

City Corporation Elections will not make even a Slight Difference to the People's Lives; Only the Khilafah State and its Waalis (governors) and 'Amils (mayors) can fulfil the Needs of the People Living in the Cities as well as the Villages

Elections for the City Corporations in Dhaka and Chittagong are due to be held at the end of this month. We can say with 100% certainty just as the national elections failed to fulfill the aspirations of the people, in the same manner the outcome from these elections will be no different. Elections in this democratic system are nothing but empty promises of the politicians. It is simply a tool to deceive the people by giving them the hope that may be the election this time that will bring some change. In the national elections, the Awami-BNP make grand promises to the people of the country and in the local elections their local cronies make grand promises to the people of their locality, only to forget them after the elections, and months and years pass but the people continue to suffer from the same old problems. What gives us this certainty is the experience over and over again through the decades and this is enough to reject this system. Moreover, the democratic system is based upon the sovereignty of the politicians who care for nothing but their corrupt selfish interests. They make laws, rules and regulations which benefits them and those close to them. Politics is a business to them to tax the people and then fill their own pockets by looting the people's money. The rulers and politicians in this system have no sense of responsibility to the people, nor are they accountable of this responsibility to anyone in this world, and nor do they fear the accountability of Allah (swt) in the Hereafter. The basis of this ruling system is therefore the rejection of the Deen of Allah (swt) and for the Muslims to accept it and continue to live under it will only increase their problems and hardships, not lessen them as well as bring them loss in the Hereafter.

﴿وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَنْ ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَى﴾

“But whosoever turns away from My Reminder (way of life), verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise them up blind on the Day of Resurrection.” [Surah Ta-Ha: 124]

Allah (swt) sent Muhammad (saw) with Islam providing in it a detailed and distinguished ruling system for the people, which is the Khilafah state. Muslims lived in justice and security under this system from the time of the Messenger (saw) in the Medina then throughout the Khulafaa Rashideen and then throughout the eras of the succeeding Khilafah until the British colonialists, malicious against Islam, abolished the Uthmani Khilafah in Turkey in 1924. The Khilafah state had provided its citizens, Muslims and non-Muslims, with a secure and peaceful life internally, and status and honour in the international arena. Restoring the Khilafah state, whose rulers and politicians are sincere, aware and responsible, and who have the fear of Allah (swt) and rule by the Qur'an and Sunnah, is the only way for us to solve our problems and end our hardships.

The head of state in the Khilafah is the Khaleefah, the “Imam”; he is the guardian for his people, as the Prophet (saw) on the authority of Abdallah bin Omar said, “I heard the Prophet *sallallahu alaihi wa sallam* say, «الإمام رَاعٍ وَمَسْئُولٌ عَنْ رَعِيَّتِهِ» **“Surely! Everyone of you is a guardian and is responsible for his charges.”** Since the Khaleefah does not oppress the people nor loots their wealth as the current Awami-BNP rulers. In order to fulfill his duties as the Amir ul Mu'mineen, the Khaleefah will have with him Mu'awins (assistants) at the centre, and Waalis (governors) and 'Amils (mayors) at the local level. In Article 52 of the *Draft Constitution of the Khilafah* published by **Hizb ut Tahrir** with evidences from the Qur'an and the Sunnah, it is stated,

“The territories governed by the State are divided into regions called Wilayah (Province). Each Wilayah is divided into regions called l'mala (District). The one who governs the Wilayah is called the Waali (governor) or Amir and the one who governs the l'mala is called the 'Amil (mayor) or Hakim.”

The Khilafah state with its well-structured administrative system to manage the people's affairs and discharge their interests such as education, health, agriculture, employment, roads and transportations etc. The administrative system consists of Maslaha (offices), Da'ira (departments) and Idara (administration) whose staffs are answerable to the Waali and 'Amil.

