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From the Qur'an:

“There is no sin on you if you seek the Bounty of your Lord (during pilgrimage by trading, etc.). Then when you leave Arafat, remember Allah (by glorifying His Praises, i.e. prayers and invocations, etc.) at the Mashar-il-Haram. And remember Him (by invoking Allah for all good, etc.) as He has guided you, and verily, you were, before, of those who were astray.”

(Al-Baqarah: 198)

Selected Ahadith:

1- Narrated Ibn Umar (RA): The Messenger of Allah (SAAW) said, “Islam is based on (the following) five (principles/pillars):

1. To testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and Muhammad is Allah's Messenger.
2. To offer the (compulsory congregational) prayers dutifully and perfectly.
3. To pay Zakat (i.e. obligatory charity).
4. To perform Hajj (i.e. Pilgrimage to Makkah).
5. To observe fast during the month of Ramadan.”

(Sahih Bukhari: Book 2, Hadith 7)

2- “Mabroor (Sound) Hajj has no reward except Paradise”

(Sahihs Bukhari & Muslim)

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers (AS), in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAAW).

Every year during 5 days of the 12th month of the Islamic Calendar, *Zil-Hajjah*, Muslims from all over the world gather in the holy city of Makkah for performing Hajj, which is one of the five ‘pillar’ of Islam. It is the largest regularly held gathering of humans on the planet.

Allah (SWT) says in the Qur'an:

“And proclaim to the people the Hajj [pilgrimage]; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass -

That they may witness benefits for themselves and mention the name of Allah on known days over what He has provided for them of [sacrificial] animals. So eat of them and feed the miserable and poor.”

(Surah Al-Hajj, verses 27,28)

The Qur'anic verses mentioned above show that Hajj, as an institution, existed before the advent of Prophet Muhammad (SAAW), from antiquity. When pilgrimage was proclaimed people came to it from every quarter, near and far, on foot and mounted on camels. From that time onwards, Hajj has continued to be performed.

This Pilgrimage to Makkah has been mentioned in the Bible ‘to the city of Baca’ in the following words:

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

As they pass through the **Valley of Baca**, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

(Psalm 84: 4, 5, 6)

Moreover, Makkah has been named as Bakkah (close to Baca) on one occasion in the Holy Quran, thus:

“Indeed, the first House [of worship] established for mankind was that at **Bakkah** – blessed and a guidance for the worlds.” (Surah Al-i'Imran, verse 96)

The only change(s) introduced into the features of Hajj after Prophet Ibrahim (AS) seem to have been the removal of idols from the Ka'aba along with certain aspects of the dress code and other important places of Hajj. Even in the Age of Ignorance, people used to come to Makkah in the days of Hajj and make circumambulation (tawaf) of the Ka'aba.

“In it are Signs Manifest; (for example), the Station of Abraham; whoever enters it attains security; Pilgrimage thereto is a duty men owe to Allah – those who can afford the journey; but if any deny faith, Allah stands not in need of any of His creatures.”

(Surah Al-i'Imran, verse 97)

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Press Release issued by Tanzeem e Islami

Date: August 10, 2018

Lahore (PR): “Has being a Muslim become a “crime” in Today’s World?”

This was inquired by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Hafiz Aakif Saeed, in a statement. The Ameer noted that the Zionist state of Israel was vigorously engaged in the genocide of Palestinian Muslims. He added that the brutal way in which India was oppressing the Kashmiri Muslims by using its armed forces was evidence enough to prove that India was interested only in the “Land of Kashmir” with no regard whatsoever for the lives of the Kashmiri Muslims living there. The Ameer lamented that India had revoked the citizenship of nearly 4 million Muslims in the state of Assam (virtually leaving them “homeless” like the Rohingya Muslims). The Ameer remarked that all signs pointed to the fact that those powers that were sworn enemies of Islam had now started to implement their wicked agenda of annihilating Muslims altogether from the face of the Earth.

While expressing deep grief and concern on the method in which a *Dars-e-Qur’an* giving lady from Karachi was reportedly arrested (more like a “rendition”) with total disregard to the sanctity associated as a moral norm with the dignity of females and protection inside the home, the Ameer commented that the authorities ought to at least ensure that the basic ethical and moral code of our *Deen* is observed in the country that was created on the basis of Islam. The Ameer continued by stating that our country had a criminal-justice system and courts of law were present, therefore if any person were to be found guilty of a crime, it was compulsory to produce him/her in a court of law so that the person indicted could exercise the right to plead innocence – a fundamental right guaranteed by the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to every citizen. The Ameer concluded by remarking that this manner of “suddenly picking-up” a citizen of the country and taking him/her into holding without even giving that citizen a fair chance to prove innocence was a clear violation of not only the Islamic principles of impartial justice for all, but also against all internationally accepted human, moral and ethical norms.



