

O Muslims! Respond to the command of Allah (SWT) to establish the Islamic constitution and the Khilafah in the same way as you responded to His (SWT) command to fast in Ramadhan

The ruling elite have once again started a baseless debate about the constitution of the country and its amendment. On the one side of the debate is the governing camp advocating the restoration of the 1972 constitution and on the other side is the camp of the opposition advocating the retention of the Fifth Amendment. However what good is there for the country whether we restore the 1972 constitution or retain the Fifth Amendment? The 1972 constitution was drafted by agents of the polytheist state, India, in order to shape the political medium of the country in such a way as to serve her interests. The Fifth Amendment was a move by agents of crusader America in order to re-organize the political set up and establish her foothold in the country. Therefore the current debate is futile and has nothing to do with the wellbeing of the Ummah. This debate has been created by the imperialists, USA-Britain-India, and their agents in the government and the opposition to prevent the people from resuming the living by Islam.

The truth of the matter is that both the 1972 constitution and the Fifth Amendment contradict the fundamental basis of Islam because they are agreed upon the core principle of granting man the sovereignty to legislate laws according to the whims and desires of the rulers, and what achieves their selfish benefit. Islam does not mandate the Muslims to adopt a constitution which confers authority upon man to legislate, whether it declares secularism as the basis as in the case of the 1972 constitution or it begins with the Bismillah and expresses 'complete faith and trust in Almighty Allah' as inserted by the Fifth Amendment. It is all the same whether the one who drinks alcohol in a bar does so without saying the Bismillah; or he enters the bar expressing his faith and trust in Allah, and drinks by saying Bismillah. Islam considers legislation by man as ascribing partners to Allah (SWT) and this is an unforgivable crime whether it is done by the majority in a so-called democratic parliament, or by a dictator, autocrat or monarch.

"The command is for none but Allah. He has commanded that you worship none but Him; that is the (true) straight religion, but most men know not." [Yusuf: 40]

It is an obligation upon the Muslim Ummah that the Islamic Aqeedah i.e. 'La ilaha illaAllah, Muhammadur RasulAllah (SAW)' is the basis of conducting the Ummah's affairs. The Islamic Aqeedah must be the basis of the Ummah's state and its constitution; and all laws and rules must be derived from the Qur'an and Sunnah.

Allah (SWT) has declared it to be a negation of *Iman* if the basis of the Ummah's constitution, ruling and judiciary is other than 'La ilaha illAllah, Muhammadur RasulAllah (SAW).'

"But no, by your Lord, they can have no Iman, until they make you judge in all disputes between them, and find in themselves no resistance against your decisions, and accept with full submission." [An-Nisa: 65]

And Muhammad (SAW) obliged upon the Muslims that their state must be based upon the Islamic Aqeedah and this is the Khilafah state. Muslim reported on the authority of Abu Hazim that he said: "I accompanied Abu Hurayra for five years, and he informed us of the Prophet's (SAW) saying:

"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 *Khulafa'a* and they will number many." They asked: 'what then do you order us?' He said: **"Fulfil the *Bay'ah* to them, one after the other and give them their dues, for Allah will verily account them about what he entrusted them with."**

Therefore Islam commands the Muslims to establish the Islamic constitution and the Khilafah state. The Islamic constitution is not a vague slogan like 'the Qur'an is the Constitution'; and Islam did not leave the nature and the structure of the Khilafah state undefined. The Qur'an and the Sunnah provide detailed legal principles, guidelines and rules for drafting the Islamic constitution and building the structure of the state.

As an illustration of the Islamic constitution, on 06 Ramadhan, 1431 AH (16 August, 2010 CE), ***Hizb ut-Tahrir*** published the Bengali translation of the 'Draft Constitution of the Khilafah' prepared by the party; some of the fundamental points in the constitution are highlighted below:

1. The Islamic Aqeedah constitutes the foundation of the Khilafah state. The Islamic Aqeedah also acts as the source of the state's constitution and laws. Thus nothing related to the state structure, constitution or laws is permitted to exist unless the Islamic Aqeedah is its basis or it emanates from the Islamic Aqeedah.

