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“Campaign to raise awareness about the Prohibition of Riba”

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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 (SAWW).

The current issue of Perspective is a specially dedicated one with the goal to introduce and explain the "Campaign to raise awareness about the Prohibition of Riba" initiated by Tanzeem-e-Islami.

While the history and the background for the campaign are elucidated in the pages that follow, in short, this campaign is part of the program of Tanzeem-e-Islami to create ‘Awareness about Munkarat (prohibitions) in Islam’ and is directed both towards our government, incumbents of other positions of authority in our country and the masses.

The main objectives of this campaign include, but are not limited to:

1. Warn the government and incumbents of other positions of authority in our country about the curses of riba, both in this world and in the Hereafter.
2. Caution the general public about the curses of riba, both in this World and in the Hereafter.
3. Galvanize the religious scholars to play an active role in the efforts to abolish riba.
4. Create awareness among the masses about the Islamic doctrine of ‘Using speech as a medium of stopping the Munkarat (prohibitions).’

The following resources have been prepared and are being disseminated both in person and online for achieving the objectives stated above:

1. Written letters to be sent to the government and incumbents of other positions of authority in our country by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami.
2. Written letters to be sent to religious scholars by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami.
4. A one-paged handbill titled, ‘The history of efforts made to abolish riba in Pakistan’.

This list of resources mentioned above is not exhaustive. Other resources are also in use. Resources 3 and 4 mentioned above are being included in this issue of Perspective for general awareness and to help reader understand the campaign in a more meaningful manner. We hope and pray that every single one of us stays immune from the evils of riba in this world and in the Hereafter.

Aameen!

Signing off…

Raza ul Haq (Editor)
A Brief History of Struggle against Riba in Pakistan

1948 While inaugurating a branch of the State Bank of Pakistan, the Quaid-e-Azam (RAA) said: “We must work our destiny in our own way and present to the world an economic system based on true Islamic concept of equality of manhood and social justice.”

1956-62 Article regarding the abolition of Riba was included both in the constitutions of 1956 and 1962.

1969 The Islamic Consultation Council proclaimed Saving Certificates and Prize bonds etcetera to be kinds of Riba.

1973 It was declared in article 38(F) of the Constitution of Pakistan that the immediate eradication of transactions involving giving and taking of riba was the state obligation of the government of Pakistan.

1977 The Council of Islamic Ideology was delegated the responsibility to design and propose recommendations for creating an alternative, non-riba based Economic System. The Council of Islamic Ideology published its final report in 1980.

1991 The Federal Shariat Court declared ‘bank interest’ as riba.

1992 The government of Pakistan filed an appeal in the Supreme Court of Pakistan against the decision made by the Federal Shariat Court. No hearing of the appeal took place until 1999.

1997 Due to the efforts of Dr. Israr Ahmad (RAA) the Muslim League government formed another commission and that commission, too, submitted its report.

1999 The Supreme Court of Pakistan upholds and ratifies the decision made by the Federal Shariat Court on riba of 1991 and set the deadline for June 2001 to repeal all such laws that facilitated Riba.

2002 The new Shariat Appellate Bench of the Supreme Court set aside both prior decisions (after a summary hearing) and remanded the matter back to the Federal Shariat Court for ‘fresh review, deliberation and hearing’.

2013 After a lapse of 11 years, the Federal Shariat Court fixed a date of hearing the case remanded in 2002 and since then even after numerous hearings the court has been unable to give a verdict. During this period benches were formed and broken frequently. Consequently, each time a new bench is formed the proceedings are started ‘fresh’, with virtually no consideration given to previous discussions or arguments.

2015 The (then) Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Hafiz Aaikf Saeed, filed a petition in the Supreme Court of Pakistan under article 184(3) for the abolition of Riba. The Supreme Court of Pakistan dismissed that constitutional petition declaring that it was non-maintainable as the matter was still being heard in the Federal Shariat Court.

2019 During the arguments regarding the jurisdiction of the court, the then Attorney General of Pakistan maintained that the federal government had no reservations and would, hence, not challenge the jurisdiction of the Federal Shariat Court apropos this case.

2021 In February 2021, the Attorney General took the position that the Federal Government did not consent the jurisdiction of the Federal Shariat Court.

