



# **Trump's Re-election: A Bottomless Democratic Decline**

#### News:

On November 6, 2024, it was confirmed that Donald Trump, a convicted criminal, once again won the presidential election in the United States. This event is not merely a matter of despicable individual, but a symptom of a deep-seated decay in the democratic system of the West. As the world looks on, Trump's re-election exposes the many illusions that Western democracy has sold to the world for years.

## Comment:

### **Democratic Decay**

Trump has always personified arrogance, elitism, and selfishness. His return to power in the U.S. underscores a broader leadership crisis that not only threatens America but also undermines the entire concept of Western democracy. When a convicted criminal and openly immoral person can be set to lead the world's most powerful country, it once again reveals how incompetent, corrupt, and manipulable democracy is. The so-called rule by the people stands clearer than ever as a platform for egotists, capital interests, and elites who have no regard for the true needs of the people. The elite controls the narrative and the flow of money, while the people are misled into believing they have real influence. The so-called democratic values are nothing but illusions used to manipulate, control, and colonize peoples and nations. This is not just an American phenomenon—it reflects the general decay of democracy and the severe leadership crisis in the West.

Freedom, justice, and human dignity have long been the slogans of the West, but reality has proven to be marked by something much darker. The Western world has never been a guarantor of justice or dignity; on the contrary, it has historically used its power instruments to oppress, dominate, colonize, and destroy other nations. It continues to do so today. It is not a system that protects the weak or cares for the common good of humanity. Instead, it is a system designed to protect the privileged elite and maintain a status quo that preserves the West's dominance over other parts of the world.

#### A New Political Order is Needed

For the Muslim Ummah, this event is a reminder that we cannot place our hopes and future in the hands of Western powers or their leaders, as some, unfortunately, have believed. While Muslims in Gaza face genocide, we repeatedly see the international community turn a blind eye. If we are to come to the aid of Muslims in Palestine, it will not be through the White House! It is time to turn inward and rebuild our own systems based on justice, mercy, and unity. The Islamic Caliphate is no dream—it is a divine duty and a practical necessity, if we wish to see justice and human dignity prioritized in this world. Our fate cannot depend on election results in Washington or Paris but must be built on our own strength and conviction.

While the West wavers under the weight of its contradictions and crises, we, as Muslims, have a unique opportunity to revive the golden era when the Caliphate was a beacon of justice, dignity, and development for the entire world. The liberation of Palestine and the protection of the oppressed in Gaza and elsewhere can only happen through a united Islamic Ummah under the leadership of the Caliphate. It is *the* solution—not only for Muslims but for all humanity, which increasingly suffers under the dominance and injustice of the Western system.

The Muslim Ummah has within itself all the prerequisites to take up the mantle of leadership. It is time for Muslims to rise up, reject the current political order, and become the light that shows humanity the path to a just society, based on divine laws and moral integrity.

﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْنَتُخْلِفَنَّهُم فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدَلَنَّهُم مِن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمَنَّا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئَا﴾

"Allah has promised those among you who believe and do righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession to [authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them, and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me." (Surah An-Nur, 24:55)

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