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The Illusion of Choice

For nearly seven decades, the Muslims of Pakistan have been given the illusion of choice in government. They have been given the options of civilian or military government. Within the civilian options, there are further illusions of choice, PML-N, PPP and the “third option”, which today is the PTI.

These choices are just an illusion and nothing more. Behind their mask, is a system that has survived for seven decades. It is a system of disregard of the commands and prohibitions mandated by Allah swt and His Messenger (saw). It is a system of man-made law, where men make laws according to their whims and desires. It is a system that has seen the implementation of capitalism for nearly seven decades, with ever increasing concentration of wealth in the hands of the few, such that the gulf between have nots and have lots has always increased. It is a system of colonialism that has allowed the Western colonialists to secure their interests in Pakistan and the wider region, in all eras of civilian and military governments.

When civilian options fail, exhausted and spent, the anger of the people mounts against the system, so it gets a new disguise, that of a

military government. When the military government becomes the focus of discontent, civilian government is reintroduced. And within the civilian government, there are many masks to choose from, one after the others, turn by turn under the guise of “political change”.

However, today, the mask is falling and the illusion of choice has been exposed for what it really is, a two headed coin, a loaded deck of cards, a cruel trick to preserve a rotten system. There is a growing realization that unless the current system and its different variations, both democracy and dictatorship are abolished and Islam is implemented in its place, there will be no change. Throughout Pakistan the vast majority of Muslims are now expressing their desire for Islam and an Islamic constitution. How long before this strong opinion will be manifested in a practical form is now down to the armed forces. The

question for the armed forces is how long will they extend support for Democracy and Dictatorship, rather than granting Nussrah to Hizb ut-Tahrir for establishing the Khilafah.

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Tafseer Al-Baqarah: 108-110

From the Book “Introduction to the Tafseer of the Quran” by the Ameer of Hizb ut-Tahrir, the eminent jurist and statesman, Shaikh Ata ibn Khalil Abu Ar-Rashta:

أَمْ تُرِيدُونَ أَنْ تَسْأَلُوا رَسُولَكُمْ كَمَا سَأَلَ مُوسَىٰ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَمَنْ يَتَّبِعْ
وَدَّ كَثِيرٌ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ لَوْ -الْكُفْرَ بِالْإِيمَانِ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ
يُرُدُّونَكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ إِيمَانِكُمْ كُفَّارًا حَسَدًا مِنْ عِنْدِ أَنْفُسِهِمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا تَبَيَّنَ
لَهُمُ الْحَقُّ فَأَعْتَفُوا وَاصْفَحُوا حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَ اللَّهُ بِأَمْرِهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
وَاقِعٌ وَالصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَمَا تُقَدِّمُوا لِأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ -قَدِيرٌ
تَجِدُوهُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ بَصِيرٌ

“Or, do you rather want to question your Prophet as Mūsā was questioned earlier? And whoever takes infidelity in exchange for faith has certainly missed the straight path. (O Muslims,) many among the people of the Book desire to turn you, after your accepting the faith, back into disbelievers - all out of envy on their part, even after the truth has become clear to them. So, forgive and overlook till Allah brings out His command. Certainly, Allah is powerful over everything. And be steadfast in Salāh (prayer), and give Zakāh. Whatever good you send forth for yourselves, you will find it with Allah. Certainly, Allah is watchful of what you do.” [al-Baqarah: 108-110]

Allah, the Exalted, clarifies in these verses the following:

1. Allah addresses those who believe in Him and His Messenger, saying: do you wish to ask your messenger Muhammad (saw) just as the Jews asked Musa (as) by stipulating conditions on count of which they would believe, like their asking him to see Allah openly or that he make for them gods as they saw gods with disbelievers and the like? He then informs them that such stipulations amount to disbelief [kufur], and turn belief into disbelief and that whoever does this has moved away from the straight path, the path

of guidance and taken the path of kufur and misguidance.

The ‘am’ here is disconnected, such that the address after it is in plural (“you wish”) and before it is singular (“Do you not know”). Its being disconnected means that it is in the meaning of a *bal* and *hamza* rendering the, “Rather, do you wish to ask your messenger...” “And whoever takes infidelity in exchange for faith”, that is, leaves iman and affirms kufur; the *baa* enters upon the thing left. “missed”, that is, has deviated and moved away from.

“the straight path”, *sawaa’* is the thing intended [*qasd*] and the way [*manhaj*]. Its origin is *al-wasat* (middle). *Sabeel* is in the meaning of the treaded path. Hence, *sawaa’ al-sabeel* means the middle of the path without deviation to the sides, like what came in the Fatiha: “Guide us to the Straight Path.”

2. Your apostasising from your deen and adopting kufur is what many of the People of the Book desire. They work diligently to revert you from your deen after it has become clear to them that your deen, Islam, is the truth and that the Messenger of Allah, Muhammad (saw), is the promised messenger in their books. All of this from them is out of jealousy that the Messenger of Allah was raised among you and not them. This envy is from themselves; they were not commanded in their books to be like this. On the contrary, they were commanded to affirm him (saw) and believe in him, but they follow their desires instead of the command of Allah.

Thereafter, Allah asks the believers to let them be until the command of Allah comes. This command is what Allah later revealed, such as His saying, “Fight those People of the Book who do not believe in Allah, nor in the Last Day, and do not take as unlawful what Allah

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Robin Williams Suicide: Lessons about the Western Civilization

On 11 August 2014, the world was shocked to hear that the Oscar-winning actor and stand-up comedian Robin Williams was found dead in his California home. His representative, Mara Buxbaum, said in a statement that he had lately been “battling severe depression.” In a statement, the local sheriff’s office said that it was treating the death of the 63-year-old star as a suspected suicide quoted Guardian. And then confirmation came that Robin Williams had committed suicide.

The suicide of Robin Williams has raised some very serious questions regarding the Western civilization and its goal in life. Despite money and fame, he suffered from a life of substance abuse and depression, leading to his eventual suicide. In fact, many in the Western world suffer from depression and anxiety, as recently emphasized in an MMWR report on depression amongst US adults, where every 1 out of 10 American adult is suffering from depression. The statistics revealed that those who most suffer from depression are men and women in the 45-64 years age, at an age where they would have expected to achieve what they set out to achieve. Such depression arises from what the Western civilization sets out as a goal in life, which is seeking the worldly, sensual pleasures. A hollow goal which leaves people unsatisfied and restless, as it does not address the questions of the fundamental purpose of humankind. Some realize the folly late, plunging into depression, and others decide that life is not worth living anymore.

Western civilization has set men and women in a doomed rat-race. Pursuit of sensual pleasure as a goal in life has led the whole society to strive for a goal that does not satisfy people. Moreover pursuit of this folly, the people are exploited by an ugly industry of consumerism, adorned with advertising and

the manufacturing of celebrities to follow. Men set goals for achieving wealth and status, which, even when achieved in the case of Robin Williams, leave a soul unfulfilled and desolate. And the race for achieving such wealth and status, that only a few will achieve, contributes to immense stress. The TUC surveyed 6,000 UK organizations and found stress at work to be a severe problem and now consider stress to be the UK’s top workplace hazard. Men and women are made to feel the need to buy, buy, buy, so they have a sudden urge to acquire a fitted-kitchen, a Mexican bathroom, an African bedroom or a Scandinavian style living room and so on. They work harder than they would really like, in order to buy things that they don’t really need, in order to impress people in a way that is shallow. A rat-race where even the winner feels that he has become a rat.

Women are additionally given goals of beauty which are unachievable for most. Consider, for instance, the average model is less than 23% of the weight of the average American woman. Such unrealistic standards for happiness serve only to increase depression and other forms of mental illness in the women. Yet, immersed in the Western values, many women feel that they should achieve these standards. A survey performed by Cincinnati College of Medicine on 33,000 women found that 75% of those aged 18 to 35 believed that they were fat, while only 25% were medically overweight; 45% of the underweight women thought that they were too fat. The National Institute of Mental Health in the US claimed that every day in the US, Americans spend on average \$109 million on diet or diet related products; 1 in 20 women in the US have anorexia, bulimia, or binge eating disorder and 1,000 women die

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Europe's Deep Fault-lines, its Relations with the US and How the Khilafah can Dominate Europe

Today's Europe that seems united on the surface in the form of the European Union, carries in its roots the worst of vices, including nationalism, love for materialism, a corrupt thinking based on narrow interests and a horrible past of bloody wars that killed millions of its own people.

European countries harmed each other severely through continuous wars in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth centuries in general and in the Twentieth century in particular. Finally the European states decided to get rid of their bloody past and be united on economic terms after the Second World War. They laid the foundations of the European Coal and Steel Community in 1951 and the European Economic Community in 1958 to provide themselves with such a platform based on economic interests and gains that could compel them to honor each other's territorial boundaries. Despite internal differences, they became set to work for the prosperity and material progress of their poverty-stricken people who were really sick of the pathetic economic policies of their governments and the centuries' long wars.

Initially, only six European countries participated to establish these two communities namely. France, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Italy and Luxembourg; and they started to sweep European resources through common policies. Gradually, other European countries began joining them on these two platforms and then finally, after the fall of USSR and Communism, fifteen European countries gave these two communities an extended form of European Union under the Maastricht Treaty. Besides economic benefits, its other objective was to play an active political role, so as to fill the vacuum after the demise of the United Soviet

Socialist Republic and possibly realize the European Union as a strong political power along with the US, on the world stage. Germany and France, being the strongest pillars of Europe, are the forerunners that yearn keenly to exercise a strong political influence over the world, whilst the total number of the countries included in the EU is now twenty-eight. An important point to be kept in mind is that the reasons behind uniting Europe were more political than economic, in which the most pivotal was to stop Europe from indulging in wars that broke out again and again, due to nationalism and the clash of their interests.

The European Union achieved economic progress to a considerable extent after its establishment in 1993. It rose to the heights parallel to America in economic field, through different judicious measures. In order to shape the EU into a coordinated entity of different European countries, many policies were implemented. In addition to a single European market commonly known as the Free Trade Zone that already existed within these countries, they decided to adopt and exercise uniform laws of judiciary, commerce, agriculture, fisheries and regional development internally, and to ensure free movement of people, services, goods and capital externally. On the other hand, the incentive of Shengen Visa also made Europe a center of attraction for the people around the world. European countries that were gaining economic strength with the passage of time decided to give up their national currencies and adopt a single currency, the Euro, in 2002 in order to make themselves the biggest economy in the world. So far eighteen countries have adopted Euro. This block of 18 countries is called Euro Zone.

The EU, after its inception in 1993, made rapid development economically at the global level, till 2007, because of the stable economic factors in the international market, although even during this period it was nowhere near the US in the military field. Nor could Europe undermine the American political influence over the world. Due to this economic gain, the European countries fell into an illusion that they had got rid of their bloody, wrangling past and that their future progress depends on the EU alliance. This illusion did not last long, as soon these countries found themselves afflicted by the torment of the economic crisis that began in 2008 from America. The European countries that had made an alliance based on material benefits, in no time returned back to those differences that were very much alive in their foundations. These differences are deeply rooted in their endearing concept of nationalism, despite being the followers of the same religion. Let’s take a deep look what kind of crisis Europe is surrounded by and how in this crisis their internal differences, that had lessened, re-emerged.

After the international financial crisis erupted in November 2008 in America, the EU officially announced an economic slump in Europe. Following this, other crises started to spring up, one after the other, that included the crisis of the stock markets and the bankruptcy of banks and other financial institutions. The European countries initiated costly bailouts to rescue these institutions, which instead of resolving the crisis, became a tremendous burden on the sickening economies of these countries. This crisis, very soon turned into sovereign debt crisis that continues until today. The crisis of the Euro became apparent when its value began to fall against the main international currencies, particularly the US Dollar, that was in fact followed by the sovereign debt crisis, meaning the crisis of nations’ debts. It usually erupts when the income and GDP of a state declines against the built-up debt and loan. Then the state issues its debt in the form of treasury bonds,

which are purchased by other states, banks and international financial institutions. The state that issues treasury bonds also pays interest on them to the buyers. However, if the state becomes unable to pay off its debt, interest and the insurance value against these bonds, then the buyers would not only stop buying further bonds but also try to get rid of the bonds they had bought previously. Consequently, a severe crisis takes place, which not only affects the economy of the state, but it also shakes the political stability along with the government’s position.