The Waalis and the 'Amils in the Khilafah state are not local cronies for the Khaleefah who serve themselves and their national leaders like the Awami-BNP mayors and councillors in the current system. Rather they take care of the people and solve the people's wants and needs just as Muhammad (saw) commanded,

«مَنْ وَلَاهُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ شَيْئًا مِنْ أَمْرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ فَاحْتَجَبَ دُونَ حَاجَتِهِمْ وَخَلَّتْهُمْ وَفَقَرَهُمُ احْتَجَبَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ دُونَ حَاجَتِهِ وَخَلَّتْهُ وَفَقَرَهُ»

“Whoever is in charge of anything of the Muslims’ affairs, and withdraws himself without solving their needs, poverty, and wants, Allah withdraws Himself on the Day of Judgement from his needs, wants and poverty.” [Extracted by Abu Daoud on the authority of Mariam al-A’zadi]

And, the Messenger of Allah (saw) said,

«إِيَّاكُمْ وَالْإِقْرَادَ»، قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، وَمَا الْإِقْرَادُ؟ قَالَ: «يَكُونُ أَحَدُكُمْ أَمِيرًا، أَوْ عَامِلًا، فَتَأْتِيهِ الْأَرْمَلَةُ، وَالْمَسْكِينُ، فَيُقَالُ لَهُ: انْتَظِرْ حَتَّى يُنْظَرَ فِي حَاجَتِكَ، فَيَكُونُوا مُفْرِدِينَ لَا تُفْضَى لَهُمْ حَاجَةٌ، وَلَا يُؤْمَرُوا فَيَنْصَرَفُوا، وَيَأْتِي الرَّجُلَ الْعَنِيَّ، وَالشَّرِيفَ فَيُقْعِدُهُ إِلَى جَنْبِهِ، ثُمَّ يَقُولُ: مَا حَاجَتُكَ؟ فَيَقُولُ: كَذَا وَكَذَا، فَيَقُولُ: اقْضُوا حَاجَتَهُ، وَعَجَّلُوا بِهَا»

“I warn you from ‘Iqrad.” They asked: Oh Messenger of Allah what is ‘Iqrad’? He said: For one of you to be an Amir or an ‘Amil, and so the widowed and weak come to him and it is said to them: Wait until we consider your need, and so they are left waiting, their need is not dealt with nor are they told what to do and so they leave, and a rich noble man comes and so they sit by his side and then say: What is your need? And so he replies such and such. And so he said: Take care of his need, and be quick about it.” [Extracted by At-Tabarani in Musnad ash-Shamain on the authority of Abu Hurraira]

There is a clear accountability structure within the Khilafah state to account the Waalis or the ‘Amils. The Khaleefah monitors the work of the Waalis and ‘Amils, and continually evaluates their performance. Each Wilayah also has a Majlis ul Wilayah (Wilayah Assembly) elected by the people to raise their issues and complaints. If people complained about a Waali or ‘Amil, the Khaleefah has to remove him from his post. The state also has the Mahkamat ul Madhalim (Court of Unjust Acts), with branches in the Wilayahs, which investigates injustices perpetrated by the state whether the perpetrator of the unjust act was the Khaleefah, his Mu’awins, Waali, ‘Amil or a civil servant, whether there was a plaintiff who brought a case to the court or not. And in Article 90 of the *Draft Constitution of the Khilafah*, **Hizb ut Tahrir** stated,

“The Mahkamat ul Madhalim has the authority to dismiss any ruler, governor and official of the State, including the Khaleefah, in case the removal of the unjust act requires that.”

Oh Muslims!

We have not summarized here the structure of the Khilafah state and the manner of its looking after the people's affairs for an academic purpose or in order that you may admire the Khilafah system or you may dream of its return some day and until then you continue to accept and live by the current system. Rather this is to remind you and urge you to work with us for the re-establishment of the Khilafah so that you may achieve a secured and peaceful life in this Dunya and save yourselves in the Akhirah. So respond if you will; reject the rule of all the false Deen in your life's affairs, do not place your hopes in democracy and its elections, rather remove the Awami-BNP ruling regime and establish the Khilafah to conduct all your life's affairs according to Islam which includes the affairs of government, national and local, not just your prayer, fasting and personal Ibadah. Only then you will have abided by the statement of Allah (swt),

﴿إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ﴾

“Truly, the Deen with Allah is only Islam” [Surah Ali-Imran: 19]

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