

Press Release

Abolish Democracy, Establish Khilafah:

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The return of former President and chief of PPP, Asif Ali Zardari, has generated a flurry within the political medium. There is intense debate as to whether or not the PPP will adhere to its truce with the PML-N, which is a consequence of the National Reconciliation Ordinance and Charter of Democracy, and continue the current baaree baaree siyasat, "taking turns politics." There is also speculation as to whether or not Imran Khan's PTI will coax PPP into an alliance before elections in 2018. However, the drama and debate has done little to restore the people's faith in Democracy who have had enough of long marches followed by deals, threats of lock-downs followed by climb downs, court cases leading to impotent tribunals, dharnay (sit-ins) and All-Party Conferences. However, what is clear through all the drama, is that Democracy is the prize for the corrupt and ensures protection for the corrupt.

Democracy is based upon the sovereignty of an assembly of human beings, so that this select elite manipulates laws to look after its own interests and those of its Western colonialist masters. Thus, in Democracy, the rulers and the opposition sit together in parliament to make constitutional amendments, laws, rules and regulations according to their whims and desires, granting legal cover for their own corruption, as well as foreign colonialist dictations, ensuring grave losses to our economy and security. It is through Democracy that laws are made in direct contradiction of Islam, including laws to suppress the political expression of Islam. This is why Democracy attracts the most corrupt of the people, who chase it as if it is the grandest of prizes.

There is no hope in Democracy, regardless of who comes to govern by it. Any such hope is like striking a hammer on our own feet, crippling us from any movement for real change. Democracy ensures that its leadership never feels responsibility to the people nor does it fear the accountability of Allah (swt) in the Hereafter. The basis of Democracy is the rejection of the Deen of Allah (swt) as a complete way of life. It commands what Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw) have forbidden and forbids that which they commanded. Democracy can only increase our problems and hardships, bringing us harm in this life and the Hereafter. Allah (swt) said, ﴿وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَى﴾ **“Whosoever turns away from My Reminder, verily, for him is a life of hardship, and We shall raise him blind on the Day of Resurrection.”** [Surah Ta-Ha: 124].

There is only one solution to Democracy, which is its immediate abolition and replacement by the ruling system of Islam, the Khilafah. Real change is not change in faces only, but can only come from ending Democracy and establishing Khilafah. Throughout the era of ruling by Islam, Muslims lived in justice and security, from the time of the Messenger (saaw) in Madinah, through the period of the Khulafaa Rashideen and then throughout the eras of the succeeding Khulafa'a. It is upon us all to work with **Hizb ut Tahrir** now in its struggle to restore Islam as a way of life, for it is the only sincere and aware leadership that calls for the abolition of Democracy and the re-establishment of the Khilafah. Only then will we have rulers that fear Allah (swt) alone, ruling by the Truth and caring for all the people, regardless of ethnicity, school of thought, religion, wealth or status. Allah (swt) said, ﴿إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ﴾ **“Indeed, We have revealed upon you (O Muhammad (saw)) a Book in Truth, to rule between the people by what Allah has shown you.”** [Surah an-Nisa'a 4:105]. Only then will we see the end of the rule of force and tyranny and the return of the rule of Islam by a Khilafah State. Ahmed narrated that RasoolAllah (saw) said, ﴿ثُمَّ تَكُونُ مَلَكًا جَبْرِيَّةً فَتَكُونُ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ ثُمَّ يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَىٰ مِنْهَا جِ نَبُوءَةٍ ثُمَّ سَكَتَ﴾ **“Then there will be rule of force, and it will remain as long as Allah will it to remain. Then Allah will end it when He wills. Then there will be a Khilafah on the Way of the Prophetood.”** Then he fell silent.

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