The Euro Zone fell under immense pressure after the news in 2011 that Greece would fall behind in paying its debts that had reached 350 billion Euros (\$ 482 billion). These debts were above its GDP, by 160%, whilst the deficit in its budget had reached 13.6%, whilst the permitted deficit level within the EU is only 3.5%. This crisis got so serious that the Greek Prime Minister Papandreou had to resign before the completion of his term. Italy had to face the same scenario and its Prime Minister Berlusconi too, announced his resignation. Other European countries like Ireland, Portugal and Spain also suffered the same crisis. This sovereign debt crisis stretched even to France, which is not only an important country of the Euro Zone, but also a major political player of the EU. Europe has been facing this crisis for the last six years now, but is still struggling hard to come out of it. It has not succeeded yet in overcoming this ordeal and the obvious reason of this failure lies in the concern over conflicting national interests of every country, rather than thinking about the collective welfare of the European Union.

Germany and France are the two strongest pillars of Europe. These two have a desperate longing to use the EU as a strong political bloc, so as to exercise an effective influence over the world. France and Germany both are working to solve the problems of the Euro Zone. However, it appears that there are fundamental differences between them regarding how to manage the crisis and how to

deal with it. This has been specially so because the subject of economy clashes with the subject of sovereignty of nations. France and Germany both consider themselves the two great heads and leaders of the EU. As such there is a competition behind the scenes between them, concerning which one of them will have the main say within the Union. France, on the one hand, suggested the establishment of Economic Government as a treatment for this crisis that will impose a specific economic policy on every Euro Zone country, which will be binding upon it. Germany, on the other hand, proposed to form an economic management, having a structure and a framework that would impose sanctions. Germany did not agree with the French suggestion of establishing an economic government as it will give an impression to other countries, that there is a higher authority over their national governments that dictates to them. Moreover it will erode their sovereignty. That’s why French proposal was not welcomed at all by Germany.

As regards to the European Union, it is of utmost importance to comprehend the role of Germany. It will not be an exaggeration to say that Germany has benefited the most from the European markets, not only before the EU was formed, as well as after its formal foundations in 1993. It consumed the resources from all of Europe to strengthen itself and to bring prosperity to its people. Economically, Germany is the strongest country of Europe. Its strong economy relies heavily upon its exports that comprise 40% of its GDP. Germany is the second biggest exporter in the world. Europe, being a free trade zone, is a vast international market of over 500 million people. Germany’s huge and ever increasing industrial and agricultural production require a vast market and the European Free Trade Zone benefits Germany from every aspect. The huge exports of Germany have monopolized the markets across Europe. This helps it to accumulate wealth from all over Europe. In addition, Germany holds the largest financial share in the European Central

Bank (ECB) because it is the strongest economically amongst all the European countries. Thus its interests always remain protected. The value of the Euro is also controlled by ECB. So we can understand that if Germany holds the largest share in the ECB then it is in the position not only to influence the Euro, but also European Monetary Policy at large. Hence, Germany knows that it is in its own interest to keep Europe intact under the umbrella of one Euro currency and the EU Charter. But on the other hand, its policies and economic interests pose a hurdle for EU to get out of its economic crisis. Almost every European country is facing trade deficit with Germany. Even France, which is the second most important country of Europe, has billions of Euros drowned, due to this trade deficit with Germany. This trade deficit becomes a major reason for the overall budget deficit in the economies of these countries. Moreover, Germany’s stronghold over ECB also influences the economic matters of these countries.

Although Germany never wants to put its national interests at stake, it desperately wants to rescue the Euro from the sovereign debt crisis. In order to save the EU from weakening further, Germany has suggested many measures which are:

- The EU should legislate an authority for Brussels- the EU capital- to control budgets of the states which suffer from a national debt crisis, through the European Central Bank.
- Such countries must adopt austerity measures in their monetary policy, that will result in a considerable cut in the funds allocated for public development projects and government expenditures.
- The EU should seize supporting those countries economically, as well as politically, at all international forums that usually permit deficits, to increase their budgets a great deal.

- The voting rights of these countries should be frozen in the EU elections that are held after every five years, for a specific number of years.
- These countries should lower the public salaries and wages in relation with austerity measures.
- Germany also suggested that other countries should follow its example in limiting the budget deficit ceiling in their constitution, to avoid exclusion from the EU.

European countries, on the other hand, are unwilling to accept these German proposals as they will have to face a furious response from the public if they put a cut on development projects and their salaries and wages. These suggestions also require a change in the Lisbon Treaty that governs the EU which only came to existence after a difficult birth due to the sharp differences within the European states which were unwilling to surrender their national interests. Moreover, these suggestions were also seen by other states as a direct interference in their sovereignty for which they would never give their consent. Consequently, the EU does not seem to succeed in resolving this crisis so far because every state prefers its own interests rather than thinking about the collective benefit of the Union.

As far as the austerity measures are concerned, the European states in debt are not ready to adopt them beyond a certain limit. They think that they will have to take several tough steps, that also include further increase in taxation and lowering of wages. These steps will turn their public against them and leave them extremely unpopular amongst their people. They take a view that the stronger countries of Europe took most advantage of the European resources through the free trade zone and other economic policies. So responsibility also lies with them to shoulder the maximum burden of the sovereign debt crisis that has plagued the whole of Europe. In addition, they take the view that these stronger

and wealthier countries should keep lending further money to the troubled countries, such as Greece, Italy, Portugal, Ireland and Spain, so that these countries do not default and the EU is saved from dismantle. On the other hand, the wealthier countries, especially Germany, which have already granted huge loans to the troubled countries do not intend to continue this practice anymore, particularly when there is little hope of these loans ever being paid back. They prefer instead to encourage these countries to adopt austerity measures.

The European economic crisis aggravates the situation further within each European country, too, because concentration of wealth is worsening, manifested as a class difference. The lower and middle classes of every country think that the general public is already on the losing side because of the crisis. They are facing alarming rates of unemployment and heavy taxes, yet will further be victimized by austerity measures. As for the elites, they do not bother to pay any cost for resolving this crisis. They demand that the elites who are already enjoying exemption from taxes and other perks from the governments, should carry equal burden along with the general public. The people of many European countries blame the EU and consider it a root cause of their economic and financial plight. They think that only the stronger countries use the Union for their interests. That’s why there is an increasing demand from the people to their respective governments to pull out of the EU.

Germany, under these circumstances, is facing a dilemma. If all the indebted countries adopt the austerity measures in the true sense, it will be disastrous for the German economy. True austerity within these countries will result in decline of demand and consumption of German exports across Europe. Germany’s exports are the backbone for its economy. If they are hit, Germany will also face a further disastrous downturn in its economy. So, to avoid this, Germany encourages the European Central Bank to lend money to these countries

in order to maintain the demand and consumption of German products across Europe. Moreover, to help the indebted countries, Germany has increased its share in the European Stabilization Fund from 450 billion Euros to 1000 billion Euros. Germany also released a loan of 100 billion Euros for the ailing economy of Spain. All these steps highlight German untiring efforts to save the EU because if any country defaulted, it will have to exit the EU and once this trend started, nobody knows where it will end. It would certainly jeopardize the survival of the EU. Germany wants other countries to discipline their budgets and emerge from crisis on their own, but this does not seem to materialize and the Euro is still under immense pressure. German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned about the future of the Euro Zone, when she declared, *“Germany does not want to bankrupt any state because that would mean the bankruptcy of all of us.”* She repeated it again while addressing the conference of her Christian Democratic Party saying, *“Europe is living in its most difficult time since the Second World War.....and if the Euro failed then Europe would fail.”*

The large number of suggestions from Germany, its support to increase its share in European Stabilization Fund indicate its desperation to bring Europe, EU and Euro out of the crisis while safeguarding its national interests at the same time. All this comes up with its acknowledgement that the Euro is the secret of this Union and its downfall would mean the downfall of Europe.

The political and social implications of this crisis are not less important than Europe. As mentioned earlier, the middle class and the elite of every country are divided over the solution to the crisis, particularly who is going to pay the major share of its costs. Besides this, the unemployment rate in Europe is alarming. In 2013, the average unemployment rate across Europe was 11.6%, whereas in 11 countries, it was 10 to 17% and in two countries, Spain and Greece, it was 25% and 26.5% respectively. This alarming rate of

unemployment is extremely dangerous for the whole of Europe. As a result of this unemployment, the people of these countries are suffering from many social problems and politically, they blame European Union for all of this.

As for the position of the cunning Britain, which is a major member of the EU, it stands on a corner, at the edge of the Atlantic Ocean, watching the plight of Europe as a mere spectator, while working to protect itself from the disaster of the Union. However, the far reaching effects of this crisis that has struck Britain too. It is not showing any interest in solving the problem, in the same way as it is seeking to make gains and spoils from the crisis. Britain did not enter Euro Zone, refusing to give up its national currency (Pound Sterling). Britain is not concerned with the Euro issue. There are many voices within Britain that are calling to exit from the EU, so that pressure is not put on it from any side to join the Euro Zone. Indeed it showed satisfaction at the expense of the Union when the former Foreign Minister William Hague said, *“The Euro will become a moment in history noted for its collective folly (stupidity),”* and he compared the Euro Zone to, *“A burning building that has no fire escape doors.”* On another occasion Prime Minister David Cameron said, *“The Euro crisis does not only represent a danger to the European economy alone but rather the world economy in its entirety.”* The European politicians are well aware of the British hypocrisy and contempt. The former head of European Commission, Bruso once pointed out, *“It is upon the states of the Union which are not supportive of joining the Euro not to work to stand in the path of those states that wish to make progress in that direction.”*

Despite all this, Britain does not want to exit from the EU as long as it remains standing, because it is working to achieve economic gains from it, in addition to the political gains at the world level when it steers Europe to take decisions which are in line with its interests. Its exit would be harmful for it.

David Cameron once said in this regard, “*The exiting of Britain from the EU would not be in our national interests. If we were to find ourselves outside the European Union, we would be in a situation similar to Norway meaning that we would be exposed (and affected by) all of the decisions that are being issued from Brussels, without being able to take part in making those decisions.*” At the same time, he rejected giving up British sovereignty when he called for, “*The handing over of a large portion of the European Commission powers in Brussels to the national governments.*” So Britain does not want to exit from the EU, but at the same time it does not want to enter into Euro Zone.

The facts that the EU is divided into 28 nation states and the lack of a strong unified political leadership within the Union not only harms it economically, but also at the political and military level. America has been successful in using European military forces through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) for its own interests. Since 2000, major European countries including Germany, France, Italy and Spain have been trying to form a separate European military force free, from NATO and American influence, by establishing European Operational Headquarters. This military force is intended to be formed to achieve European political and military objectives in the world. So far this plan has not succeeded due to a weak political leadership. Britain too, is opposing this plan vehemently, as it thinks that it will undermine its influence over Europe and it wants to be influential at all costs. The latest effort in this regard was made in 2011, five major countries Germany, France, Spain, Italy and Poland sent a confidential letter to the Foreign Minister of the EU, Lady Ashton, urging her to go ahead in establishing European Operational Headquarters, ignoring Britain. They assured her of their maximum cooperation for this purpose. This confidential letter was somehow leaked out and Britain expressed its extreme anger over it, threatening to veto this plan in the European

parliament. Britain is also supported by America in this regard, which wants to see the EU as a weak political entity at every cost. America wants to use European military might only through NATO and of course, for her own interests and benefits. Besides this, America has also established strong ties with the states of Eastern Europe through military pacts. America influences these European states by assuring them the safeguarding of their security against their enemies. This influence does not let these states take any interest in forming a separate European force. Thus the EU could not move forward in this direction too, because of the division within the Union and a weak political leadership. Prodi, the former president of the European Commission once expressed his frustration over it by saying, “*Europe cannot afford to take care of its treasury only, and leaving its security over America.*”

Another factor that adds to the weaknesses of the EU is the deficiency of energy resources in Europe especially natural gas. Europe only produces 35 to 40% of its gas consumption while imports 1/3 of its requirement from Russia. This matter makes Europe dependent on Russia to a dangerous extent. Due to this dependency, Europe could not take any effective steps against Russian aggression in Georgia in 2008 and Ukraine in 2014. Russia truly crippled Europe in this matter using its gas card.

