

Press Release

End Democracy, Establish Khilafah

To End Corruption Establish Khilafah on the Method of Prophethood

For months now, the Muslims have been witness to the current political circus over corruption that has dominated the media and social media. The ruling PML-N has been defending itself from corruption by focusing on its construction projects, from which its entourage benefits financially. The partners of the PML-N in the turn-by-turn politics, the PPP, is playing the role as agreed in the Charter of Democracy, that of a toothless opposition in Democracy, biding its time for its turn. The PTI has been focusing on corruption, claiming that Democracy will flourish once corruption ends.

In fact, the rulers and both branches of the opposition are the blind seeking to lead the sighted. They are all blind to the fact that Democracy itself is the cause of corruption. Democracy is ruling according to the whims and desires of human-beings rather than according to the commands and prohibitions mandated by Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw). Democracy is a system that gives human-beings the choice to obey Allah (swt) or disobey Him, even though Allah (swt) has revealed, ﴿وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنٍ

﴿وَمَا كَانَ لِمُؤْمِنَةٍ إِذَا قَضَىٰ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَمْرًا أَنْ يَكُونَ لَهُمُ الْخِيَرَةُ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ وَمَن يَعْصِ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ ضَلَّ ضَلَالًا مُّبِينًا﴾

is not befitting for a believing man or woman to have any choice in a matter, when it has been decided upon by Allah and His Messenger.” [Surah Al-Ahzab 33:36].

Democracy assigns assemblies of men and women as sovereign, allowing them to choose laws according to their whims and desires, even though Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَأَن أَحْكُم بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَأَحْذَرُهُمْ أَن يَفْتِنُوكَ عَن بَعْضِ مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ﴾

“**And judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their desires, and beware (O Muhammad) that they might seduce you from some of what Allah has sent down to you.**” [Surah Al-Maaida 5:49].

What greater corruption is there than deliberately incurring the wrath of Allah (swt) through flagrantly disobeying Him!

Democracy is a system made clearly Forbidden (Haraam) by Islam which has allowed rulers to make laws which facilitates their usurping the wealth of the Ummah, fill their pockets and then whisk their ill-gotten gains away to off-shore companies or foreign investments. It is Democracy which allows rulers to make laws that ensures that mega projects only benefit the ruling elite, their cronies and their masters sitting

in the West. It is Democracy which allowed the formulation of the National Reconciliation Ordinance (NRO) and gave a clean chit to the corrupt politicians, so they can have yet another avenue by which to usurp the resources of Pakistan. It is Democracy which has passed a law that if the corrupt surrenders some amount of his ill-gotten wealth, he will not be punished. It is Democracy that ensures the immense concentration of wealth in the hands of the few such that even the former US President Obama lamented on 4 December 2013, "And the result is an economy that's become profoundly unequal, and families that are more insecure... Since 1979...our productivity is up by more than 90 percent, but the income of the typical family has increased by less than eight percent. Since 1979, our economy has more than doubled in size, but most of that growth has flowed to a fortunate few... The top 10 percent no longer takes in one-third of our income — it now takes half." And it is Democracy that enabled the current US President Trump to assemble a cabinet that is considered one of the wealthiest in history at a time of unprecedented economic turmoil and collapse. So if this is the state of Democracy in its homeland and leading advocate, what can Pakistan expect from Democracy, even if it continued for another seven decades, without interruption?

Only the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood will end corruption. Unlike Democracy, in Islam, the rulers cannot make laws according to their whims and desires, rather they are bound to implement laws that are derived from the Quran and the Sunnah only. The rulers can only implement the Islamic economic system which ensures that every project, whether mega or small, will benefit the Ummah only and no-one can pass a law like the NRO to give a clean chit to corruption. So neither targeting corruption nor construction can lift Pakistan from its current dire situation. To end corruption, the sincere and aware Muslims must target the abolition of Democracy and the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood.

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