Date: August 03, 2018

Lahore (PR): “The U.S. announcement of not letting Pakistan get a bailout package from the IMF would prove to be a blessing in disguise for our country.”

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Hafiz Aakif Saeed, during the Khitab e Jumu’ah at Qur’an Academy, Model Town, Lahore. The Ameer noted that the acute financial and economic crisis being faced by our nation today was due to the policy of taking reckless loans perused by the previous governments. He said that we pray that our country stays away from borrowing and debt, particularly the curse of debt taken on interest. *Aameen!* The Ameer remarked that we expect that the new government would avoid going to the IMF in order to get further loans. He added that those indebted with the burden of loans, individuals or nations, find themselves in such a position of weakness that they eventually even compromise on their ideology.

While commenting on the victory speech delivered by the Prime Minister elect, Imran Khan, the Ameer said that Pakistan needs to be made a genuine Islamic welfare state and not just any ordinary welfare state. He said that we (Muslims) have not been allowed to accept and implement bits and pieces of Islam, while rejecting the rest. The Qur’an warns of terrible wrath for all such people and nations that have faith in certain parts of the *Deen* (which they feel comfortable with) and reject other parts of it (which they do not feel comfortable with). The Ameer remarked that although Imran Khan talked about the State of Madinah, yet he did not appear to be adequately serious and solemn regarding the social and cultural systems of Islam, despite the fact that these are the building blocks of an Islamic Society and the Holy Qur’an has given more emphasis on the issues of the Islamic values for Society and Community in a genuine Islamic State as compared to any other area that concerns the collective lives of Muslims. The Ameer warned that if the objective was to create a “welfare state” like the one that exists in the Scandinavian countries, then the ills of vulgarity, indecency, promiscuity and moral decadence that prevail in those countries would also enter our society. Therefore, the Ameer asserted, we ought to embrace the Islamic Welfare System based on the divine principles of Social Justice in its entirety. The Ameer concluded by stating that alterations and remodeling of any shape or form in that pristine system would be totally unacceptable.

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Therefore, Almighty Allah (SWT) has made it obligatory for every Muslim to make at least one journey in their lifetime to Makkah for Hajj if they can afford it and if they are physically and mentally able to do so. It surely is such a memorable 'once in a life-time' journey that one wishes to go again and again, every year if possible! Many middle class Muslims save every penny they can to make this journey.

Every conscientious and pious Muslim cherishes this ambition of obtaining the blessings of Hajj at least once in his/her lifetime. The enthusiasm can be well judged from the unbelievable 6000km walk taken by a Muslim from Bosnia a couple of years ago to reach the Holy City of Makkah to perform Hajj.

But care also has been taken, in the last part of the verse, to warn that if Muslims whom Allah (SWT) has blessed with the necessary means to perform the pilgrimage still fail to carry out the duty through sheer ingratitude then Allah (SWT) does not stand in need of their pilgrimage or the absence of it. Allah (SWT), definitely, is not going to lose anything by their not performing Hajj; the loss will be entirely theirs, as they will forfeit His (SWT) good grace.

Statistics are ever increasing, on the number of people who perform the pilgrimage every year, and this is an encouraging sign, but at the same time the very fact that large areas of the Muslim world are notorious citadels of unjust privilege and that internal and external strife and bloodshed of appalling dimensions takes place between different Muslim groups demonstrates that, in many cases, the observance of this fundamental duty is more an empty ritual, rather than a task performed in the spirit of 'taqwa' in order to become better human beings in actual practice.

Moreover, the primary motive for performing Hajj ought to be gaining Allah's (SWT) pleasure, neither should it be for the show of things, nor for personal fame. Many people proceed to Makkah for the sake of personal honor and show. Such people have indeed wasted whatever they have spent by way of wealth, health and energy.

The bottom line is that the journey and the rituals of Hajj and sacrifice ought not be taken just for the sake of travel and holidays. The greater physical and spiritual benefits associated with Hajj must be sought after and one must intend to become a better Muslim and a better human being on his/her return from this sacred journey.

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

تنظیم اسلامی کا پیغام

نظام خلافت کا قیام

Tanzeem-e-Islami wishes the entire Muslim Ummah
Eid-al-Adha Mubarak!

May Allah (SWT) grant acceptance to the animal sacrifice of all Muslims made during the days of Eid-al-Adha.

May Allah (SWT) guide the entire Muslim Ummah to strive and give sacrifice for the implementation of His (SWT) Law on His (SWT) Land.

Aameen!

تنظیم اسلامی کا پیغام

نظام خلافت کا قیام

“May ALLAH (SWT) Shower His (SWT) Infinite Mercy and Blessings on all Muslims during this Holy month”

Aameen!

تنظیم اسلامی کا پیغام

نظام خلافت کا قیام

“HAJJ MUBARAK!”

“May ALLAH (SWT) Grant Acceptance to the HAJJ performed by all Muslims.”

Aameen!