

Al-'Allāmah Aḥmad Ibn Yaḥya al-Najmī: It is allowed for a Muslim country to cooperate with non-Muslim countries to combat terrorism

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In the name of Allāh, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Part 2

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Al-'Allāmah Aḥmad Ibn Yaḥya al-Najmī (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) stated,

وَقَدْ كَتَبْتُ فِي هَذَا الْمَوْضُوعِ فَتْوَى فِيهَا شَيْءٌ مِنَ التَّفْصِيلِ؛ ذَلِكَ أَنَّ
بَعْضَ النَّاسِ جَعَلَ التَّعَاوَنَ مَعَ أَقْوَامٍ مِنَ الْكُفَّارِ عَلَى مَنَعِ الْإِرْهَابِ الَّذِي
حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ ﷺ، جَعَلُوا ذَلِكَ كُفْرًا وَارْتِدَادًا، وَالْحَقُّ الَّذِي يَجِبُ
الْمَصِيرُ إِلَيْهِ أَنَّهُ إِذَا عَرَضَتْ عَلَيْنَا فِتْنَةٌ مِنْ فِتْنَاتِ الْكُفْرِ أَنْ نَتَّعَاوَنَ مَعَهَا
وَتَتَّعَاوَنَ مَعَنَا عَلَى مُحَارَبَةِ شَيْءٍ مِمَّا يَمْنَعُهُ الْإِسْلَامُ، وَيَأْمُرُ بِمُحَارَبَتِهِ
وَمَنْعِهِ؛ فَإِنَّ لَنَا أَنْ نَفْعَلَ ذَلِكَ.

“I have already written an edict pertaining to this matter, which contains a comprehensive discussion on this issue. This is because some people deem cooperating with non-Muslim nations to combat terrorism, which Allāh and His Messenger has forbidden, to be an act of disbelief and apostasy.

The truth, which must be acknowledged, is that if a group from the non-Muslims appeal to us to cooperate with them and for them to cooperate with us to combat something that Islam forbids and commands for it to be fought and stopped, then it is permissible for us to do this.

فَلَوْ عَرَّضَ عَلَيْنَا مَنَعُ الزُّنَا مَثَلًا، أَوْ مُحَارَبَةُ الْإِرْهَابِ -مَثَلًا- الَّذِي هُوَ
التَّفْجِيرَاتُ الَّتِي يَقُومُ بِهَا بَعْضُ النَّاسِ مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَيُزْعَمُونَ أَنَّ ذَلِكَ
عِبَادَةٌ، قُلْنَا: نَتَّعَاوَنَ مَعَهُمْ عَلَى ذَلِكَ.

If they present to us an offer to stop usury for example or to combat terrorism –which are the bombings perpetrated by some individuals from the Muslims and which they

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claim to be an act of worship – then we say that we will cooperate with them [to achieve this].”¹

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¹ Fatḥ al-Rabb al-Ghafūr Dhī al-Raḥmāh, p. 81-81.