Thus, it has been 30 years since this case started and it keeps on being moved to and from one court to another, and consequently due to these delaying tactics even after the passing of 73 years since the creation this country on the basis of Islam, instead of establishing the Deen-e-Haq (The True Deen) and enforcing Shariah in it, we are in a perpetual state of war with Allah (Exalted be He) and His Messenger (peace be upon him).

For more details related to the efforts made to Abolish Riba, please visit www.giveupriba.com

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The Messenger of Allah (S.A.W.W)
Cursed
The one who consumes Riba
The one who gives Riba
The one who writes (the Riba transaction)
And the witnesses (of the Riba transaction)
[Abdhul Muslih]

According to Article 38(F) of the Constitution of Pakistan
The government is obligated to abolish Riba promptly

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The Prophet (SAW) is reported to have said: “When riba (interest) and usury becomes pervasive in a nation, it becomes worthy (legible) for the wealth of Allah (SWT) in the world. (Mishkat of Hakim)

RIBA (INTEREST) Do you know how grave a sin riba is? What are the ill it causes in the world? What is its punishment in the hereafter?

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Now you have to (develop a framework to) implement the Islamic Economic System
The economic system of the West has not provided any welfare and benefit to mankind.

(The Quaid-e-Azam MA: 1948)[Abridged Version]
Lahore (PR): “The congruity and unity of Muslims was shattered with the abolition (fall) of the institution of Khilafah.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, while commenting on the passing of 100 lunar (Hijrah) years since the abolition (fall) of the Khilafah. He noted that as long as the institution of Khilafah remained intact, Muslims combatted against the enemies of Islam with great vigor in every arena and battlefield, but unfortunately, he lamented by adding, the institution of Khilafah was abolished by the ‘naiveites’ of our own and ‘intrigues’ of the enemy. Muslims lost their collectiveness and were divided into many small nation states. The enemies of Islam took full advantage of this divide and rupture among Muslims and consequently the Muslims had to face defeat and retreat at almost every stage and domain. Today, he stated, Muslim countries are not only in a state of mutual conflict, but also, by and large, have become string-puppets of the enemies of Islam. The state of apathy has reached such a point that most Muslim states, particularly the Arab nations, are supporting Israel instead of the Palestinians and instead of advocating for the right of self-determination of the Kashmiris they are backing India and its atrocities. The Ameer remarked that the fact of the matter is that the strength of Muslims rests in their mutual unity and cohesiveness. The need of the hour, he asserted, is for all Muslims to (strive to) establish the predominance of the Holy Qur’an and the blessed Sunnah in order to realize and materialize such a solidified centrality (as is the case with the institution of Khilafah) that could forcefully challenge the enemies of Islam. The Ameer concluded by emphasizing that only then would Muslims become eligible for the succor and benevolence of Allah (SWT) and only then would Muslims succeed in defeating the nefarious designs of the infidels (enemies of Islam). In Sha Allah!

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Lahore (PR): “The bill passed by the French Parliament against ‘Islamism’ (Islamic Separatism) is a clear example of the double standards of the West.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, in a statement. He noted that the Western world, which masquerades as the so-called ‘Champion of religious freedom and equality’, is explicitly demonstrating its two-facedness by legislating against the ‘proliferation of Islam’. He remarked that the French government is executing such ‘excluding’ legislation on the false pretense of ‘secularism’, despite the fact that the Jewish and Christian communities in that country are afforded ‘special privileges’, while the religious sentiments of Muslims alone are deliberately trampled. Their policy of allowing blasphemous caricatures of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) on the false pretext of ‘Freedom of Expression’, while strictly clamping down on even benign conversation about the holocaust clearly establishes their hypocrisy and malicious intent. He lamented that it is extremely unfortunate for the Muslim Ummah that the secular and liberal sections of our society candidly flaunt the pristine principles and norms of Islamic culture and society while blindly following the West by fully promoting and sponsoring lewd and indecent campaigns such as ‘Aurat March’ in Pakistan. He asserted that in an Ideological country like Pakistan, whose creed and foundation is Islam alone, effecting and carrying out campaigns such as ‘Aurat March’, that are blatantly in violation of the Islamic Shariah, is tantamount to nothing other than inviting the wrath of Allah (SWT). He emphasized that the genuine Islamic System is imperative not only for the stability but also the survival of Pakistan. The Ameer concluded by stating that it is an absolute fact that the success of the Muslims of Pakistan is solely conditional to making Pakistan a genuine Islamic Welfare State.

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