With all these shortcomings of the European Union, its incapability to resolve the current economic and national debt crisis, increasing unemployment and other problems have really shaken public confidence in it. The public opinion is rapidly turning against the EU alliance. Its evident proof is the results of the EU elections held in France and Britain in June 2014, in which people voted for those parties that consider the EU a hurdle in the progress of their countries. These parties also demand that the major portion of the Union powers should be transferred to the national governments. The number of votes cast to these parties in this election is the highest in

EU history, which although does not pose an immediate threat to its integration, surely reflects an increasing dissatisfaction and anger of the people of European countries against it. The political thinkers and the intellectuals of Europe are considering these results as a vote against the EU establishment. It is obvious that the EU that existed before 2008, in the form of a strong economic bloc, is not what exists today. Its formal structure appears the same but it does not function with the same efficiency. The question of what the EU might become in future has been replaced by the question of how long it will survive with its unending crises and a weak public support.

All these arguments prove that EU is a weak alliance of the countries that had decided to be united only to gain material gains and interests, whilst maintaining a strong national identity. It is not one strong political entity, rather an unnatural and loose alliance of 28 nation states. This unnatural alliance carries many weaknesses in which the most important one is the division based on nationalism. This division is its biggest impediment, which will never allow it to become a strong political might.

Discussing America’s role is equally important in connection with the EU. America cannot afford to allow the existence of any such bloc or an ideological state that challenges its status as a super power. We all are well aware of the Obama administration’s desperate efforts to stop the establishment of Caliphate. So, let us turn our attention as to how it tries through several steps to weaken Europe and does not allow it to emerge as a strong bloc at the world level.

The crisis in Europe presented an opportunity to America to exploit this crisis, to turn the attention away from its own troubled financial and economic situation, as well as the fact that America is the epicenter and the main culprit of the crisis. From another angle, it seeks to shake the confidence of the Europeans in regards to their Union and its currency, Euro. It is also working to cause the downfall of the

EU as well as of the Euro so as to diminish the international European influence, which competes with it especially in terms of economics and international politics. Indeed America wants Europe to follow it and walk in its shadow. For this purpose America aids Europe at a moral level, so that it remains following it. America refused the European request to double its funding of the IMF at the 2011 G-20 Summit, so as to move towards a solution for the Euro Zone crisis. In addition to this refusal, famous American credit rating companies like Standards and Poors and Moody’s and Fitch are also playing their role to further destabilize the economic condition of the European countries. These companies lowered the credit rating of Spain, Greece, Italy, Portugal and many other European banks, which numbered twenty-one, including several larger banks, which worsened the economic problems of Europe. Besides this, America has been successful in weakening and fanning the European division in political and military fields through the following factors:

- 1- By keeping NATO intact, which was supposed to be dismantled after the demise of USSR, as it was formed to counter its expansion policy in 1949. America does not want to dismantle it as it uses it for its own interests. It uses it against Islam on one hand and on the other, by using the excuse of NATO, it discourages the idea of forming a separate European force.
- 2- With the help of the British policy, where Britain does not accept to melt away into the European Union completely and wants to maintain its free and influential status. That’s why it puts one foot in the EU and the other foot in America. By doing so, it also becomes a cause of division within the Union and this matter caters American interests.
- 3- Many states of Eastern Europe that joined the EU in 2003 including Poland, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania have strong ties with the US in terms of

military and security pacts. These pacts have given the US a real influence inside Europe.

- 4- Greater American control over oil producing countries and their resources also gives the US a control over the EU countries that need oil. Moreover, the American control over the Third World rulers allows it to monopolize favorable trade deals and plunder the resources of the world, that deprives Europe of these gains.

All these factors clearly prove American dominance over Europe. Admittedly, America itself is facing a serious economic crisis, America’s unemployment rate is also creeping up, there are also some voices found in thirty American states that demand separation from the federation due to unequal distribution of resources and more than forty million people are living under poverty line. However, in comparison with the EU there is no threat to the American union of states in the near future on two grounds:

- 1- As is the case with the EU, the decision making in America is not divided among separate political units, rather it is concentrated in Washington D.C. only. This matter does not allow its political power to weaken or divide.
- 2- Although the Caliphate is on its way, there has been no ideological state in the world recently that could really exploit its weaknesses and challenge its dominance over the world on the basis of an alternate ideology.

Despite American dominance, Europe also keeps waiting for opportunities to harm American interests. America always used the UN Security Council to pass resolutions according to its own interests and plans, whether it be a matter of imposing sanctions on a country or attacking it, but in 2003, France and Germany managed to influence the Security Council against supporting America in its plans to attack Iraq. France in particular, launched a strong campaign and exposed

America internationally as a state that violates international law. So America appeared as an arrogant state that follows the path of unjust and brutal force and breaks international law, instead of being seen as the protector of law. Thus America’s true face was further exposed.

From another angle, we see that although the US uses NATO for its own interests, but some European countries at times try to thwart American plans by using the same NATO platform. They, at some important occasions, withdraw their soldiers from different fronts, or decrease their numbers, or sometimes do not send their soldiers at all. In the war against Iraq, no European country participated physically besides Britain. Against Afghanistan, although Europe participated actively in the beginning through NATO, in the last few years Europe’s support, as well as the number of its troops, have declined considerably. Many countries simply refused to send their soldiers by using the excuse of their parliaments refusing consent to join in the American war. There are a few European countries, including Britain, that get their troops stationed at those Afghani provinces or districts where the resistance factor is not so strong, so as to avoid the loss of their soldiers. That’s why in the most dangerous areas of Afghanistan, there are the American troops mostly who face a severe and bloody resistance from Taliban and one can see that the casualties of American soldiers in this war are a lot higher, as compared to NATO forces.

It is also observed that Europe tried to raise problems for America in its election year. It is a well-known fact that no American governments want to be entangled in any controversy in their election year and become quite vulnerable. They do not want any issue to hurt their image in the coming elections. This situation gives some European countries an opportunity to exploit America's weakness and through different steps, they try to pressurize the American governments.

All this discussion so far, clearly exposes the reality of these European upholders of a

corrupt and false ideology. These European countries, although belong to one religion but believe in an ideology that only promotes among them greed and a continuous struggle to pocket maximum material benefits. They even develop relations with each other only on the basis of these material benefits. To gain benefits they, never hesitate even to chop each other’s roots. Their hearts and minds collide and they are not sincere with each other. With the help of their ideology based on oppression and human exploitation, they seek to chain the whole world for the moment. The Capitalist ideology has failed to give humanity the solutions of its problems and weakened these countries too.

The matter that is lacking and required today is a state that would come into existence on the basis of a true ideology and exploit the weaknesses of these oppressive countries to render them ineffective, with the help of deep political insight. Today, this world desperately needs an Islamic Caliphate state that will guide the humanity from the darkness of Kufr towards the light of Islam. Looking closely into the internal differences of these European countries and their system that plunges them into crisis repeatedly, it seems as if the circumstances favoring the re-establishment of the Caliphate arisen. Many thinkers and intellectuals of Europe and America, along with their people, are found writing and protesting against the drawbacks and corruption of their capitalist system. At the same time, unfortunately, they are compelled to find solutions of their problems within the same system as there is no other ideology in the world that could guide them to the right direction. But, inshaaAllah, with the re-establishment of the Caliphate, with Pakistan or another strong state of groups of states as its starting point, with its leadership and thousands of trained Islamic politicians through mature political insight and guidance granted by Islam are ready to initiate measures to bring about the inevitable collapse of Capitalism rapidly and establish the dominance of Islam.

The Caliphate, soon after its re-establishment, shall expose the corrupt thinking of Capitalism regarding the people of the world, with the help of a strong media and its Shabab spread all over the globe, whether it be the Middle East, Europe, America or anywhere else. The Caliphate will also show the world a true picture of the Islamic State and the fruits and prosperity in it achieved by the implementation of Islamic laws and systems. This will surely on one hand create awareness among the people of the world and on the other hand, infuse hatred against their own Capitalist system. It will not be the first time in recent history. Before this, the USSR, being an ideological state did exactly the same thing, though its own ideology is also false. The propaganda against Capitalism launched by the USSR finally forced the capitalist countries to add the patchwork of the concept of a welfare state in their ideology. It was necessary to keep their people content, as they were being addressed and influenced by the communist propaganda.

The Caliphate, according to the directions of Islam and as a corner stone of its foreign policy, will speed up the process of annexing other Muslim lands, along with ensuring the consolidation of the state. In this process, the public opinion in favor of Islam that already exists and the Muslims of the Middle East and the Central Asian states will be very helpful. Both these regions are rich with unlimited oil and gas reserves. The Caliphate after annexing the countries of these regions will directly possess these reserves. This possession will give the Caliphate a tremendous material advantage over other countries of the world, which will be used to further Islam. The Caliphate will also have an option to provide oil and gas to those countries, including some of the European ones, that are not in a state of war with the Muslims. This special favor to these countries will be helpful in separating them from the American sphere and the European bloc. It will also help these countries to get rid of the American oppressive dominance, creating an

opportunity for the dominance of Islam. For this purpose, Caliphate is also able to make short-term agreements with these states. Using the card of these resources to achieve some objectives is not unprecedented. Russia, no longer being an ideological state today, did it successfully when European countries found themselves helpless against Russian aggression in Georgia and Ukraine as they are dependent on Russia for their gas needs.

The Caliphate as well as having the true ideology, will have immense material resources. Thus there seems to be little likelihood that either America or European larger countries could stand directly in front of the Islamic state to counter its expansion policy. But even if they try to do so at some stage, the Caliphate will be ready to cope with this by developing its heavy industry linked with the military advancements at a fast pace. The highly trained professional armed forces with the love of Jihad that already exists in the hearts of our soldiers will add further to the strength of Caliphate.

It is only the Caliphate that will put the dominance of Dollar over the entire world to an end, as it will adopt the currency based on the gold and silver standard. Only this currency based on gold and silver can dry up the demand for the Dollar practically. This world knows very well that the real currency is gold and silver, not the paper currency. The practical implementation of this currency, particularly in an ever-expanding Caliphates and those states that enter into treaty with it, will deliver a severe blow to the American Dollar hegemony. Consequently, it will undermine American influence in the world. Apart from these steps, several other measures will be taken to exploit American weaknesses, particularly fanning the desire of separation from the federation within the thirty disenchanted American states. Even if this process goes slow, it will be helpful in pushing America on the back foot, diverting its focus from foreign fronts to internal issues. Additionally, there are many American military bases on different Muslim lands that

ensure its dominance across the Muslim world; but once the Caliphate starts annexing these lands after its re-establishment, there will be no more American bases in these areas. InshaaAllah, the loss of these bases in such a humiliating way at the hands of Caliphate will put the American dominance and control over the world into reverse gear. This annexation will also enable the Caliphate to control many sea routes of the world which will give the Caliphate further strength, as these routes are very important for the world regarding its trade and oil supply.

Another policy that can be pursued by the Caliphate is to give loans on soft conditions or provide aid to non-belligerent non-Muslim poor countries, such as those found in Latin America, to free them from the shackles of IMF, World Bank and America. The Caliphate can develop cordial relations with them and arouse among them the feelings of amity for the Islamic state. It will also help in severing these countries from the upholders of Capitalism, America and the dominant states within Europe.

