

Press Release

## Pakistan Will Be Enslaved by Oil Prices Set by the Colonialist Powers, Until It is Liberated by the Khilafah from its Nation State Prison

Upon a back-breaking increase in fuel prices on 15 July 2021, the Information and Broadcasting Minister declared, “due to the continuous rise in oil prices in the global market, the government had no choice but to increase oil prices.” The government then labored over presenting a comparative analysis of the prices of regional countries, whilst proffering the abolition of the petroleum development levy as a defense. It projected helplessness and powerlessness to persuade the people to swallow an extremely bitter pill, without anger or resentment. However, there is another option, which is declaring the petroleum sector a public property, in accordance with Islam. By doing so, great relief can be extended to the people by taking the profits of the parties involved in the oil supply chain, including dealers’ commissions and petroleum marketing companies’ profits, out of the equation. Similarly by abolishing an oppressive indirect tax, the general sales tax, the price of petroleum products can be slashed further. So much for the false projection of powerlessness and helplessness of the rulers!

Moreover, although global oil prices are outwardly affected by OPEC’s increase or decrease in oil supply, the final decision to increase or decrease supply is not based on economic principles or market demand, but on the interests of the colonialist powers. So, when the United States and Europe needed cheap oil to keep the wheels of their industries, transportation and economies turning, it was sold for less than 25 dollars a barrel for decades, cheaper than French mineral water, whilst the United States benefited from Saudi oil to a tune of more than 88 trillion dollars. Then, when the United States needed higher prices in the global market to cover the costs of exploration and market feasibility for US shale oil and gas reserves, the United States slashed oil production through OPEC, which pushed up the prices of oil, including that of US shale oil. Thus, US shale oil and gas companies began to flourish, such that the United States is now the world’s largest producer of shale oil and gas. So when the colonialist powers set oil prices according to their own interests, whilst being neither powerless nor helpless in this regard, then the rulers of Pakistan must be firmly held to account for their failure to establish the Khilafah (Caliphate). It is the Khilafah alone that will rapidly expand to unify Central Asia, Middle East and other energy-rich lands, so that the Muslims can establish firm control over energy production, according to the needs of Islam and Muslims, when most of the energy reserves of the world lie under their feet.

**O People of Strength and Power!** Imprisoned by nationalist borders drawn by the British, chained to the colonialist world order, crippled by the evil secular system and betrayed by agent rulers, Pakistan will never be able to assert itself effectively over global oil prices, liberate occupied Muslim Lands, escape exploitation at the hands of the IMF and FATF or smash the dollar hegemony over world trade. Indeed our pitiful situation under colonialist control forces us to seriously consider the Khilafah, a great obligation in our Deen. After firmly believing in Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw), what justification do we still have for not establishing a state upon the Deen of truth? It is the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood alone that will restore the Islamic Ummah to its rightful position as the people of the world’s leading state, as it was for centuries before. The Khilafah alone will end the colonialist burden upon humanity, which has led to the world’s most resource-rich states becoming the world’s most horrific cases of abject poverty, to the point that people risk drowning and suffocation to escape. Come forth now and grant Nussrah to Hizb ut Tahrir for the re-establishment of Khilafah, so that the Islamic Ummah will finally grant mercy in the Dunya to humankind, through its implementation of Islam as a complete way of life. Allah (swt) said, ﴿إِنَّمَا ذَلِكُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ يُخَوِّفُ أَوْلِيَاءَهُ فَلَا تَخَافُوهُمْ وَخَافُوا مِنِّي إِن كُنْتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ﴾ **“It was Satan who suggested to you the fear of his allies. Do not fear them; fear Me (swt), if you truly believe.”** [TMQ Surah Aali Imran 3:175].

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