

Press Release

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As an illustration of the Islamic constitution, *Hizb ut-Tahrir* has 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.

Hizb ut-Tahrir published the Islamic constitution at this moment when the ruling elite have started a baseless debate about the constitution of the country and it's amendment. The governing camp is advocating the restoration of the 1972 constitution while the opposition alliance is advocating the retention of the Fifth Amendment. This is nothing but a futile debate 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.

We in **Hizb ut-Tahrir** call upon the Muslims not to engage in this futile debate; rather they must work for establishing the Islamic constitution and the Khilafah state. It is an obligation upon the Muslim Ummah that the Islamic Aqeedah i.e. 'La ilaha illAllah, Muhammadur RasulAllah' is the basis of conducting the Ummah's affairs. The Islamic Aqeedah must be the basis of the state and its constitution; and all laws and rules must be derived from the Qur'an and Sunnah.

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