

Press Release

The Jordanian Regime in its Amendments to its Man-made Law on Penalties Combines the Corruption of the Commodity and the Deduction in the Measure! (Translated)

The Jordanian Council of Ministers referred to the Council of Representatives a draft law amending the Penal Code. The bill contains amendments to seventy-one articles of the original law, which consists of four hundred sixty-six articles, that is more than one-third of the law in force. This Penal Code is being amended for the twenty-fourth time since 1960, which indicates two things:

First: the inability of the man-made laws to deal with the problems of humanity, which makes them deficient and troubled. Whenever they are amended, increased or decreased, they result in futility to solve the existing problems and failure to address the emerging problems. Rather, the application of the law itself results in new problems that have not been taken into account. Allah (swt) has spoken the truth, He says:

﴿أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ﴾

“Does He who created not know, while He is the Subtle, the Acquainted?” [Al-Mulk: 14].

Instead of these smitten realizing the crime of laying down human laws and abandoning the Divine law, they consider making amendments and corrections, and are reluctant to return to the rule of Allah Almighty and his legislation. He (swt) says:

﴿فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ فَيُوَفِّيهِمْ أُجُورَهُمْ وَيَزِيدُهُم مِّن فَضْلِهِ وَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ اسْتَنكَفُوا وَاسْتَكْبَرُوا فَيُعَذِّبُهُمْ عَذَابًا أَلِيمًا وَلَا يَجِدُونَ لَهُم مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ وَلِيًّا وَلَا نَصِيرًا﴾

“And as for those who believed and did righteous deeds, He will give them in full their rewards and grant them extra from His bounty. But as for those who disdained and were arrogant, He will punish them with a painful punishment, and they will not find for themselves besides Allah any protector or helper.” [An-Nisa: 173].

Second: the regime in Jordan has not been established on the bases of taking care of people's affairs at all. Therefore, its baseline from the enactment of laws and the producing new legislations, is not the real need to address problems. Rather, it uses the problems that people suffer from to justify their actions and crimes against people's rights and properties, and to fight against those who carry the call to Islam and criminalize them. And to suppress anyone who may oppose it, or demands his rights, or exposes the corrupt ruling class with criticism and accountability. And to satisfy the Kafir West and its institutions by imposing his view point of life on Muslims. All these things are evident in these amendments. The Jordanian regime has made the penal code a new source of looting money by doubling fines. It has broadened the meaning of “terrorism” with a new loose definition, in order to include whoever it wants, by using loose terms that do not have a clear defined meaning, through which it can link “terrorism” to any act. For it has amended to define terrorism (by violence...) as stated in the original law, to use the phrase (any intentional act, threat or omission, etc...). As well as the use of loose

discretionary terms such as “that would endanger the safety and security of the community or create discord if that would disrupt the public order ... etc.” This means that all activists in the community from partisans, unionists, journalists, writers and others will be exposed to the charge of “terrorism” of a word, an article or a comment. The amended law has made the minimum penalty ten years.

Also, the amended law increased the penalty of what it calls the illegal association to the penalty of temporary works. And it is known that the regime calls those who work to resume the Islamic way of life and the establishment of the provisions of Islam, especially Hizb ut Tahrir (an illegal association), even though the party does not engage in any physical (material) act and do not use violence in its call. Rather, its method is the method of the Messenger, peace be upon him and his family, where he (saw) did not carry out any physical act when he established the first State of Islam. Nevertheless, members of Hizb ut Tahrir are tried on this charge ... The amended law also harshened the penalty on protests and criminalized labor strikes by state employees and added some of the amendments demanded by Western bodies and organizations to obtain the satisfaction of the Kafir West.

In general, these amendments with the original law are evil upon evil, and a crime added to the crime of legislation itself. Therefore, we call on the Muslims in Jordan to take on this regime and prevent it from imposing its unjust and repressive laws, because by leaving it to rule them by other than Allah’s law, makes it continue in its evil. Allah (swt) says, warning those who are silent about the injustice of the oppressors:

﴿وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ﴾

“And fear the Fitnah (affliction and trial) which affects not in particular (only) those of you who oppress (but it will afflict everyone) and know that Allah is Severe in punishment.” [Al-Anfaal: 25].

Muslims know that the effective solution for their entire problems is in applying the law of the Creator (swt) in all aspects of life. So, we call upon them to renounce the regime and its tools and to work with Hizb ut Tahrir to resume the Islamic way of life by establishing the righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) State on the method of the Prophethood.

﴿مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيَاةً طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ﴾

“Whoever does righteousness, whether male or female, while he is a believer – We will surely cause him to live a good life, and We will surely give them their reward [in the Hereafter] according to the best of what they used to do.” [An-Nahl: 97]

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