

Let us not be Stung by Democracy Yet Again, by Establishing the Khilafah upon the Method of the Prophethood!

The initial expectation over the disqualification of Pakistan's Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, evaporated, as the National Assembly selected the new Prime Minister on 1 August 2017, replacing the corrupt after looking within the rows of the corrupt! Indeed, we have been here before, after the previous departure of Nawaz in 1999, then Musharraf in 2008, then Zardari in 2013 and now Nawaz in 2017. RasulAllah (saaw) warned us, «لَا يُلْدَغُ الْمُؤْمِنُ مِنْ جُحْرٍ وَاحِدٍ مَرَّتَيْنِ» **“The believer is not stung from the same hole twice.”** [Bukhari, Muslim]. Now the prevailing feeling in Pakistan is that there is no hope for real change through the current system, neither through the ruling party nor the opposition that clamors to take its place.

Looking for real change through Democracy ensures our disappointment every time. Indeed, any clamoring or movement for change within Democracy is like the pot of water boiling loudly in the kitchen, lots of commotion and motion, but deprived of the means for satisfying the starving. How can it be; when Democracy itself is the cause of corruption, financial and otherwise; a fact that has clearly been established over seven decades, since the creation of Pakistan in August 1947? How can it be when throughout the Muslim World, from Morocco in the West, through to Turkey and onwards to Indonesia in the East, those calling for Democracy give us occasional words of hope to cling on to, but than we are stung every time?

We will always be stung by those who call for Democracy, whether from the rulers or those who are seeking to rule after them. Any one who rules through Democracy is making corruption on the earth by disobeying their Lord (swt) in their capacity as rulers. When ruling by Democracy's constitution and laws, such rulers flagrantly ignore that which Allah (swt) ordered and openly embrace that which Allah (swt) forbade. So there will never be real change for Muslims, whether we wait another seven decades under Democracy here in Pakistan or indeed anywhere else in the Muslim World. Allah (swt) warned, «وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُصْلِحُونَ» **“And when it is said to them: "Do not make corruption on the earth," they say: "We are only peacemakers.”** [Surah al-Baqarah 2:11].

We will always be stung by Democracy because its laws are made according to the whims and desires of men and women, gathered in a parliament, even though Allah (swt) ordered, «وَأَنْ أَحْكَمَ بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَأَخْذِرْهُمْ أَنْ يُفْتِنُوكَ عَنْ بَعْضِ مَا أَنْزَلَ 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.”** So how can there ever be real change through Democracy?!

We will always be stung by Democracy because it allows rulers to continuously interact with enemy officials, revealing secrets and seeking guidance from them, even though Allah (swt) forbade that in His Saying, «إِنَّمَا يَنْهَاكُمْ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ قَاتَلْتُمُوهُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَأَخْرَجُوكُمْ مِنْ دِيَارِكُمْ وَظَاهَرُوا عَلَىٰ» **“Allah forbids your alliance with those who fight you because of your Deen, and drive you from your homelands, or aid others to do so: and as for those who turn to them in alliance, they are truly oppressors.”** [Surah al-Mumtahina 60:9]. And Democracy permits the abandoning Masjid al Aqsa and the Muslims of Palestine and Occupied Kashmir to our enemies, even though Allah (swt) ordered, «وَإِنْ أَسْتَصْرَوْكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ فَعَلَيْكُمْ النَّصْرُ» **“If they seek your help in Den, it is your duty to**

help them.” [Surah al-Anfal 8:72]. So how can there ever be real change through Democracy?!

We will always be stung by Democracy because it orders the privatization of our energy resources, which Islam has deemed as public property, even though RasulAllah (saaw) ordered, «المُسْلِمُونَ شُرَكَاءُ فِي ثَلَاثِ الْمَاءِ وَالْكَلا وَالنَّارِ» **“The Muslims are partners in three things: waters, feeding pastures and fire (energy)”** (Ahmad). Democracy orders burdensome taxation upon the needy that our Deen has forbidden, even though RasulAllah (saaw) warned, «لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ صَاحِبُ مَكْسٍ» **“The collector of illegitimate taxes will not enter Jannah”** [Ahmad]. Democracy permits foreign loans upon interest which is a bottomless pit of despair, even though Allah (swt) said, «وَأَحَلَ اللَّهُ الْبَيْعَ وَحَرَّمَ الرِّبَا» **“They say that Riba is a form of trade. But Allah has permitted trade and forbidden riba.”** [Surah al-Baqarah 2:275]. And Democracy ensures that wealth is concentrated in the hands of the rulers, even though Allah (swt) ordered, «كَيْ لَا يَكُونَ دَوْلَةً بَيْنَ الْأَغْنِيَاءِ مِنْكُمْ» **“So that the wealth does not circulate solely among the wealthy from amongst you.”** [Surah Al-Hashr 59: 7]. So how can we ever expect real change through Democracy?!

O Muslims of Pakistan!

Let us not waste any more energy by looking for real change in the wrong place. Democracy will always sting us again and again. How can we expect the blessings of Allah (swt), peace, security and prosperity, through a system build on disobedience, sin and transgression? Let us not incline in any way to those who call us towards the oppression of Democracy, for Allah (swt) warned, «وَلَا تَرْكَبُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا فَتَمَسَّكُمُ النَّارُ وَمَا لَكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءٍ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصَرُونَ» **“And do not incline toward those who oppress, lest you be touched by the Fire, and you would not have other than Allah any protectors; then you would not be helped.”** [Hud: 113]. Let us commit fully to our Deen and its implementation through the **Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood**. Let us work for real change by standing with the Shabab of **Hizb ut Tahrir** as they strive to re-establish the **Khilafah on the Method of the Prophethood** in the lands of Pakistan, the Pure, the Good; a land established in August 1947 in the name of Islam.

O Muslims of Pakistan's Armed Forces!

The reality of Democracy, its corruption and oppression, is apparent to all of us. It has brought the Islamic Ummah only misery and secured our enemies' predominance over us. Bury the rotting corpse of Democracy through your Nussrah (Material Support) for the re-establishment of the **Khilafah on the Method of the Prophethood**. It is time for real change brothers, so ally with Allah (swt), His Deen and the Believers, so that this Ummah is predominant again, as it was for centuries before. Allah (swt) said, «إِنَّمَا وَلِيُّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ وَهُمْ رَاكِعُونَ* وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّ اللَّهَ وَرَسُولَهُ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فَإِنَّ حِزْبَ اللَّهِ هُمُ الْغَالِبُونَ» **“Your ally is none but Allah and [therefore] His Messenger and those who have believed - those who establish prayer and give zakah, and they bow [in worship]. * And whoever is an ally of Allah and His Messenger and those who have believed - indeed, the party of Allah - they will be the predominant.”** [Surah Al-Ma'idah: 55-56].

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