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Islamic Inheritance Law Is the Best

News:

Tanzania's Deputy Minister for Constitution and Legal Affairs, Zainab Katimba, during the question-and-answer session of the 13th Parliament, had recently clarified that children born outside marriage have the exact same legal right to inherit from their parents as children born within marriage. She made this declaration in Parliament in Dodoma to address the so-called widespread discrimination in family inheritance disputes.

Comment:

Deputy Minister's statements come from Section 10 of the Law of the Child Act, that recognizes a child's right to inherit from a biological parent regardless of the parents' marital status at the time of pregnancy. In wider pespectives, the Child Act is a foreign, colonial and secular statute sprouted from 'The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child 1989' and 'The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child 1990'.

In this clarification, despite being made clear that Tanzania recognizes other cultural and religious laws of inheritance, including Islamic law, but by implication the statement was meant to target Islamic inheritance code since, in its social system, it harshly prohibits fornication and made clear that children born outside marriage are not entitled inheritance on the paternal side.

Furthermore, this issue vividly indicates that under a secular state, only few Islamic laws are considered being given to Muslims in a voluntary window to apply them in a handful of issues, such as inheritance and marriage, while the rest of the laws are secular in nature that in most cases, if not all, fail Islam and Muslims.

Being that Islamic inheritance law prevents a child born out of marriage to inherit from the so-called father, it is clear that it protects people against fornication which has been the main source of many evils including sexually transmitted diseases like HIV/AIDS, cervix cancer, poverty, chaos, and conflicts within the society, and brings true dignity and well-being to the people.

It is up to all enlightened people to come forward for open discussion on Islamic laws including inheritance, plus its implementing tool which is the Khilafah (Caliphate) State that once was the beacon of light in the east and west.

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