All these steps, demand exceptional political insight and awareness. However, we know that the leadership of the future Caliphate is equipped with these features achieved on the basis of Islam. Thousands of the Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir, trained politically as well as intellectually under this leadership, are waiting anxiously to shine upon the whole world with the light of Islam and guide it to the way of eternal success. May Allah be the Helper and Protector of this leadership and all of us and bless us with Nussrah for the establishment of the Caliphate soon! Ameen!

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Boom & Bust Cycle is Inevitable in Capitalism

All praises are due to Allah (swt) and Peace be upon Rasul Allah (saw), to his family and his Companions (ra) and those who followed, Before going into the details of today's topic, we need to reflect on how we should view the economic related topics. Some people only discuss economic matters because they are interested in the topic. Some people look at economic matters from a learning point of view also. Some people with carelessness say that what we are going to get by discussing this, or that "you people have made Islam complicated". As a Muslim and a caller to Islam, we look at the economic matters from the viewpoint of Islam and the Islamic Aqeedah. We see that at the time of Rasul Allah (saw), the nobles of Makkah were rich and had a complete monopoly on trade. They had established a system trade through caravans. A big share of their trade was composed of extortion gained through cheating the pilgrims. Allah (swt) revealed in the Quran regarding their fraudulent practices, ﴿وَيْلٌ لِّلْمُطَفِّفِينَ * الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَكْتَالُوا عَلَى النَّاسِ﴾ **“Woe to Al Mutaffifin [those who give less in measure and weight (decrease the rights of others)], those who, when they have to receive by measure from men, demand full measure, and when they have to give by measure or weight to men, give less than due.”** [Surah Al-Mutaffifin 83: 1-3].

In a similar manner today, we need to understand the Western Capitalist system and its economic basis. We need to expose how it has failed to solve the economic problems of the humanity. We need to present our alternative, the Islamic economic system. To understand the causes and effects of economic crises within the Capitalist system, we need to look at its reality in connection with other economic crises. Then, we could understand

how these economic crises originated and quickly spread.

It is a routine within the Capitalist system to have periodic economic crises. They are part of what is called the "Boom & Bust Cycle". According to the IMF, during the past thirty years there have been over a hundred economic crises in the world. Some economic crises are so extreme that they shake the foundations of the capitalistic economic order. Amongst these severe crises is the recent American economic crisis which effects are still present in the world today.

Since the inception of the Capitalist system, severe economic crises occur again and again. Their close observation reveals three shared characteristics in them:

1. Economic crises originate from Stock Markets, Banks, and Financial Institutions and then they spread across all economic activities whether financial or growth related.
2. The effects of the major economic crises are global. Due to globalisation, it does not take long for economic crises to strangle the whole world.
3. They occur suddenly, without warning. No one talks about them before their origination. However, once they are originated then everyone starts talking about the extent, lasting effects, and other matters.

So, we come to the question as to the causes of the Boom & Bust Cycle. The Capitalist system takes humans from the submission of Allah (swt) to the slavery of mankind. The purpose of human life becomes the satisfaction of physical desires. Benefit becomes the criterion to perform actions. The action which is beneficial is conducted irrespective of how harmful it is for others. The Capitalists consider that the economic problem is the scarcity of resources and

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services to fulfil unlimited needs. Therefore, their complete focus stays on the increase of growth. They leave the distribution of wealth to the price mechanism, so whoever has money can buy bread and eat it, and whoever does not have, dies out of hunger.

In the view of Capitalists, individual freedom is most important, one can buy whatever he wants and the state will not intervene in this matter. Banking system, interest-based business, stocks and shares, derivatives, futures and insurance have come from the concept of freedom of ownership. This results in a race to accumulate wealth through rate fixing, rumour and other illegal practices. To take our discussion forward, if we deeply reflect upon the Boom & Bust Cycle then we get to know that it is specific to Capitalism. As Capitalism stresses on the production of good and their consumption, it ensures that what is being produced is also brought. It takes care that whatever is being produced also has demand, so that it is bought and the capitalist elite can profit from it. Let us analyse the background of the 1923 Great Depression, a huge bust.

After the First World War, America adopted the policy of isolation and cut itself off from the rest of the world. It focused its complete attention on the fulfilment of the “American Dream,” according to which every American should have all the amenities for life and live life happily. To achieve this, President Herbert Clark Hoover initiated the setting up of many factories, mills and development activities. However, the problem was that if the people did not buy the goods, then how would the factories and mills make profit? They would produce more which will result in more profit. However, if the people did not buy what was manufactured, then the whole investment will be wasted. To solve this dilemma, the Capitalists created a demand through various marketing methods. An American lifestyle arose where man strives to buy luxury goods irrespective of whether he has money or not. If he does not have money then he takes loan on interest from the banks. Without expensive

luxuries, he feels incomplete and backward in society and becomes a victim of sense of deprivation.

During this period, the casino of stock market became much stronger. The people started to see that stock market trading could be an easy and quick way to earn wealth. They had become accustomed to this luxurious lifestyle, where greed and love for wealth had seeped into their hearts. Their luxurious needs grew to the point they could not be satisfied. Taking loans on interest from the banks had become a norm. People in large numbers then took interest-based loans from the banks and invested in the casino of the stock markets. This situation was as fragile as a house of cards, waiting to collapse. Finally, the day came when on 27th October 1929, the stock markets crashed and within a day there was an 87% decline.

So, the 1923 Great Depression was the consequence of the Boom and Bust. At the beginning of the decade of the 1920s, everything seemed good because growth was happening and development work was progressing, stock markets were also rising sharply and the standard of living of a common man improved rapidly. However, this ‘Boom’ was based on the interest-based loans, with the bubble of the stock markets swelling until it burst. The ‘Bust’ was such that the American would stand in a queue for hours to get the bread to eat two times a day. Their situation had become worse than beggars. For the next whole decade, America kept trying to come out of this great depression, without notable success. Then in 1941, when Japan attacked Pearl Harbour, it proved for America to be a blessing. Ending isolation, America participated in the Second World War and a substantial weapons industry was established. The one-third of Americans who were unemployed for a decade found employment and in economic activity resumed, including the buying and selling of war bonds.

After the end of the Second World War, the American economy was standing on strong

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industrial basis. However, then America started to outsource all their factories and mills to countries which had cheap labour available. 80% of American factories and mills moved to China, Japan, Korea, Mexico and various Third World countries where America ordered the goods to be manufactured. It then bought the finished good which meant that its trade deficit increased rapidly, as it was importing more and exporting less. To substitute these factories and mills, America turned its attention to the Hi-Tech industry in which America manufactured aerospace, computers, telecommunications and similar goods. It either did not commonly share the technology with anyone or transferred it after setting restrictive conditions. However, irrespective of this, the Hi-Tech industry does not have enough breadth to offer widespread employment, as the workers needed more skills.

Today, America's reliance is more on the service industry, which is 65% of American economy, whereas 15% of the American economy is based on insurance companies, banks, stock markets and other financial markets. These matters are interconnected through the vast mortgage loan market. People seek loans from the banks to acquire houses, they get their houses insured and then chasing the American lifestyle, they purchase appliances and furniture from retail stores which are local, but are made in factories abroad. In addition, after 1950, the capitalists invented another form of loans, the credit card. People were convinced that they can purchase whatever they want and then can repay it in instalments. Initially people were reluctant to use it and preferred to save and then buy. The credit cards were then introduced as shopping cards. The target consumers were women because housewives went shopping for appliances but were reliant on cash from their husbands. Through shopping credit cards, they were more relaxed in spending during shopping. With time, the popularity of credit cards increased rapidly.

Today it has become an essential element of the Western lifestyle. In 1940, 44% of Americans had entered the housing market, in 1960 this figure rose to 62% and now it is 70%. It was the sub-prime mortgage market, loans for houses to the poorer people that became the epicentre for the recent global crisis. Financial institutions took loans from others, then sold these on higher interest rate further adding fragility which led to a huge crash. It is not surprising as most of the American economy relies on Americans purchasing houses on interest-based loans from banks, getting them insured and household goods. Today, the situation is such that the loans of many Americans are more than their total assets, whereas as the debt in the whole American economy is seven times more than the actual American wealth.

Why does America insist on a debt driven economy? Interest-based loans created both the Boom during the Twenties of the Twentieth Century, but then caused the Bust of 1929, which persisted throughout the Thirties. Yet, why did America not learn lessons from history and is repeating the same mistake? The reason is the false doctrine of the ideology to which they adhere to, Capitalism. Capitalism takes humans away from the slavery of Allah (swt) to the slavery of oneself and one's desires. In Capitalism, the purpose and pursuit of life is the satisfaction of sensual pleasures. This concept makes humans greedy and this was the greed which forced the Americans to pursue the American dream. It is this greed which persuaded the grey suited men, the large scale capitalists, to develop banking and financial markets to exploit this dream for themselves.

As for the financial institutions that are issuing loans and are continuing to do so, can they not see this situation? They are aware of the situation but the wealth accrued from interest rates has blinded them. They do not even think that the wealth compared to the loans they have issued is not even available in the market. It is as if they expect that when people will return their loans the wealth will

automatically be created from out of thin air. This has become virtually true in the form of Fiat currency, which is not backed upon real wealth such as gold or silver, but on the government's promise to pay. More and more money is printed as the government issues treasury bonds, feeding more debt into a collapsing system. Due to the influence of the grey suited men upon the government, these financial institutions are bailed out by the American government and their greed is rewarded. In 2008, these financial institutions were saved from bankruptcy by giving them \$1700 Billion from the public's funds. They thanked the public by resuming their exploitation with increased ferocity, like a pack of hungry wolves.

Despite all the destruction, the West calls the rest of the world to Capitalism. Its example is that of the rat in a sewer that cannot conceive of a better. About these kinds of people, Allah (swt) says: ﴿هُمْ قُلُوبٌ لَا يَفْقَهُونَ بِهَا وَهُمْ أَعْيُنٌ لَا يُبْصِرُونَ بِهَا﴾ **“They have hearts wherewith they understand not, they have eyes wherewith they see not, and they have ears wherewith they hear not (the truth).”** [Surah Al-Aaraf 7:179]. Western capitalists also have a problem that they compare their sick and disabled system with the system which died recently, Communism. They content themselves by saying that their system, though has chronic diseases, but at least it is still alive. However, if they use their mind then they can come to the system revealed by the Creator which not only was implemented for 1300 years and but also gave economic stability to humanity. It prevented economic crises and today it can take the humanity out of its misery and grant welfare, prosperity and economic stability.

Only the Islamic Economic System can save humanity from the Boom and Bust cycle and economic recessions. The Islamic Economic System and its details are referenced in the vast culture of Hizb ut Tahrir. Here, only a brief reference of it is being presented:

1. Economic Policy of Islam: The economic policy of Islam mandates on the state that

people's basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter are fulfilled in any case and to provide more and more opportunities for them to enjoy the luxuries of life as per their own capabilities. It does not accept the concept of scarcity of resources as there are enough resources to secure the basic needs, but never enough to fulfil the endless pursuit of luxuries.

2. Islam's viewpoint regarding wealth: There are normally three purposes of wealth – saving, spending or investment, and its transfer – and then the Shariah through detailed rulings have addressed these three objectives in a way that not only an individual benefits, but the whole society benefits from it.
3. Currency in the Khilafah: Rather than adopting Fiat currency, Shariah has decreed Gold and Silver as the basis of the currency. This abolishes inflation from its root.
4. Prohibition of Interest: About the prohibition of the Interest, clear and definite rulings exists in the Shariah sources. If any sensible person who looks at these economic crisis in depth, he will conclude that a major factor for the economic chaos in the world is interest-based loans. Capitalists have noted that if in the society the economic activity and liquidity needs be created, then the interest rate needs to be reduced as much as possible. The reality is that the interest brings economic stagnation in the market, because people, instead of investing in their business or making investments, keep their money in the banks so that they get a fixed amount of money through interest. In Islam, through the prohibition of interest, people spend their wealth in trading, industry and agriculture, which increases the growth and economic activities are created and wealth circulated.
5. Circulation of Wealth and Definitions of Ownership: There are three types of ownership in Islam – State Property,

Public property, and Private Property. Shariah has given clear rulings about it which organises the distribution of wealth. Whereas in capitalism, individual freedom leads to a few depriving both the state and public of immense resources by rampant privatization.

