

JAMA'ATUT TAJDIDIL ISLAMY (JTI)

NATIONAL HEADQUATER KANO, NIGERIA

POSITION OF JAMA'ATUT TAJDIDIL ISLAMY (JTI) ON THE UPCOMING NATIONWIDE DEMONSTRATION

The Shura Council of the Jama'atut Tajdidil Islamy met on Friday, 19th July 2024 under my chairmanship and had taken the following positions with respect to the impending nationwide demonstration being proposed to take place from 1st of August, 2024.

According to our understanding of Islamic Jurisprudence, peaceful demonstration (known as Muzahara), industrial action (also called strike) and peaceful rally, conducted in order to demand certain rights from Government or to protest certain policies or to call for what is Islamically right and good or to refute and denounce what is Islamically wrong and evil are permissible as part of the obligation of every Muslim to at all times call to what is good and right (Al-amru bil ma'aruf) and forbid what is wrong and evil (An-nahyu anil munkar).

However, the leadership of JTI does not support the participation of its members or any other person in the planned demonstration for the following reasons:

- i) The sponsors of the protest are not known, so their real motives and modus operandi cannot be verified, in spite of the publicized demands in the social media. Consequently, there is a real danger of participants being used for the achievement of other peoples' hidden motives they may not be aware of or agree with.
- ii) Field leaders of the agitation for the demonstration are unknown, so participants will not know from whom to take instructions. This will give room for many people with sinister motives to use the occasion to commandeer people into acts that may result in loss of lives and properties, thus rendering the protest no longer peaceful.
- iii) There is a very real danger of the protest getting out of hand and degenerating into chaos and unrest due to the extent of fury generated among the people as a result of the relentless indoctrination that took place in the social media, as well as due to the high presence of

unscrupulous and criminal elements waiting to take part in the demonstrations.

- iv) There is no timeline for the termination of the protests, therefore it carries with it a real threat of getting out of hand and degenerating into unrest.
- v) According to the narratives available on social media some commentators are referring to the protest as "a revolution" to topple the government, while others use such terminologies as "week of fury". All these are pointers to the fact that the protest could lead to loss of lives and properties.

While calling on all our members and all peace loving citizens to desist from participating in the said protest, and look into other peaceful methods of achieving their demands, Jama'atut Tajdidil Islamy is using this medium to call on the Federal Government of Nigeria to, as a matter of great urgency, properly and positively address the issues that are of grave concern to the citizens, namely:

- i) Economic hardship brought about by high inflation rates, dwindling value of the Naira and removal of subsidies.
- ii) Rampant insecurity causing daily losses in life and property as well as preventing economic pursuits and free movement of citizens.

The ordinary citizens of Nigeria are under daily threat of hunger, economic hardships, displacement, abductions, killings, maiming, and loss of properties among others. If government is not sensitive to these realities the very roots of our existence as a nation can be challenged, and peace will become elusive in our country.

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24th July, 2024