matter has never been discussed before. However, this meeting once again reiterates that Pakistan is a Muslim state, with a constitution that provides testimony to it being Muslim. Allah has given this constitution to Pakistan which is unlike any other country in the world. Therefore,

"Any armed action against state of Pakistan is open rebellion, forbidden, illegal and we will never support it"-

Grand Mufti further stated that it is surprising that Tehreek-e-Taliban is demanding guidance again while we had a one to one meeting with delegation of Tehreek-e-Taliban in which it was clearly stated that Pakistan is an Islamic state with an Islamic constitution, which should be recognized by Tehreek-e-Taliban and fatwa against it is wrong and invalid. Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan took up arms for 20 years and did not spare children, women and even scholars. Resultantly, they could not force even the slightest of changes within the country, so why are they still adamant on taking up weapons against Muslims?

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We provided Mufti Noor Wali with direct guidance in the light of Shariah. Mufti Noor Wali and his associates completely endorsed our point of view in the presence of Khalifa Sirajuddin Haqqani and also assured us not to take up arms.

Honorable Ulema of Pakistan had issued a fatwa of Jihad against foreign armed domination and occupation. We are unable to understand as to how Tehreek-e-Taliban is using the fatwa regarding infidels against Muslim state like Pakistan, which is a grave misconception. The sooner Tehreek-e-Taliban comes to realize this, the better it will be for them in religion as well as worldly affairs.

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