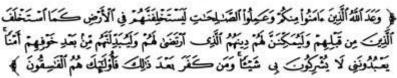


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The Interim Government is Imposing Unprecedented VAT and Taxes, Establishing a New Economic Tyranny on the People.

The Prophet ﷺ said, «لَا يَدْخُلُ صَاحِبُ مَكْسِ الْجَنَّةَ يَعْنِي الْعَشَّارَ» "One who wrongfully takes an extra tax (sahib maks) will not enter Paradise" (Musnad Ahmed)

The greater population of the country is being crushed by the rising prices of daily necessities, facing a health crisis day by day due to the lack of proper protein, and failing to meet educational and medical expenses. Ignoring this plight of the people, the interim government has imposed high VAT-taxes on hundreds of products and has choked the throats of the people. In addition, it has stopped the process of selling goods at subsidized prices by trucks through TCB for low-income people; (Truck sales closed, cards of 4.3 million families canceled: Prothom Alo, January 10, 2025). The reason for these anti-people decisions of the government is the policy given by the IMF regarding tax-GDP and subsidy withdrawal, which the government is committed to follow. However, the IMF is a neo-colonial institution of the United States, through which they establish control over the economies of various countries. You must have witnessed that when the country's business, trade and employment are stagnating due to the reserve and energy crisis, the government has decided to double corporate tax and advance income tax on raw material imports in the middle of the fiscal year, which is suicidal for the country's emerging electronics industry (Daily Jugantar, January 13, 2025).

When the people of all walks of life in the country are expressing concern over these anti-people decisions of the interim government, the nonsense press secretary of the Chief Advisor of the interim-government said, "This step has been taken to restore stability of the fragile economy left by the previous government." Whereas, they have followed the same footsteps of the previous government by subsidizing the corruption of the banking sector by printing over 22,000 crore taka and indirectly taxing on the people. He also said, "IMF prescription is the most effective for macroeconomic stability in the world' (Sangbad, 12 January 2025). However, it is universally recognized that there is no example for any country's economy turning around by following the advice of the IMF, rather these countries have become extremely dependent and poor economies. For example, Sudan was once called the "bread basket", and following the advice of the IMF, Sudan has now become one of the most famine-stricken countries. The IMF takes away a country's economic sovereignty by trapping it in the net of its loan conditions, and it establishes the Colonialist State's control over that country's economy by implementing trade liberalization and privatization policies. Finally, they also influence the political decisions of that State. You know, the fallen Hasina government laundered \$16 billion every year; now that the current government claims that this money laundering has stopped, why would they approach the IMF for a loan of only \$4.7 billion? Why would

the people accept the anti-people conditions of the IMF? Besides, when our workers from aboard send about \$20 billion foreign remittance annually, why would we need this insignificant loan from a foreign organization? The people think that just as the fallen dictator Hasina government established a rule of tyranny in the country, similarly this current interim-government is walking on the path of establishing IMF dominance on our economy, and establishing an economic tyranny over the people. Therefore, the people must unite to resist this evil agenda of the government. Allah (swt) says, ﴿نَا عُدُاء وَيَبْسُطُوا النَّذِيهُمْ وَالْسِنْتَهُم بِالسَّوءِ وَوَدُوا لَوْ تَكُفُرُونَ لَكُمْ أَعْدَاء وَيَبْسُطُوا النَّذِيهُمْ وَالْسِنْتَهُم بِالسَّوءِ وَوَدُوا لَوْ تَكُفُرُونَ لَكُمْ أَعْدَاء وَيَبْسُطُوا النَّذِيهُمْ وَالْسِنْتَهُم بِالسَّوءِ وَوَدُوا لَوْ تَكُفُرُونَ لَكُمْ أَعْدَاء وَيَبْسُطُوا النَّذِيهُمْ وَالْسِنْتَهُم بِالسَّوءِ وَوَدُوا لَوْ تَكُفُرُونَ لَكُمْ العَدَاء وَيَبْسُطُوا النَّذِيهُمْ وَالْسِنْتَهُم بِالسَّوءِ وَوَدُوا لَوْ تَكُفُرُونَ لَكُمْ العَدَاء وَيَبْسُطُوا النَّذِيهُمْ وَالْسِنْتَهُم بِالسَّوءِ وَوَدُوا لَوْ تَكُفُرُونَ لَكُمْ العَدَاء وَيَبْسُطُوا النَّذِيهُمُ وَالْسِنْتَهُم بِالسَّوء وَوَدُوا لَوْ تَكُفُرُونَ لَا لَاللَّهُ وَالْسُلِعُونَ لَا لَاللَّهُ وَالْسُلِعُونَ لَا لَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَالْسَلِيْ اللَّهُ وَالْسُلِعُونَ لَا لَا لَا لَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّ

O People, for the economic stability of the country, it is necessary to achieve self-reliance. Therefore, the IMF's interference in the country's economy must be stopped and the capitalist ruling class, the agents of the colonialists, must also be rejected. Country's economy must come out of its hostage situation to the foreign multinational companies through trade liberalization and free market economy, and a sovereign and self-reliant economy must be established by establishing domestic industries. Capitalist economic policies must be rejected and Islamic economy must be implemented. As you know, Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah Bangladesh, has previously presented the outline of a self-reliant economy to the nation through which a leading economy will be established.

"And if there should come to you guidance from Me - then whoever follows My guidance will neither go astray [in the world] nor suffer [in the Hereafter]" [Surah Taha: 123].

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