

Press Release

**Increase in the Prices of Gas and Electricity is Poison for Pakistan's Economy:
Bajwa-Imran Regime has Started Implementing IMF Conditions
Even Before Securing IMF Debt**

Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah Pakistan rejects the increase in gas prices by 46 percent on average, as well as the two Rupees per unit increase in electricity prices. Has the Bajwa-Imran regime lost all its senses? Why is it increasing the prices of gas and electricity, when the industrial and agriculture sectors are already crippled by the high costs of production and doing business? Will this increase strengthen productivity such that our exports will increase and reliance on imports decrease? Not at all, rather matters will worsen, so, what of all the talk of "change"?! Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah Pakistan has previously warned the Muslims that they must never be deceived by those who raise rhetoric of change, whilst advocating the capitalist economy, like all those before them. The advocates of the capitalist economy do not have any solution except to increase the prices of gas and electricity. Indeed, within fifteen days of coming to power, the Bajwa-Imran regime has proved the rightful stance of Hizb ut Tahrir in Wilayah Pakistan. It has proved that real change can never be envisaged through Democracy and it has proved that real change will only occur by re-establishing the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood.

If the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Prophethood was established today, Pakistan truly would be like the Madinah State from the outset. The Khaleefah on the very first day will announce gas and electricity as public property, because RasulAllah (saw) said, « الْمُسْلِمُونَ شُرَكَاءُ فِي ثَلَاثِ الْأُمُورِ » «وَالنَّارِ وَالنَّارِ» **"The Muslims are partners in three things, waters, feeding pastures and fire."** (Ahmad). The term 'fire' here includes all forms of energy used as fuel in industry, as well as the plants which use gas as fuel or coal. Currently power plants producing electricity and gas wells are private property. Therefore, the government is bound to buy energy according to the demands of its unlawful owners or to pay according to international prices. However, the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood will not have any such restriction, because energy will not be private property. Energy will be public property which the state supervises as the representative of the people. If this one command of Islam's economic system is implemented alone, it would bring a revolution in Pakistan's economy. The domestic, industrial, commercial and agriculture sectors will receive gas and electricity at affordable prices. This will result in significant decreases in the costs of production and doing business. Our products will compete effectively with the products of other countries in the international markets, exports will grow and dependence on imports will decline.

Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah Pakistan repeats its call to the Muslims to turn away from democratic parties as it is the sure path to disappointment. In order to make Pakistan a state like Madinah, the Muslims must join the struggle of Hizb ut Tahrir for the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood. Rest assured the glad tidings of Rasulallah (saaw) about the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood will be realized eventually inshaaAllah. RasulAllah (saaw) said, « ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَىٰ مِنْهَا النَّبُوءَةُ » **"Afterwards there will be a Khilafah on the Method of the Prophethood."** [Reported by Ahmad]

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