

Yemeni Conjoined Twin Babies Die due to Lack of Access to Medical Care

News:

On the 10th of February CBC news reported a rare case of two conjoined twins that were born in the capital of Sanaa, Yemen died as a result of the needed medical care being denied to the due to the war and foreign sanctions imposed on the nation. "Two-week-old Abd al-Khaleq and Abd al-Rahim - who shared a kidney and a pair of legs, but had separate hearts, lungs and heads.... the boys could not survive within Yemen's war-ravaged health system and needed to be taken abroad. But the airport in Houthi-controlled Sanaa has been closed to civilian flights since 2015 because the Saudi-led coalition has control over Yemeni airspace. Only UN planes can currently land there, though reopening the airport is a key aim of UN-led peace talks, which began with negotiations in Stockholm in December."

Comment:

The blessing of the birth of children should be a time of joy and celebration. However for the millions of women in Yemen, this is the most traumatic time as getting needed medical attention is not guaranteed. Furthermore the burden of raising children in one of the poorest and dangerous places on earth is often too difficult to bear and millions of children live in abject poverty with less than the basic living standards. The deaths of these innocent sons of our Ummah falls on the hands of all of the Rulers in our lands that have allowed the authority of Western governments who have their economic interests as their first priority and see the lives of the Muslims as an annoying distraction to their self-serving goals of greed. The mothers that carry their children for 9 months have no hope of care or security and shed tears that only land in the dry dust and their cries of help fall upon deaf ears. The fake Saudi efforts to assist in the mediation of getting these twins medical help was clear as, with all of their millions of dollars in airplanes helping to bomb women and children, these twins were sacrificed on the altar of Western hegemony.

The Muslims of the world cannot stand in silent witness to these crimes against our women and youth. The current political climate of non-Islamic laws are facing the innocent and needy and their time must come to and end to be replaced with the truth and mercy of Allah (swt)'s law. It is impossible in the Khilafah that children needing medical help would be simply left to die. The role of leadership is not one that is determined by self interest and power. It is defined by looking after the affairs of the Ummah. The Prophet (saw) said: «أَلَا كَلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْنُونٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ فَإِلِمَامٌ الَّذِي عَلَى الْإِمَامِ الْوَالِي عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِ رَجُلٍ وَالْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا وَوَلَدُهُ وَهِيَ النَّاسِ رَاعٍ وَهُوَ مَسْنُونٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ وَالرَّجُلُ رَاعٍ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْنُونٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ وَالْمَرْأَةُ رَاعِيَةٌ عَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِ زَوْجِهَا وَوَلَدُهُ وَهِيَ النَّاسِ رَاعٍ وَهُوَ مَسْنُونٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ وَالرَّجُلُ رَاعٍ عَلَى مَالِ سَيِّدِهِ وَهُوَ مَسْنُونٌ عَنْهُ أَلَا فَكُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْنُونٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ» "Each of you are shepherds and each of you is responsible for [your] flock. An Imam is a shepherd and he is responsible for those in his care. A man is a shepherd in respect of his family and is responsible for those in his care. The woman is a shepherd in respect of her husband's house and is responsible for those in her care. The servant is a shepherd in respect of his master's property and is responsible for what is in his care. All of you are shepherds and each of you is responsible for his flock." The Quran emphasizes the fair and just treatment of all people so that they take their rights as ordained by Allah (swt): ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ: "O you, who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witness to Allah, even as against yourselves or your parents or your kin and whether it be against rich or poor, for Allah protects both." [Surah An-Nisa': 135]

From these examples, we should see the immediate removal of the false political entities in our lands that abuse the right of the Muslims in their care. We urge the Muslims to give voice to this cause off the return of the Khilafah to end the merciless killing of our beloved youth under non-Islamic political systems.

Written for the Central media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir by
Imrana Mohammad