6. Islam's view on stock markets and related financial markets: Stock markets are part of an artificial economy which has no relevance to the production and distribution of real goods and services. Instead, this business is only based on speculation and gambling. They contribute to and worsen the crises.

This is a brief overview of the Islamic Economic System gives an insight into a tried and tested alternative to Capitalism. Under Islam, economic activities will thrive, businesses will grow, employment opportunities will become available, and economic prosperity will occur. However, all this is possible when the Khilafah will be established on the ideology of Islam, which will implement Islam, taking humanity from the darkness of injustice and oppression to the light of truth and guidance. Allah (swt) said, ﴿فَإِمَّا يَأْتِيَنَّكُمْ مِنِّي هُدًى فَمَن اتَّبَعَ هُدَايَ فَلَا يَضِلُّ وَلَا يَشْقَى * وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا﴾ **“Then if there comes to you guidance from Me, then whoever follow My Guidance shall neither go astray, nor fall into distress or misery. But whoever turns away from My Reminder (i.e, neither believes in t his Quran nor acts on its orders etc.) verily, for him is a life of hardship.”** [Surah Taha 20:123-124]

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every year from anorexia (American Anorexia/Bulimia Association). In the year 2000, the British Medical Association published a report discussing the reasons for

the increasing levels of anorexia in the UK and elsewhere and wrote, “The media’s obsession with painfully thin fashion models has contributed to the growth in eating disorders among young girls...The degree of thinness exhibited by models chosen to promote products is both unachievable and biologically inappropriate.”

Allah (swt) describes this miserable reality as only He can, (وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَعْمَالُهُمْ كَسَرَابٍ بِقِيَعَةٍ يَحْسَبُهُ الظَّمَانُ مَاءً حَتَّى إِذَا جَاءَهُ لَمْ يَجِدْهُ شَيْئًا وَوَجَدَ اللَّهُ عِنْدَهُ فُوفَاءَ حِسَابِهِ وَاللَّهُ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ) **“But the Unbelievers - their deeds are like a mirage in sandy deserts which the man parched with thirst mistakes for water, until when he comes up to it, he finds it to be nothing.”** [Surah Al-Nur 24: 39]

In contrast, Islam, the only true way of life, does not set hollow goals for men and women to pursue for happiness. Moreover, Islam does not allow the exploitation of the needs and instincts of man through rampant consumerism. Uniquely, Islam has organized the instincts and needs of men and women in order to fulfil the profound goal of seeking the pleasure of Allah (swt). It has embedded this goal within every deed that is undertaken, from smiling upon a child, to giving charity, from earning for the family to speaking truthfully before the tyrant. Every action is a worship of Allah (swt) which builds tranquillity and happiness, as the soul yearns for the abundant rewards in the next life. Thus the Khilafah that was, and which will return again soon inshaaAllah, is characterised as a society that is striving for the pleasure of the Creator of life itself.

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Zarb-e-Azab, Not the Noble Sword of the Prophet (SAW) but a Plan to Strengthen US-India Nexus

We must not forget that Operation Zarb-e-Azab is continuation of the War on Terror. It is the war that was initiated by the United States after the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center. General Musharraf took a policy decision of entering the US War on Terror. The same Musharraf is now facing a case of high treason in Pakistani courtrooms. The facts on the ground which are now clearer contradict the then-created media smoke screen by the traitor Musharraf, who bathed his hands in the blood of Muslim women and children in the Lal Masjid (Red Mosque) operation.

Musharraf portrayed in front of the people of Pakistan in general, and soldiers of Pakistan army specifically, that the Maulana of Lal Masjid was unwilling to accept the peace deal and forced violence upon the population of Islamabad. The failed peace negotiations were blamed on the people inside Lal Masjid and an all-out operation was sanctioned which enjoyed support from some liberal sections of civil society, media, analysts, and establishment. Seven years after the operation, the revealed facts places the blame on Musharraf and rightly so. “From the statements, it is clear that volunteer witnesses and court witnesses described the deaths as avoidable...They held Pervez Musharraf, then occupying the public position of president, as the person responsible for the incident,” stated the Red Mosque Commission [1].

A little bit of background is important because this policy of misleading public opinion was to be repeated as a policy for the next decade by the successors of Musharraf in order to fulfill US policy. It has been a cycle of violence blamed on Islamist radicals, so-called peace negotiations, failure in peace negotiations blamed on terrorists; a military

operation resulting in further involvement of Pak army in a quagmire of its own making.

Peace has never been the objective of any operations in War on Terror. Time and again, both traitors in Pakistan’s military leadership and the US have proved their unwillingness for peace or stability in the tribal regions. In fact both have been complicit in maintaining the conflict and using peace negotiations as a tool to manipulate public opinion in favor of war on terror and for implementation of US AF-Pak policy in South Asia.

The next major operation was launched in 2009, named Rah-e-Ra’ast in Swat. The pretext of operation was again a so-called peace deal brokered by Sufi Muhammad of Swat and the Pakistan Government. In the immediate aftermath of the peace deal, staged videos of a girl being flogged and the beheading of soldiers, paved the way for another operation. The facts on the ground prove that traitors in the military and political leadership were never willing for peace nor did they honor the peace deal. The evidence being the statement of then Foreign Minister, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, in a joint press conference with US Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton, in March 2010. “(She said) You signed the Swat deal? Capitulation. Surrender.” I said, “Hold on, hold on. That’s a tactic. Wait. Wait till you see the results. And we have demonstrated the results” [2].

A similar fate met many peace deals. Nek Muhammad, Wazir of South Waziristan, signed the Shakai Peace Pact in April 2004 but was killed in a Predator drone strike in June ‘04 [3]. Baitullah Mehsud of South Waziristan signed a peace accord in February 2008. It was reported that he authorized the circulation of a pamphlet that ordered his followers not to undertake any attacks inside Pakistan due to ongoing peace talks. He too

was killed in a drone strike in August 2009 [4]. Another US drone strike in May '13 killed the second in command of TTP, Wali-ur Rehman, widely known in the Pakistani community as “a pro-peace figure in Taliban”. The PTI politician Imran Khan in a tweet after the drone strike said, “The drone attack that killed pro-peace Wali-ur-rehman, led to our soldiers being killed/injured in revenge attacks! This is totally unacceptable” [5]. Soon afterwards followed the drone strike that killed the commander of TTP Hakimullah Mehsud in November 13 while the peace negotiations were in progress [6]. In the same month, the spokesman of Haqqani network (known to be focused on attacks inside Afghanistan), Naseer Uddin Haqqani, son of Jalal Uddin Haqqani, was killed in Islamabad [7].

Anyone thinking Zarb-e-Azab was any different and will achieve somewhat different results is going against history and facts. The very first major air strike after the formal announcement of Zarb-e-Azab targeted Datta Khel District, known to be the home town of the famous Taliban commander Hafiz Gul Bahadur, and killed 140 suspected militants according to government claims [8]. Hafiz Gul Bahadur had entered into a peace accord with the Pakistan Army in 2006 and since then had been known to have honored the peace deal and focused his operations against NATO forces inside Afghanistan. Zarb-e-Azab was formally announced on 15th June 2014 and until 23rd June Hafiz Gul Bahadur stuck to the peace deal, while the strikes on Datta Khel, Miram Shah, Mir Ali and Shawal Valley resulted in mass exodus of tribesmen [9]. The Pakistani military establishment sanctioned the so-called peace negotiations once again in a decade long US sponsored War on Terror, to be conducted by the Raheel-Nawaz regime in order to create a smoke screen, while the preparation of an operation at the behest of US was well in progress since January 2014 [10].

How can the breakdown of peace negotiations be blamed upon the Taliban when six months

earlier, preparations for an all-out operation in North Waziristan were well under way? This is no different to the case in the operations of Swat, South Waziristan and others. The non-seriousness of effort made to reach a peace agreement was evident from the powerless negotiating team formed by the government, which did not include any major political party or for that matter any member of armed forces. The peace process was supposedly run by the Government in consultation with the opposition political parties but the announcement of the operation was sudden, spontaneous and made through the ISPR, not the Information Minister. The major opposition forces including the PPP and the PTI (the latter of which holds the government, of KPK Province, adjacent to the tribal areas) publically stated that they had no idea an operation was going to happen. Later on all political parties had to declare public support for the operation, as the real decision makers had launched the offensive [11]. The official narrative constructed to create favorable public opinion for the Operation Zarb-e-Azab was the deadly attack on Karachi airport on June 8th 2014. Before the unfortunate incident came to its end, the blame had been put on Waziristan. Official statements were made that the deadly attack on Karachi was orchestrated by Uzbek fighters and Pakistani Taliban in North Waziristan [12].

Just thirty days earlier, on May 7th 2014, Joel Eugene Cox, confirmed by the US State Department as an FBI agent, was arrested on Sunday at the airport in the southern city of Karachi. “Apart from 15 bullets of 9mm calibre along with a magazine, we have also found three knives, spy cameras and devices and other gadgets which included a computer,” stated the SSP of Malir Cantt [13]. Why did the security agencies in Pakistan not even investigate the possible link between the foreign agency operative and the Karachi Airport attack? Yet, on the other hand, the conviction of Waziristan and their punishment in months-long deadly air strikes, required no proof. This was not the only incident left

unattended and unnoticed by security agencies of Pakistan. In July 18, 2014, another US security trainer was arrested at Islamabad Airport but released immediately [14]. It is worth remembering that earlier in January 27, 2011, Raymond Allen Davis, a confirmed private military contractor was released after being arrested for killing two people in Lahore. It is an open secret what Raymond Davis was doing in Pakistan. And the role of ISI head in brokering his release indicated the commitment to US policy by traitors in Pakistan's military leadership.

The operation in North Waziristan is not Pakistan's war, it is America's. It was a long-standing demand of US. The pressure for the operation was at its peak when the US Congress linked the release of outstanding 1.2 billion dollars military aid to Pakistan army with North Waziristan Operation. The US Secretary can only issue a waiver by certifying that "Pakistan has undertaken military operations in North Waziristan that have significantly disrupted the safe haven and freedom of movement of the Haqqani Network." [15]. Pakistani cricketer turned politician, Imran Khan termed New Congress Legislation as "US 'bribing government' for North Waziristan operation" [16]. The North Waziristan operation was first publicized in the media on January 24th, 2014 announcing that NWA operation is likely to start in March [17]. Following the announcement and public commitment, the US released \$352 million under CSF on February 12th, 2014 [18]. The launch of Zarb-e-Azab was followed by an approval of \$960 million outstanding Coalition Support Fund, as assistance to the Pakistani army for fiscal year 2015 [19]. If the Operation Zarb-e-Azab is the operation through the Sword of Prophet (saw), then why are American dollars as Coalition Support Fund being used to fund this war?

North Waziristan operation is part of the American war in Afghanistan. Moreover, besides from America itself, the direct beneficiary is America's new found ally, the

Modi government in India. With the pro-US Raheel-Nawaz regime in power in Pakistan, Operation Zarb-e-Azab was planned in January 2014, and was expected to start in March-April 2014. However, it was delayed until Indian elections concluded on 16th May 2014 in which a pro-US BJP won elections in India. Just a week later on 21st May 2014, Pakistani jet fighter planes bombed NWA and claimed to have killed 60 terrorists. Soon, the heavy deployment of the Army began in North Waziristan, while jets continued to pound the areas of Dattakhel, Miram Shah, Mir Ali and Khyber Agency. By June 2nd, 2014, Pakistan had moved an estimated 1/3rd of its army deployment from the Indian border to the western border [20]. Such movement brought great relief to the Indian armed forces.

