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AN INSIGHT INTO THE ISLAMIC STATE



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AND OBEY ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER. THOSE - ALLAH WILL HAVE MERCY UPON THEM.

INDEED, ALLAH IS

EXALTED IN POWER & WISE.”

[AT-TAWBAH: 71]



The residents of some of the villages voluntarily gathered the Zakāh and piled it up in front of the masjids of their respective villages and invited the Zakāh committees to come and collect it

THE GROWING SEASON

in Wilāyat Al-Barakah this year was the best one since the year 2000, and it came after years of drought



FACILITATING THE HARVEST

To ensure the success of the harvest season in Wilāyat Al-Barakah, the Islamic State provided harvest machine owners many things to facilitate their work



Likewise, the Islamic State has counseled harvest machine owners to be kind to land owners and not raise prices for harvesting, expecting an increase in barakah this season



INFORMING THE COMMUNITY

At the start of the season, land owners were informed of the obligation to pay Zakāh, which would be collected by the Islamic State

ORGANIZING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ZAKAH

Committees were formed in every region of the wilāyah that would go around to each village and collect the Zakāh.



Once the season has ended, the wilāya's department of Zakāh will distribute the Zakāh in accordance with Sharī guidelines.



“ Zakah expenditures are only for the poor and for the needy and for those employed to collect [zakah] and for bringing hearts together [for Islam] and for freeing captives [or slaves] and for those in debt and for the cause of Allah and for the [stranded] traveler – an obligation imposed by Allah. And Allah is Knowing and Wise.”

[At-Tawbah: 60]



ON THE BEAT

ISR EXAMINES HOW THE ISLAMIC POLICE SAFEGUARDS AR-RAQQAH AND THEIR IMPORTANCE IN STATE BUILDING

They are men who've shouldered the responsibility of the people's safety and security. They've tackled many difficulties, carried many burdens, and become accustomed to sleepless nights, all for the sake of spreading safety and security across the wilāyah.

The men of the Islamic police force in Wilāyat Ar-Raqqah are a group comprised of some of the best men of the Islamic State and its people, and are responsible for protecting the Muslims and their property from being violated. They work day and night patrolling the streets and alleyways, and set up security checkpoints in order to guard the safety of the Muslims.

They break up disputes and return the rights of the people back to them, so no one who's oppressive is free to behave arrogantly and no one who's oppressed feels helpless. They view everyone equally, like the teeth of a comb, with no difference between rich and poor, strong and weak. Everyone will have their rights returned to them, and anyone oppressed will have their complaint answered. The people are confident in their ability to show justice, and turn to them for help after Allah.

ISLAMIC POLICE PATROL UNITS

INTERVIEW

Interview with Abul-'Abbās Ash-Shāmī, Head of the Islamic Police, Wilāyat Ar-Raqqah

Assalāmu 'Alaykum Wa Rahmatullāhi Wa Barakātuh. Please tell us about the job of the Islamic Police in Wilāyat Ar-Raqqah.

Wa 'Alaykum As-Salām Wa Rahmatullāhi Wa Barakātuh. May Allah preserve your life. Welcome to the Islamic Police headquarters. Concerning the workings of the organization, our cadres are divided into the general administrative division for the Islamic Police – which includes the prison administration and the complaints office – and the patrol division, which is led by a field commander. Our units patrol the streets of the wilāyah day and night looking after the safety and security of the Muslims. We work together and co-ordinate with the intelligence organization, and have a close relationship with the Hisbah organization.

We have a Sharī (expert in Sharī'ah) that works specifically with the Islamic Police, is affiliated with the Wilāya's general Sharī'ah body, and has a direct relationship with a judge from the Islamic court. Our work specifically deals with breaking up disputes. The nature of it is that the plaintiff comes and puts forth his complaint. We then issue a summons for the defendant to attend so that the complaint can be addressed. When they're both present we attempt to resolve the issue. If we're successful in doing so, we close the case. If not, we refer it to the Islamic court, and in some cases we arrest the accused and investigate the case before putting it before the Islamic court.

AN ISLAMIC POLICE CHECKPOINT



How long are you allowed to detain an individual?

The longest we can detain someone for is one week. If their guilt can be established through primary and supportive evidence, and through witnesses, we submit the matter to the court so it can judge the case with the book of Allah. If we cannot establish the person's guilt, we release them. If the individual is detained longer than one week, I'm required to compensate them for each additional day that they're imprisoned.

Do you provide any da'wah (religious counsel) to detainees?

The Sharī has ongoing da'wah and preaching sessions for the detainees.

What type of cases do you see most often?

Most cases involve disputes and quarrels over property, ownership records, theft, threats, provocation, etc. Many of the cases we deal with are resolved without needing to refer them to the court, walhamdulillāh. The issues of returning someone's rights and property back to them, and guarding against injustice and wrongdoing are significant, and they comprise the foundation of our religion.

We met with Abu Sayf Ash-Shāmī, head of the complaints division of the Islamic Police, so that he could tell us about the nature of their work.

We register any complaints received and record the information provided concerning the issue, then refer it to the head of the police so he can issue a summons, ordering the accused individual to present themselves to the police. Some issues are ultimately referred to the Islamic court. The office has a number for anyone wishing to call and register a complaint: 234933. Our doors are open to anyone with a grievance or complaint.