2. The Khilafah state is not democratic, republican, dictatorial, autocratic, imperialistic or theocratic.
3. Citizenship in the Khilafah is not based upon religion; non-Muslim citizens enjoy the Shari'i rights and duties. Neither the state nor any individual is permitted to coerce the non-Muslim citizens to change their beliefs.
4. The structure of the Khilafah state consists of the following institutions:
 - a. the Khaleefah; b. the Delegated Assistants, (Mu'wain at-Tafweedh); c. the Executive Assistants, (Mu'wain at-Tanfeedah); d. the Governors, (Wulah); e. the Amir of Jihad and the Army; f. the Internal Security department; g. the Foreign Affairs department; h. the Industry department; i. the Judiciary; j. the Administration (people's affairs); k. the Bait ul-Mal (State Treasury); l. the Information department (I'laam); and m. the Ummah Council (Majlis ul-Ummah)
5. Sovereignty in the Khilafah state belongs to Allah (SWT) and man has no right to legislate laws. The authority belongs to the Ummah i.e. the Ummah possesses the sole authority to elect the Khaleefah; and the method for electing the Khaleefah is the Bay'ah. The Khaleefah is also accountable to the Ummah. The Majlis-ul-Ummah and the Mahkamat-ul-Madhalim account the Khaleefah. As well as this, the Ummah forms political parties based upon Islam to account the Khaleefah.
6. The Khilafah is a single unitary state for the entire Ummah. The Muslims are obliged to have a single Khaleefah. The Khilafah is not a confederation of Muslim states which are independent and ruled by their own rulers. Khilafah state will replace the current fragile states in the Ummah and unify the Ummah under its authority.
7. The economic policy of the Khilafah state is to fulfil the basic needs of the citizens, and facilitating the satisfaction of their luxurious needs. To achieve this, the Khilafah state will ensure the distribution of wealth; establish the currency on the gold standard; regain the ownership of Ummah's wealth (public property) from private and foreign hands; expel the imperialist financial institutions such as the IMF and World Bank; and rapidly industrialize the state's economy, focusing on building heavy industry.
8. The primary function of the state is to carry the message of Islam to mankind through Dawah and Jihad. This is the basis of the Khilafah state's foreign policy. This means that the state will conduct its foreign policy to become the world's number one leading state. The state will build a strong unified Muslim Army; liberate every single inch of Islamic land from foreign occupation; prevent the imperialist disbelievers-polytheists from intervening in the affairs of the Muslims; cut all diplomatic relations with them; and end all types of pacts, treaties, and joint military exercises etc with the imperialist nations.

All of these points and all the articles in the draft constitution are derived from evidences provided in the Qur'an and the Sunnah. These evidences are detailed in the book 'Introduction to the Constitution' by **Hizb ut-Tahrir**. InshaAllah, the book will be made available soon in Bengali, along with other books by the party on Islamic ruling, economics, judiciary and education system. **Hizb ut-Tahrir** is not like any other party; it is ready and prepared for implementing Islam completely and comprehensively from the first day when it establishes the Khilafah with the Help of Allah (SWT) and support of the Ummah and the people of power.

O Muslims!

In this Blessed Month of Ramadan, we call upon you to respond to the command of Allah (SWT) to establish the Islamic constitution and the Khilafah in the same way as you responded to His (SWT) command to fast. Do not take the side of the governing camp or the opposition camp. They want to establish the constitution of the state on the evil *kalima* of 'rule by the people, for the people, of the people.' A state based on the foundation of this evil *kalima* will only produce a fragile state with evil fruits for the people: agent rulers, crime and corruption, load shedding, price hike, poverty, and highly educated unemployed etc. This is what Allah (SWT) says,

"And the parable of an evil word is that of an evil tree torn up by the root from the surface of the earth, it has no stability." [Ibrahim: 26]

On the other hand the Islamic constitution is built on the *Kalima Tayyibah*, 'La ilaha illaAllah, Muhammadur RasulAllah (SAW). The Khilafah state was a strong state and the Muslim Ummah enjoyed its good fruits for 1300 years: just rulers, unity, progress and advancement at home; and might, glory and honour in the world stage.

"See you not how Allah sets forth a parable? A goodly word (Kalima Tayyibah) like a goodly tree, whose root is firmly fixed, and its branches (reach) to the sky (i.e. very high). Giving its fruit at all times, by the Leave of its Lord, and Allah sets forth parables for men, in order that they may remember." [Ibrahim: 24-25]

O the Politicians, MPs and members of the Constitution Review Committee!

