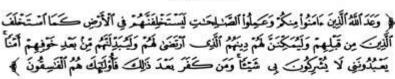
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Voting in Democracy is Haram (Forbidden)

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With the passage of each day, the Muslims of Pakistan are abandoning democracy. Moreover, they are becoming aware that Democracy is not the system of ruling in Islam, rather Khilafah is. The corrupt ruling elite know that the Muslims of Pakistan are bonded strongly to Islam. Therefore in order to prevent the Muslims abandoning Democracy, the elite are distorting Islam and ensuring the issuing of Shariah Pronouncements (Fatawas) to claim that voting for the pious and sincere candidate is an Islamic duty. However, in reality, voting in Democracy is Haram. Democracy allows elected representatives the right of legislation, whereas in Islam this right solely belongs to Allah (swt).

In the presence of clear Islamic evidences, how can voting in Democracy be declared an Islamic duty? How is it an Islamic duty to elect a parliament which ignores the laws of Allah (swt) and decides itself what is Halal and Haram? Moreover, even if a law from Islam was implemented, it would be because the majority in parliament passed it, rather than it being demanded by the Quran and

Sunnah. How can it be that the laws of Allah (swt) require the approval by the people?! RasulAllah (saaw) never sought the approval of his Companions (ra) before implementing what Allah (swt) had revealed. The Khulafaa Rashideen never sought approval of the people or by the majority of their representatives before implementing the Hukm of Allah (swt).

The reality of voting in Democracy is that it is a process to elect a representative for legislation and nothing more. The reality is that the ruling system of Pakistan is Democracy which is a secular and Un-Islamic system and any aware person can't deny this fact. So, when a system in its basis and details is un-Islamic, then claiming that voting in Democracy is an Islamic duty, is an act of deception and making mockery of Allah (swt)'s Law. So, any attempt to preserve the Kufr Democracy, which allows ruling by other than all that Allah (swt) has revealed, is Haram and a Sin. Moreover, the Usool Principle of, الحرام "The Means (الوسيلة إلى الحرام al-Waseelah) to the Prohibited (الحرام al-Haram) is Prohibited" mandates that voting in Democracy is also Haram. So there is no value in the government sponsored Fatawa which declare voting in Democracy is Halal, even though Democracy is itself Haram.

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