Such movement is by design. It is the result of the change of focus from the enemy, India, to America's enemy in the tribal regions. In January 2013, General Kayani announced the strategic doctrine of the army in the famous Army Green Book. Accordingly, the military focus has been modified, and internal threats are now the greatest threat to the security of the country and not India. Consequently, Pakistan transferred the center of its attention from the borders of India to the northern areas of Pakistan bordering Afghanistan. However, this step from Pakistan was not met by a similar step from India, rather it continued to see Pakistan as a major threat to it, and was reluctant to move its troops completely away from the border with Pakistan. However, with the pro-US Modi empowered in India, the stage was set to guarantee that Pakistan is no longer a threat to Indian national security. The guarantee came as perfectly timed statements and actions from Pak Army top brass:

Guarantee 1: Strategic shift from eastern front to the western front through redeployment of major force from Indian to Afghan border

Guarantee 2: Public disapproval of 'strategic depth' and public bashing of those who were so-called advocates of strategic depth in

Afghanistan including the predecessor of Raheel Shareef, Gen Ashfaq Pervaiz Kiyani. The strategic disengagement will also allow India all the more reasons to invest in Afghanistan

Guarantee 3: Geo-economic commitment in the form of Central Trade Corridor by Raheel Shareef himself, to provide economic relief to India.

Thus, to make way for India, Pakistan is incurring losses as part of the US plan. An estimated 80,000 troops are participating in the North Waziristan Operation in addition to 40,000 already deployed in South Waziristan [21]. The direct loss to Pakistan economy is \$ 100 billion furthering the gap between India and Pakistan [22]. "While India is spending massively on army upgrade programs, we are stretched out and cannot even buy any major gadgets and weapons. We are fighting a war despite this lack of funds," said AVM Shehzad Chaudhry [23]. Numerous big-ticket programs have either been slowed down, such as the JF-17 fighter jet manufacturing program, or scrapped entirely, (such as the planned acquisition of new submarines from Germany) [24]. The guarantees from traitors in the military leadership of Pakistan will directly help the US build rapport with India by arguing that the US has delivered on its promises and the traditional threat from Pakistan is no more. The Pakistan Army not only posed a direct threat to Indian interests in the region, but also used its proxies, the Jihadi groups, to fill any gap in conventional military strengths of Pakistan and India. But now General Raheel Shareef, whilst standing at the graves of the martyrs of Gyari sector, committed to the Indians that he will go after the entire spectrum of Jihadi threat. This is certainly a strong message as any statement at Siachin sector is taken as an address to the Indians.

The US and its stooges in Pakistan's military leadership now speak with one voice regarding abandoning Pakistan's strategic

depth in Afghanistan which will naturally make way for India. "Pakistan's concept of strategic depth is dead", "Pakistan's policy of seeking strategic depth in Afghanistan has been proven wrong and the country now needs to focus all its strength on dealing with the militants," said the former US Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, speaking to an Indian channel, NDTV June 21 2014 [25]. "We want a strategic depth in Afghanistan but do not want to control it", and "a peaceful and friendly Afghanistan can provide Pakistan a strategic depth", said General Ashfaq Pervaiz Kiyani [26]. On June 28th, 2014. Gen. Sharif was visiting the army post on the Siachin Glacier where he also laid a wreath at the Shuhada Monument at Gayari and paid tribute to valiant officers and soldiers who laid their lives in defense of the country as he said, "Army prepared to fight against entire spectrum of threat" [27]. Major General Asim Saleem Bajwa, characterized the North Waziristan operation as the 'beginning of the end of terrorism in Pakistan'. He further added that the military would not discriminate between the 'good' and the 'bad' Taliban and that 'for military, there is no discrimination among different Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) groups or the Haqqani Network... Army will crush them all.' [28] On May 28th 2014 Raheel Shareef particularly mentioned the construction of Central Trade Corridor, a 714-kilometre road network, linking Pakistan's Indus Highway and Waziristan agencies with the Afghan Ring Road [29].

These guarantees irrespective of operational details in Zarb-e-Azab provide Modi all the more reason to initiate the US policy of containment of China. An article published by the BBC Arabic on 19th May 2014 under the title "Viewpoints: How will Modi affect US-India relations?" As quoted in the article under the title "Doing business with Mr. Modi" by Lisa Curtis, Heritage Foundation it was stated: "New Delhi and Washington share strategic objectives, whether it involves fighting terrorism, maintaining open seaways, or hedging against China's rise. Specifically the

BJP interest in adopting a more assertive hedging policy regarding China will give US officials a chance to engage closely with them". US President Barack Obama urged Modi to visit the United States when he telephoned him to congratulate him on his victory; according to a statement issued by the White House. Obama said he looks forward to working closely with Modi to "fulfill the extraordinary promise of the US-India strategic partnership". Modi is set to meet Obama in September this year.

Thus, the North Waziristan operations benefit the US-India nexus, at great cost to Pakistan. Yet, the Raheel-Nawaz regime works to grant the Hindu mushrikeen a status which they don't deserve. The regime works for Hindu political dominance over us, even though the Ummah today exceeds the Hindu mushrikeen in numbers and capability and for centuries was the leading world power. The regime works for Hindu economic dominance, even though the Ummah today possesses immense material resources and for centuries was the economic marvel of the world. And the regime works for Hindu military dominance, even though the Ummah today possesses millions of soldiers, that dwarf the Hindu military in numbers and bravery, and for centuries won war after war, even when facing overwhelming numbers. Rather than calling for us to rise again as a strong powerful Ummah, under a single Islamic Khilafah state, the Raheel-Nawaz regime invites us to defeatism and works for our ruin under Kufr dominance. Our state of affairs will only improve when we stand as one people, as one state, under one ruler who implements the Deen of Islam and carries Islam to the rest of humankind. The need of the time is for the Ummah to re-establish the Khilafah State so that the Muslims can return as a beacon for all of humankind, as they were for centuries, even though the Hindu mushrikeen may detest it. Allah (ta'ala) revealed (هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ) "He is the One who sent His Messenger with the Guidance and the Deen

of Truth to dominate over all other ways of life, even though the mushrikeen may detest it" [Surah At-Tawba 9:33]

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Democratic Politics is the Cause of Gross Neglect by the Regime Whilst Muslims Die in Torrential Rains in Pakistan

Pakistan suffered a heavy death toll due to flooding after recent heavy rain in parts of Pakistan's provinces of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KPK), with many others injured and made homeless. Most of the deaths were caused by roof collapses, landslides and electric shocks. A number of cities received over 130mm of rain. Pakistan's meteorological office issued a severe weather warning for northeast Punjab and Kashmir, saying more intense rain was expected which could trigger flash flooding.

Heavy rain and floods are a regular, yearly occurrence in Pakistan. Yet, the Democratic regimes fail to arrange adequate measures to save human life every year. Pakistan has suffered deadly monsoon floods for at least the last four years – in 2013, 178 people were killed and around 1.5 million affected by flooding around the country. In 2012, 520 people were killed and more than 1,180 people were injured. The floods of 2010 were the worst in Pakistan's history, with 1,800 people killed and 21 million affected in what became a major humanitarian crisis. For the past three years, Pakistan has topped the list of the Global Climate Risk Index produced by German watch, an NGO that works on global equity issues. In 2010, Pakistan was listed as the number one country in the world affected by climate related disasters, due to the massive flooding that hit the country; in 2011 it was ranked as number three.

Despite the history of floods in past four years, no adequate measures can be seen practically. The NCCP (National Climate Change Policy) that was launched in the aftermath of previous floods in response to public anger has now been shelved. Shortly after coming to power in May 2013 general

elections, the PML(N)-led government demoted the Ministry of Climate Change to a Division and slashed its budget, as the issue was no longer under public scrutiny.

In the current tragedy, it took days for the Prime Minister to be briefed on the destruction caused by rains and flooding. Despite the delayed briefing premier issued a mere directive, saying that all major national highways, which have been cut off due to heavy rains, should be cleared in order to ensure that relief work can continue at a quick pace. He further directed the NDMA to assess the extent of damage. However, what it has done with saving more lives? More floods are expected. Yet, the premier is clearing the highways as they were cleared in the 2010 floods to ensure that the supply of weapons, pork and wine to the NATO occupying forces in Afghanistan are uninterrupted.

While the people of Pakistan are being killed, the government and the opposition busy in the political circus, attending their marches cum street festivals or applauding at empty speeches in the assembly and playing the same blame game as witnessed in past. So, in September 2012, when a *Tribune* report disclosed at least 78 rain and flood related deaths across the country, Imran Khan's PTI criticized the PML-N Punjab government for not issuing a flood warning and that only Rs 6 billion funds have been allocated. In the mid-August, 2014 when heavy rains killed at least 16 people and injured more than 80 others in Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa (KPK), the Chief Minister of KPK, Pervaiz Khatak, was busy dancing on the container of Azaadi (Independence) March, he was condemned by many circles, including those of the ruling PML-N. Under Democracy, politicians are

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like the Emperor Nero, playing on instruments as the city burns down.

Democratic government, federal or provincial, fails to look after the affairs of the people as they deserve. Democratic politicians, government or opposition, flagrantly neglect the people. The failure of successive Democratic governments in securing human life is due to the nature of Democracy itself. Democracy is not to look after the affairs of the people, it is only to look after the affairs of a political elite. Wherever democracy exists, neglect and exploitation of the people by the few elite will always occur. In Western democracies, the richest people are those with access to political power in democracy, either directly or through sponsorship of politicians. The concentration of wealth in these hands is legalized through man made legislation under Democracy. The slow and inept response which incited the anger of the people can be seen in many natural disasters, such as Hurricane Katrina. At least 1,833 people died in the hurricane and subsequent floods, making it the deadliest US. hurricane since the 1928; total property damage was estimated at \$108 billion (2005 USD). In a Congressional investigation of the responses from federal, state and local governments, it was found that FEMA and the Red Cross "did not have a logistics capacity sophisticated enough to fully support the massive number of Gulf coast victims." It placed responsibility for the disaster on all three levels of government. A concert for Hurricane Relief was organized in the US, where the proceedings of the concert were for victims of the hurricane, whereby the musician Kanye West veered off script and harshly criticized the government's response to the crisis, stating that, "George Bush doesn't care about black people". This is the reality of politics in democracy where politicians just care to secure another term for themselves, to gain more and more personal benefit, rather than looking after the affairs of the people.

This inbuilt neglect is the reason that Democracy attracts the ruthless, cunning and

greedy. Among the precepts of politics espoused by Machiavelli in his famous book, "The Prince", "leaders should always mask their true intentions, avoid inconsistency, and frequently act against mercy, against faith, against humanity, against frankness, against religion in order to preserve the state." James Johnson, a CAS associate Professor of History, recipient of a 1996 Metcalf Award for Excellence in Teaching was once asked, "What do you think Machiavelli would make of contemporary American politics?" He replied, "He would smile that famous inscrutable smile of his, as if to say, 'This looks familiar'." Philip Bobbitt, the author of The Shield of Achilles, War, Peace and the Course of History among other notable books, and himself a constitutional lawyer wrote that "Machiavelli is the 'spiritual forefather' of the US constitution."

If this is the situation of the Washington masters of the regime, what can we expect from their agents in Pakistan. The Punjab government under the leadership of Shahbaz Sharif, the younger brother of the current prime minister, completed the Metro Bus project in 2012 just in 11 months. This project benefited his personal construction interests and was used for his election campaign. Yet, no construction of flood proof emergency dwellings have been made in all that time. Regarding the drainage system a WASA official declared, "In December, WASA sent necessary maps and drawings and data on the water and sanitation system to Turkish experts to suggest improvement in the system." The Turkish officials suggested WASA to specify canals to drain sewage and rainwater separately, so that they did not choke during rains. They had also suggested the construction of new canals as per needs besides urging WASA not to rely on the decades-old combined sewerage system. They also asked WASA to install water treatment plants in the city to be used for irrigation, rather than diverting it to the rivers. They also stressed on educating people to dispose of domestic waste properly rather than letting it

flow on roads and streets. The suggestions were never taken up for consideration.