In this Month of Revelation, we call upon you to surrender your self-proclaimed legislative authority in the parliament which, even the Speaker of the House calls a 'fish market.' The stench coming out of it is suffocating for the people. We urge you to study and adopt the Islamic constitution, instead of the constitutions of America, or Britain, or India. Do not set yourselves as rivals to Allah (SWT) like Fir'aun.

"Fir'aun said: "O chiefs! I know not that you have an ilah (a god) other than me." [Al-Qasas: 38]

While you are fasting this month, will you be like Fir'aun who proclaimed himself as an *ilah*, denied the revelation; and ruled the people with laws which he enacted, enforced, amended, and cancelled according to his whims and desires? All of you know what the fate of Fir'aun in this dunya was and what will be his fate in the Akhirah. Will you still follow his footsteps and be the fuel for Hell Fire?

O the Intellectuals, the Columnists, the Media and the aware ones!

Fasting is not only about abstaining from food and drink; it is also about abstaining from false speech, whether it is verbal or in writing. You are aware of the futility of the debate about the current constitution and the failure of the rulers who advocate and implement it. We invite you to expose this in your reports, talk shows, writings, and speeches. Abstain from false speech and propaganda for the governing camp or the opposition camp. In this Month of Increased Reward for the righteous deeds, we invite you to study the Islamic constitution and use your platforms to do the good work of publicizing it; and gain the increased reward.

Allah (SWT) says,

"And who is better in speech than the one who calls (men) to Allah, and does righteous deeds, and says: "I am one of the Muslims"?" [Fussilat: 33]

O the Ulama!

Ramadhan is the Month of Taqwa and taqwa comes from knowledge, which you possess. Ramadhan is your great opportunity to manifest your taqwa and spread the knowledge. Throughout this month, more than any other month, the Ummah in their thousands will gather around you and listen to your speeches and khutbah. So fulfil your responsibility as the inheritors of the Prophets and teach people about the *deen*. If you remain silent or neutral, or take the side of this camp or that camp, under the pretext of the false principle of 'better of the two evils', then it will be nothing less than insulting the Prophets who struggled hard against public opinion, and chiefs and tyrants like Fir'aun, Nimrod, Abu Jahl and Abu Lahab. You have to clear your stance and spread the Word of Truth. Expose the rulers and politicians who follow the footsteps of Fir'aun, Nimrod, Abu Jahl and Abu Lahab; and rule by other than what Allah (SWT) has revealed. Remind the people that their *Iman* in 'la ilaha illa Allah, Muhammadur RaulAllah' demands that they adopt the Islamic constitution and establish the Khilafah state on the methodology of the Prophet (SAW).

O the People of Power!

The Islamic Army performed brave heroic acts since its formation, particularly in the Month of Ramadhan. This was only possible due to the leadership provided by the Khilafah, based upon the Islamic constitution. In this moment of crisis when the Muslim Ummah suffers from occupation, aggression and tyranny perpetrated by the imperialists and their agents, **Hizb ut-Tahrir** calls upon you to re-establish the Khilafah so that the Ummah of Muhammad (SAW) can be freed from their current dire situation. We remind you that have made two great covenants. Your first covenant is that which you made with Allah (SWT) as a Muslim to worship Him as your only *Ilah* and implement the *deen* revealed by Him (SWT) in all of life's affairs. The other you made as a soldier to protect the Ummah, not this or that ruler. Therefore fulfil your covenants and give your *nusrah* (support) to **Hizb ut-Tahrir** to remove the current rulers who have betrayed the *Kalima*, deny the Ummah her rights, and serve the imperialists, USA-Britain-India, who kill and oppress the Muslims. Emulate Sa'ad ibn Ma'adh (ra), who gave *nusrah* to the Prophet (SAW), removed the *kufir* system in Madinah, and established the Islamic state. And Allah (SWT) did not delay the reward for him (ra). After his (ra) burial the people told the Prophet (SAW): **"We have**

not carried a dead body lighter than this." The Prophet (SAW) replied to them: **"Nothing made his body lighter, but it was such and such number of angels who descended and carried him along with you. Those angels had never before descended."** In another narration the Prophet (SAW) said it was seventy thousand angels who descended for Sa'ad ibn Ma'adh (ra).

"Among the believers are men who have been true to their Covenant with Allah; of them some have fulfilled their obligations, and some of them are still waiting, but they have never changed (their determination) in the least."
[Al-Ahzab: 23]

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