

# **There is no place for extremism and terrorism in Islam!**

In our country, large-scale efforts are being made to preserve the purity of our sacred religion, to create new mosques and madrassas and to study the scientific heritage of great philosophers who have made a huge contribution to the development of Islamic culture. Unfortunately, nowadays, while there are forces that aimed to achieve their goals through various conflicts, actions that create conflicting situations will continue to be perceived. Even in the 21st century, when the ideological struggle escalates, peace and tranquility become a dream for many countries. An example of this can be the bloody conflict that took place in 2011–2016 in some Arab countries as a result of the political crisis and is still being continued. It is not a secret that in these countries the massacres, murdering innocent people during the so-called “Arab spring”, are mainly religious forces used by extremist movements and terrorist groups.

On the 20th of February of this year, a round table was held at the Turin Polytechnic University in Tashkent on the topic “There is no place for extremism and terrorism in Islam” and “Information attack on social networks”.

The welcome speech of the event was spoken by Vice-Rector on Working with Youth Alisher Ashurov. In his speech, he talked about the threats of religious extremism and terrorism to the international community, about protecting young people from such dangers, about ensuring peace and stability and preserving the sacred religion in our country. The main tool of religious and extremist organizations to achieve their goals using modern information communications, promoting Internet sites in different languages and creating virtual communities, which is based on a well-developed strategy. The

growing popularity of such forums, turning into fanaticism especially among young people, testifies to the seriousness of the problem. In addition, mobile messengers, which serve as a bridge to social networks, greatly facilitate their work.

The main purpose of this event was to familiarize young people about the threat of religious extremism and terrorism and to create immunity against destructive ideas to counter these forces when its necessary.

The next speech man was Dilafruz Turdieva, a teacher at the International Islamic Academy of Uzbekistan. In her speech, Dilafruz Turdieva informed students about religious extremism and terrorism, becoming a global problem nowadays, which manifests itself in various forms, about a number of terrorist organizations disguising the Islamic religion, and about their movements. She also encouraged students to be vigilant and aware of the threats posed by various religious extremist organizations. Due to the activity of terrorist organizations on Internet sites and social networks, she accented the need for caution.

The Internet is the result of the evolution of science and technology. Today it is impossible to imagine life without the Internet. The global network is becoming more significant, especially in the lives of young age. Thanks to the Internet, it is becoming much easier for people from different parts of the world to interact and share information. According to statistics, a huge number of Internet users in the world are young age people from 21 to 30 years. According to Dilafruz Turdieva, day by day the number of Internet users in Uzbekistan is increasing.

At the end of the event, students had the opportunity to get answers to all the interested questions.

