

Addressing Economic Problems

Requires Thinking Outside the Box of Capitalism and Turning to the Great Ideology of Islam

(Translated)

In his speech to the Parliament on Wednesday, 25/10/2017, the First Vice President of the Republic, Prime Minister Bakri Hassan Saleh, acknowledged the government's failure to address the economic crisis and called for a new school. He said: "**Despite the jurisprudence of the former schools of economy management, is still economic depression, so the country's economy needs a new school**"(Sudan Tribune Wednesday 25 October 2017). With the conviction of the failure of the government, we, in Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah of Sudan, took the initiative to hold a public seminar at the Center of Martyr Al-Zubair under the title: "The Economy of Sudan...The Inevitability of Thinking Outside the Box" to draw the straight line, ﴿مَنْ لَدُنْ حَكِيمٍ خَبِيرٍ﴾ "**From [one who is] Wise and Acquainted**" [Hud: 1], in front of the crooked lines to be a solution to the economy problem, and a lifeline for the rulers of Sudan if they were sincere. But they met the good with the bad as they responded to our request after three weeks of temporizing and false promises. Their status was as if they were afraid of the Ummah to learn the truth in the description of the reality, and in the treatment of this rotten reality with the clear revelation, so they pronounced the banning of this seminar!! Hizb ut Tahrir has promised Allah to reveal the truth to the people, not harmed by the cunning of the traitors, or the betray of the hypocrites, Allah (swt) says: ﴿كَذَلِكَ يَضْرِبُ اللَّهُ الْحَقَّ وَالْبَاطِلَ فَأَمَّا الزَّبَدُ فَيَذْهَبُ جُفَاءً وَأَمَّا مَا يَنْفَعُ النَّاسَ﴾ "**Thus Allah presents [the example of] truth and falsehood. As for the foam, it vanishes, [being] cast off; but as for that which benefits the people, it remains on the earth. Thus does Allah present examples.**" [Ar-Ra'd: 17].

The dire economic decline represented in the relentless rise in prices that distresses the people of Sudan, the devaluation of the pound, the constriction of people's work with forbidden levies, and so forth are all the result of decades of the application of the capitalist system and of thinking within the scheme of this failed system in dealing with people's problems. Rather, it is the result of the full compliance with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) prescription: (The so-called lifting of subsidies - reducing government spending on people's interests in treatment, education, water, environment and others - privatizing state institutions to enable capitalist companies to plunder the country's wealth). This system of failed capitalist solutions is intended to qualify the country to pay the riba-based loans (instrument of permanent slavery)!!

The treatment of economic crises begins with thinking outside the box of capitalism. Undoubtedly, deep and enlightened thinking leads to the great Islam and its provisions as the effective remedy for these economic problems and for all human problems. These provisions include:

First: Islam has forbidden indirect taxes and custom duties (*Maks*). The Prophet (saw) said « لا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ صَاحِبُ مَكْسٍ » “**He who imposes *maks* (custom duty) would not enter paradise.**” And these forbidden levies are undoubtedly the direct cause of the grinding price rises, the disruption of production and the increase in unemployment.

Secondly, Money in Islam is based on gold and silver standards, which have intrinsic real value, instead of this colored paper, the so called the dollar, which has no intrinsic value. Instead, it is an embodiment of America's domination, its blackmail of the countries of the world and robbing the peoples' wealth and efforts.

Thirdly, the state in Islam is a state of care, encouraging its citizens to work, acquire wealth and cultivate barren land, relieving difficulties, embracing competencies, and lending money free of *riba* from Bait ul Mal (State Treasury) to finance agriculture, industry and commerce.

Fourth, the types of property in Islam are three (private, public and State property) according to the reality of the economic material. For example, solid mines, such as metals, liquid, such as oil and gas, are forbidden to be transferred to individual property for individuals or companies as in the case of privatization.

Fifth: Allah Almighty has forbidden usury. He (swt) says: ﴿وَأَحَلَّ اللَّهُ الْبَيْعَ وَحَرَّمَ الرِّبَا﴾ “**But Allah has permitted trade and has forbidden interest**”. [Al-Baqarah: 275].

Therefore, the rulers must stop paying the interest of the *riba*-based loans, so they only pay the origin of the debt (the capital). The Almighty said: ﴿وَأِنْ تَابْتُمْ فَلَكُمْ رُءُوسُ أَمْوَالِكُمْ﴾ “**And if you repent then you have your capital (without interest). Deal not unjustly, nor be dealt with unjustly**” [Al-Baqara: 279].

O Muslims, O the people of Sudan: The application of these capitalist systems is the secret of the failure, and the success of this Ummah and its revival begins with its awareness of its ideology and the secret of its life, the great ideology of Islam. We do not turn away from the law of Islam, rather, we are steadfast by word and work and continue day and night to establish the second Khilafah Rashidah (righteous Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood, the legitimate method to implement this system of provisions, and other systems of Islam.

For more details on the provisions of the economic system in Islam, the Shabab of Hizb ut Tahrir and its offices can be contacted.

Allah (swt) says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ﴾

“**O you who have believed, respond to Allah and to the Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life.**” [Al-Anfal: 24].

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