Islam has made politics as looking after the affairs of the Ummah and an obligation. Failure renders the ruler accountable on the Day of Judgment. RasulAllah (saw) said, « كانت بنو إسرائيل تسوسهم الأنبياء، كلما هلك نبي خلفه نبي، وأنه لا نبي بعدي، وستكون خلفاء فتكثر، قالوا: فما تأمرنا؟ قال: فوا ببيعة الأول «The Prophets ruled over the children of Israel, whenever a prophet died another Prophet succeeded him, but there will be no Prophet after me. There will soon be Khulafaa' and they will number many.' They asked: 'what then do you order us?' He said: 'Fulfil the Bai'ah to them, one after the other and give them their dues for Allah will verily account them about what he entrusted them with.'» [Muslim]. And he (saw) said, «كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ فَالْإِمَامُ الَّذِي عَلَى النَّاسِ رَاعٍ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ وَالرَّجُلُ رَاعٍ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ وَالْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا وَوَلَدِهِ وَهِيَ مَسْئُولَةٌ عَنْهُمْ وَعَبْدُ الرَّجُلِ رَاعٍ عَلَى مَالِ سَيِّدِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْهُ أَلَا فَكُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ» “Every one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock. The leader of the people is a guardian and is responsible for his subjects: a man is the guardian of his family and is responsible for his subjects, a woman is the guardian of her husband’s home and of his children and is responsible for them, and the slave of a man is a guardian of his master’s property and is responsible for it. Surely, everyone of you is a shepherd and responsible for his responsibility.” [Muslim]. Aisha (ra) narrated, سَمِعْتُ مِنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَقُولُ فِي بَيْتِي هَذَا «اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ وُلِيَ مِنْ أَمْرِ أُمَّتِي شَيْئًا فَشَقَّ عَلَيْهِمْ فَاشْتَقُّ عَلَيْهِ وَمَنْ وُلِيَ مِنْ أَمْرِ أُمَّتِي شَيْئًا فَارْتَفَقَ بِهِمْ «I heard The Messenger of Allah say in my house that, O Allah! Be harsh with the one who is charged with the affairs of the Muslims and is harsh on them, and Allah be gentle with the one who is charged

with the affairs of the Muslims and is gentle on them.” [Sahih Muslim]. And RasulAllah (saw) said, « مَا مِنْ وَاٍلٍ يَلِي رَعِيَّةً مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ فَيَمُوتُ وَهُوَ «غَاشٍ لَهُمْ إِلَّا حَرَّمَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْجَنَّةَ “There is no Wali who takes charge of Muslims and dies cheating them, except that Allah prohibits him paradise.” [Bukhari].

Thus we see, the politicians in Islam keep looking after the affairs of the Ummah. Umar (ra) when charged with ruling said, “If an animal, in the land of Iraq trips, I would be afraid that Allah (swt) would account me, for not fixing the road for it.” When floods struck Makkah after the passing of RasulAllah (saw), Umar (ra) ordered the construction of two dams to protect the Kaaba and also constructed a dam near Medina to protect its fountains from flooding, thus resolving the devastation from flood from it very basis. Also, during a famine, Umar ibn al-Khattab ordered the construction of a canal in Egypt connecting the Nile with the sea. The purpose of the canal was to facilitate the transport of grain to Arabia through a sea-route, hitherto transported only by land. The canal was constructed within a year by 'Amr ibn al-'As, and Suleman Nadvi may Allah have mercy on him wrote, "Arabia was rid of famine for all the times to come."

In conclusion, Democracy produces politicians who care only for their personal benefits whilst in public office, and care about the public only to the level of being re-elected. The only solution for problems faced by the Muslims today lies in the abolition of Democracy and the establishment of the Khilafah. The sincere and aware politicians who are working for the Khilafah today will then provide a strong environment for a generation of sincere statesman, who will be creative and capable in looking after the affairs of the Ummah.

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Pakistan's Armed Forces Must Grant Nussrah to Establish the Khilafah, Rather Than Support Democracy

Throughout the lengthy, disruptive and violent standoff between the PML-N and PTI, America repeatedly stressed support for Democracy. In the build up to the crisis, the US Ambassador busily met the different factions, underlining that America will only accept change according to the constitution under Democracy. Then, as the crisis began to deepen, the US State Department Deputy Spokesperson said on 22 August 2014 that the US ambassador “meets quite frequently with a range of officials,” whilst stressing again upon acting according to the constitution under Democracy. Then on 29 August, as violent confrontation loomed, the US State Department stressed yet again that “peaceful protests and freedom of expression” were “important aspects of democracy.”

As for those upon whom America depends on for control over Pakistan and its armed forces, they repeated the call of their master, America, to support Democracy. The Raheel-Nawaz regime declared via the ISPR on 1 September 2014, “Army is an apolitical institution and has expressed its unequivocal support for democracy at numerous occasions.” As for the PTI, it exposed itself before the people as undeserving to rule Pakistan, just like the current regime, by struggling for Democracy. On 1 September 2014, Imran Khan spoke with great pride regarding “My eighteen years struggle for justice and Democracy.”

Thus, both directly and through her agents, America stressed upon the support for Democracy because Democracy is the clear guarantor of American interests in Pakistan. This is why in a 12 December 2012 interview to the BBC, when asked about who would win Pakistan's May 2013 elections, the US Ambassador Richard Olson declared with great confidence, “Our horse is democracy.” Yes indeed, it is Democracy that America

steers according to its interests, regardless of who comes to ride as a jockey upon it, whether the PPP, the PML-N or the PTI.

America holds the reigns of Democracy because Democracy is a system of disobedience of Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw). Democracy designates assemblies of men and women as sovereign, allowing them to ignore all that Allah (swt) has revealed and make laws according to their whims and desires, even though Allah (swt) said, وَأَنْ أَحْكُمَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَاحْذَرْهُمْ أَنْ يَفْتِنُوكَ عَنْ بَعْضِ مَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ. “And judge between them by all that Allah has revealed, and do not follow their desires, and beware (O Muhammad) that they might seduce you from some of what Allah has sent down to you.” [Surah Al-Maaida 5:49]. America through its constant contact with the rulers and the members of the assemblies, manipulates the laws of Pakistan according to its interests. Thus it is Democracy that is preventing Islam from being implemented in Pakistan and ensuring American interests are secured in its place.

So through Democracy, America ensures that Pakistan's immense energy and mineral wealth are usurped by privatization, preventing Pakistan from emerging as a strong economy. Democracy ensures Pakistan's powerful armed forces are sent across the world to secure Western interests, but are confined to the barracks when the Muslims of Palestine and Kashmir call them for liberation. Democracy secures America's vast network of intelligence and private military in Pakistan, which arranges attacks on our armed forces so as to push them into the tribal regions to fight America's war. Moreover, by arranging a destructive and pointless struggle over who should ride upon America's horse, America seeks to divert Muslims from ending the

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American Raj, by the establishment of the Khilafah state which will purify Pakistan from the filthy American presence and influence.

O Muslims of Pakistan!

Turn away from Democracy and abandon any hope in it, for it is a system of Kufr and the anvil upon which your pure hopes and huge potential are smashed to smithereens. It is upon you to demand that all political parties work for the abolition of Democracy and the return of the Khilafah. And it is upon each of us to join Hizb ut-Tahrir, the political party whose ideology is Islam and works to establish the Khilafah according to the methodology of RasulAllah (saw). Allah (swt) said, **وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ** “Let there arise from amongst you a group that invites to all that is Good (Islam), enjoins the Ma’roof and forbids the Munkar. And these are the successful ones.” [Surah Aali Imran 3:104]

O Armed Forces of Pakistan!

It is well known that the power for real change lies within you, the armed forces in Pakistan, as in other Muslim countries. It was the silence of the armed forces of Egypt that allowed the bringing in of Mursi as Democracy's jockey, and it was their mobilization that was the cause of his removal and continuation of Democracy under a new jockey. In Turkey as well, Democracy rests upon the shoulders of the armed forces. As for Pakistan, our people suffer today because traitors in your leadership have used your great strength in support of America's horse, Democracy. So, how do you allow your strength to be used to support the system of Kufr and disobedience?

Know that it is these traitors in your leadership that ensure Democracy continues and prevent the return of Islam. That is why they will readily promote and reward any officer that will bend before our enemy, America, selling his people and his Deen for the cheap prizes of Dunya. And that is also why they persecute any officer that strongly supports Islam, such as the honorable Brigadier Ali Khan, who was sentenced to

prison on 8 August 2012, after fifteen months detention, and languishes in prison until now, when he should have been raised upon your shoulders in celebratory welcome of the establishment of the Khilafah. How do you accept such abuse of your strength and power in this way, O you who have taken oath before Allah (swt) to protect the country and its people?!

Know that RasulAllah (saw) established the Islamic State according to a methodology from which he never wavered, despite severe hardships in its way, the methodology of seeking of **Nussrah** (Material Support) from its people. Thus, he (saw) personally met your predecessors from the men of war, fire and steel, and demanded from them the **Nussrah** for the complete, comprehensive and immediate implementation of the Deen. He (saw) patiently persisted in this methodology, fearing none but Allah (swt) and caring not for the blame of the blamer, until Allah granted success with the Ansar (ra), a small but sincere and brave group of men of war, who gave the Second Pledge of Aqaba, the Pledge of Men, the Pledge of War.

Nussrah for the establishment of Islam as a rule and state is mandated by the methodology of the Prophet. So, Hizb ut-Tahrir stands before you now, calling you to grant it the **Nussrah** for the establishment of the Khilafah. This is how you will be honored in this life and rewarded in the next, by abolishing the oppressive rule and establishing the Khilafah on the methodology of the Prophethood. Ahmed narrated that RasulAllah **سَلَّمَ** **تَكُونُ مَلَكًا جَبْرِيَّةً فَتَكُونُ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ**, **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ** **أَنْ تَكُونُ تَكُونُ تَكُونُ إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَيَّ مِنْهَاجِ النُّبُوَّةِ تَكُونُ** “Then there will be rule of force, and things will be as Allah wishes them to be. Then Allah will end it when He wishes. And then there will be a Khilafah on the Methodology of the Prophethood.” And then he fell silent.

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America and the world do not care about the blood of Muslims and the killing of civilians by explosive barrels!

Since August 2012, when barrel bombs were first used by the murderous regime of Bashar Al Assad, from that time tools of death and destruction carried by these barrels has been rained down upon civilians. Barrel bombs are cheap compared to other bombs and rockets, and easy weapons of terror for government forces, and are simply thrown out of helicopters to cause indiscriminate terror and death to civilian populations below. It is estimated that 6000 barrel bombs have been used in Syria causing the deaths of more than 20,000 people.

It seems that Resolution No. 2139 issued by the Security Council of the United Nations on February 22, 2014, which banned such weapons, does not actually follow in order to implement it and the mouthpieces say that this license to continue to use it only increased Bashar's regime thirst for shedding the blood of Muslims in Syria and the use of these barrels increased and expanded to extend to other regions. In Aleppo alone, Human Rights Watch identified 650 strikes between the passing of the resolution and July 14 2014. However, the U.S. and European governments have been highly selective in manipulating the reports of 'war crimes' committed by some groups, while showing little interest in the larger and systematic atrocities committed by their agents and still continue to perpetuate crimes. This suspicious silence has encouraged the sectarian regime in Iraq to follow the same example in Syria, by beginning to use explosive barrels on a large scale in various parts of Iraq from Fallujah to al-Karmath to Tikrit to Baiji to Mosul.

This blatant hypocrisy by the leaders of the United States and Europe represented in their silence regarding the massacres of Muslims by their agents in Syria and Iraq... And their unwavering support for the Jewish entity during its fierce punitive campaign against Gaza which scorched humans, trees and

stones. All this proves without a doubt that these claims of concern for humanity and respect for human life and dignity are misleading claims and practices contrary to complete lies on the ground! Overall, they do not care about the rights of Muslims, their dignity nor their blood, and sometimes to find them condemning the infringement against some Muslims because it serves their interests, while at the same time turning a blind eye to the crimes of their agents and friends if it serves their interests... Thus, entities of death that were planted in the Islamic world serve to disperse the Muslims, and disperse their forces, and tear their country to entities and regions rivaling to facilitate themselves to plunder the wealth and control the capabilities; and most importantly, to impede or delay the establishment of the second Rightly Guided Khilafah on the method of the Prophethood.... A Khilafah which will expose all their lies and plots and shut their mouths and restrain their counterfeit claims of being guardians of truth, goodness, justice, and decency in the world that they have hitherto filled with violence and corruption of others. However, all these attempts failed blatantly, whereas we, in Hizb ut Tahrir, are certain that the Islamic Ummah around the globe is ready to assume the management of the new world order once again, and that is not beyond Allah. ﴿يُرِيدُونَ

لِيُطْفِئُوا نُورَ اللَّهِ بِأَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَاللَّهُ مُنِمْ نُورِهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْكَافِرُونَ * هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ﴾. It is He who sent His Messenger

with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion, although those who associate others with Allah dislike it. * O you who have believed, shall I guide you to a transaction that will save you from a painful punishment." [As-Saff: 9-10]

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Implications of the Trial of Sister Zulfiyya Amanova

﴿قَدْ بَدَتِ الْبَغْضَاءُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَمَا تُخْفِي صُدُورُهُمْ أَكْبَرُ﴾

"Hatred has already Appeared from their Mouths, and what their Breasts Conceal is Greater" [Al-i-Imran: 118]

On 22 August 2014 CE, the trial of our sister Zulfiyya Amanova took place in the regional court in the city of Osh in the Kyrgyz Republic. The panel of judges comprised of Copatov Aylar, Mirzabekov Polat, and Abdldayev Almaz had acquitted our sister from the charges against her by Judge Kujamkolaf Ramadan on 01/06/2014 CE, she was sentenced to a fine of 50 thousand som and a prison parole of one year period. The trial was delayed because of the repeated postponement as a result of the investigator and experts' failure to attend. The trial session was adjourned eight times since May the 13th last year, which means they are mocking and ridiculing Zulfiyya and her family.

In the previous hearing, Prosecutor General Rimkolafa Aiem accused our sister Zulfiyya of carrying out extremist activities, and asked the judge to consider her guilty and punish her with a 5-year prison term.

We wonder if this quest to convict sister Zulfiyya and punish her is driven by a personal initiative from the judges and members of the public prosecution, or whether they are orders of the criminal regime in Uzbekistan that previously kidnapped her father the martyr, Amanov Hamidullah, and subjected him to torture for a period of 14 years in prison, and when they could not break his will they brutally killed him? Or is it the new government, which was formed in Kyrgyzstan, which is treading the same path of its neighbours in the fight against Islam and Muslims? That authority which oppresses its people brazenly, the authority that promotes alcohol and life of vice among the people, that authority which drives people to migrate to distant lands for the sake of earning a living,

that authority which flexes its muscles on vulnerable women and throws them in prison, and kills their husbands and turn their children into orphans.

We ask you on what basis do you accuse our sister Zulfiyya who fears Allah (swt)!? And on what basis do you imprison our pure and God fearing sisters!? Are you not aware that attacking Muslim women with any harm is gravely prohibited? Allah (swt) warned in His Holy Book of harming the believers, men and women, where He says:

﴿وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْذُونَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بَغَيْرِ مَا كَسَبُوا فَكَدِرَ اجْتِمَاعُ
بُهْتَانًا وَإِثْمًا مُبِينًا﴾

"And those who harm believing men and believing women for [something] other than what they have earned have certainly born upon themselves a slander and manifest sin" [Al-Ahzab: 58]

We warn you, O judges, prosecutors and you Otambyev, of the words of Allah (swt):

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Our courageous sister Zulfiyya is demanding her right; the return of her father's dead body, and the punishment of his murderers! This right, which is granted to her by the Almighty Creator! Blood for blood! This position merits all respect.

We ask you! Why didn't you rise up to your responsibilities and expose the criminals who have betrayed our brother Amanov Hamidullah and allowed his kidnapping!? Why didn't you demand then the release of our brother Amanov Hamidullah!? When you were in your posts as judges and prosecutors! It is your duty! How can you be satisfied with the silence over someone attacking the dignity of a vulnerable Muslim? How can you not move to protect him?! ... The silence over the abuse of the believers, men and women, is a major injustice and a falling into the deep darkness of sin.

Finally, we in Hizb ut Tahrir are confident in the imminent victory of Allah (swt) and the second rightly guided Khilafah State upon the method of Prophethood... A Khilafah that will be brilliant with the light of truth and justice ... and then everyone who oppressed the people of this Ummah will stand in its court to receive what he deserves ...and it is easy for Allah (swt) to fulfil.

بِنَصْرِ اللَّهِ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ ﴿٤٥﴾ وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ
الرَّحِيمِ ﴿٤٦﴾

"And that day the believers will rejoice ≡ In the victory of Allah. He gives victory to whom He wills, and He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful" [Ar-Rum: 4-5]

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Reply to Article by Muhana Al-Jubail

Can Democracy be an Alternative to the Khilafah in Achieving Unity?

On 23 August 2014, Aljazeera website published an article in the Knowledge section by Professor Muhanna Al-Jubail titled: "Unity and Khilafah and Democracy", the writer addressed through it what he called the conservatives among Muslim youth, who are wary of the acceptance of democracy or to exercise it in order to achieve the Islamic unity. This unity is undoubtedly obligatory in the definite texts of the Qur'an and the Sunnah.

The writer attempted to promote the idea that "there is a deep problem in the understanding of the democratic constitutional system; the constitutional system is what guarantees for citizens of religions and sects their constitutional national right". And he said, "Countries that live in a democratic space or margin is the most capable today to achieve the standards of agreement and connection with the concept of Islamic unity more than other totalitarian regimes."

After the writer promoted the idea that democracy is the most capable in achieving the unity, he tried to hint that the concept of the Khilafah is a term of no Shariah origins, and considered the Khilafah to be a name given in history to those who undeservingly inherited the rule through inheritance. Then he presented a vision to achieve the Khilafah through a federal union between a band of countries whereby the Chairman of the Union acts as the Khaleefah!

The author concluded that the area of theoretical jurisprudence and intellectual foundation of the term 'Khilafah' in Shariah and in the history of Muslims and later in its contemporary political implications, is not as believed to be by some of the young people, and is not a reasonable justification for

rejecting a political framework that is achievable by democracy for the creation of this country as a political and social force for certain Muslim people or others, and to support the legitimate resistance for liberation. Thereby, the Muslims must adhere to the democratic project to achieve unity and strength between their countries...

Commenting on the article's contents, we say: after placing the term "democratic state" and scrutinizing and highlighting it, we find that the West has relied on three loose, fanciful, and failed criteria to characterize a state as democratic: constitutional definition, Substantive measure, and procedural (due process). These three, each of which contain within it a set of contradictions, and its application is fictitious! ... A country like Jamaica is classified as having a degree of democratic success for conducting the elections in a way admired by the people of democracy, despite the assault of Jamaica's regime against the people of the country, which is according to them is an attack on "democratic freedoms". And a country like Iraq is classified as exceptionally democratic, yet until recently it was ruled by Maliki, who has exceeded in criminality the criminality of Saddam!... As for the ballot boxes in Egypt after the revolution of January 2011, which brought the government of Morsi, which came to rule as was said by the process of "transparent and fair elections", was attacked and aborted and Morsi was overthrown by the military, **and all this with the blessing and sponsorship of the mother of democracy, America!..**

In light of the failure of the implementation of the democratic model in actuality, we wonder about the writer's objective to advocate the embracing and adoption of a fanciful system

that is full of contradictions and is unachievable in actuality and to abandon the Khilafah system which emanates from the doctrine of this Ummah, and is deeply rooted in their history where it was applicable for nearly fourteen centuries? Then does the writer not see that clinging to a system that carries within it failure and is fictitious and non-applicable is like clinging to a rope from the air and chasing after fairy tales?

It was mentioned in the article that democracy is a model for the protection of people's rights despite the fact that this contradicts the reality and the applications that are practiced by the elite democratic countries, so France prevents Muslim women from wearing the headscarf, and Switzerland prohibits the construction of minarets. As for American drone aircrafts, they spill the blood of Muslims in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia... Even more they are used to assassinate American citizens because they are Muslims without the slightest regard for legal judicial procedures. As for the list of executions provided by the American intelligence services, which won Obama's approval is endless, until it reached the implementation of some of these laws against minors, this is without elaboration of: the support the democratic West to the greatest crime called "Israel", and the scandals of Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo and Bagram, this is without going back to the black record of America in Vietnam, or even World War II and what took place of horrors... and finally we ask has democracy bring anything to humanity but evil, slaughter, and corruption?

Finally, the Khilafah is a Shariah fact, just as is the unity a Shariah fact, there are many texts regarding these subjects in the Quran and Sunnah and with the demonstration of its bases, there is no dispute in the obligation of the presence of the Khilafah among the Ummah and the Imams, Allah (swt) says:

﴿وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ وَلَا لِمُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَى اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ ۗ وَمَنْ يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُبِينًا﴾

"It is not for a believing man or a believing woman, when Allah and His Messenger

have decided a matter, that they should [thereafter] have any choice about their affair. And whoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly strayed into clear error." [Al-Ahzab: 36]

Khilafah is not just choosing a Khaleefah through the pledge of allegiance, but it is a comprehensive system for life that covers: social, economic, ruling, judiciary, education and punishments, all these systems were embodied in the Islamic State throughout the centuries of the application of Islam, hence an ideological state that carried the light and justice has emerged to the world, it guaranteed the unity and protection of the Ummah and its belief and sanctities.

﴿وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ﴾ **"And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds"** [Al-Anbiya: 107]

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and His Messenger have declared as unlawful, and do not profess the Faith of Truth; (fight them) until they pay jizyah with their own hands while they are subdued." (al-Tawbah: 29) From this point on they are not left alone, in the Islamic lands, unless they accept Islam or pay the jizyah, submitting to the Islamic laws, else they are fought.

Allah then emphasises his power over all things and that he is dominant over His slaves. "law yaruddukum" is in the meaning of "an yaruddukumm" therefore it of the status of the accusative *an* which has no response clause.

3. Allah then clarifies for the believers the obligation of establishing prayer and giving zakat and he teaches them that there is no good that the believer does except that he will find it in front of him on the Day of Resurrection. That is, he will find its reward with Allah in full, for Allah is knowledgeable of all deeds, whether done in private or public and he compensates for them; "Indeed, Allah sees what you do".

Hizb ut-Tahrir holds Public Addresses Across Pakistan

Real Change is by the Armed Forces Granting Nussrah for Establishing Khilafah

Hizb ut-Tahrir in the Wilayah of Pakistan is holding a campaign of public addresses across Pakistan, exposing the circus of democracy and dictatorship which has ruined Pakistan. Addressing people at masjid, market places and other public places, speakers said that the current political parties, whether they are in ruling or in opposition, have been exposed as supports for the current Kufr system left by the British Raj. They said that they have been exploiting the pure and blessed desire of the Ummah to bring about real change based on Islam and are calling for Democracy, which only benefits them and their masters' sitting in Washington.

The speakers asked the Ummah to demand from every political party to renounce Democracy and calls for the establishment of Khilafah. They said that the only real change is the establishment of Khilafah, because only the Khilafah implements laws according to the mandated commands and prohibitions of Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw), unlike Democracy which makes laws according to the

whims and desires of the agents of America.

The speakers urged the Ummah to join Hizb ut-Tahrir and work with it for the fulfillment of the Fard (Obligation) placed by Allah (swt) on all of us. They urged the Ummah to call their fathers, uncles, sons and friends in the armed forces to provide Nussrah for the establishment of Islam as a state and authority, as the Ansaar (ra) of Madinah did in response to the call of RasulAllah (saw) for Nussrah for the establishment of the first Islamic State in Madinah. May Allah (swt) reward all those who speak boldly in front of the tyrants, uttering words of truth, fearing not the censure of the blamer and seeking the good pleasure of Allah (swt).

﴿مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ﴾

“Man does not utter any word except that with him is an observer prepared [to record].” [Qaf: 18]

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