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From the Qur'an:

"O you who have believed, fear Allah and give up what remains [due to you] of interest, if you should be believers."

"And if you do not, then be informed of a war [against you] from Allah and His Messenger. But if you repent, you may have your principal - [thus] you do no wrong, nor are you wronged."

"And if someone is in hardship, then [let there be] postponement until [a time of] ease. But if you give [from your right as] charity, then it is better for you, if you only knew."

"And fear a Day when you will be returned to Allah. Then every soul will be compensated for what it earned, and they will not be wronged [i.e., treated unjustly]."

(Surah Al-Baqarah; V: 278-281)

Hadith:

"It has been narrated by Abu Huraiyra (RA) that the Messenger of Allah (SAAW) said, "I came across a people in the night in which I was taken to heaven. Their bellies are like houses wherein there are serpents which can be seen from outside their bellies. I asked: O Gabriel! who are they? He replied: These are those who devoured riba."

(Ibn Majah)

{ EDITORIAL }

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).

On 28 April 2022, the Federal Shariat Court in its landmark decision not only declared that bank interest is riba but also provided three deadlines based on the objectives of eradicating riba and transforming the economic system of Pakistan according to the principles of Islam. The three deadlines (or three-pronged chronological strategy) were:

1. The Court declared that 10 laws which contained the word interest or a term with synonymous meaning would cease to be operational on 1st June 2022.
2. The parliament was directed to pass new legislation to replace 26 laws that are the bedrock of the riba-based system in Pakistan by 31 December 2022.
3. The prevalent riba-based economic system in Pakistan would be completely transformed to riba-free, Islamic economic system by 31 December 2027.

Moreover, the Federal Shariat Court also directed the government that in order to make the process of transformation transparent, the progress report of the work done should be presented in the National Assembly and Senate on a yearly basis according to article 29-3 of the constitution.

Thus, after 30 years of the landmark decision made by the Federal Shariat Court in 1991 declaring bank interest as riba, a ray of hope had emerged as the Federal Shariat Court reiterated that verdict with vigor in its judgment on 28 April 2022.

Tanzeem e Islami lauded the decision by Federal Shariat Court declaring all kinds of usury and interest as riba and Haram. Although we had our reservations regarding the 5-year transition period given by the Federal Shariat Court for the total eradication of riba and the transformation of the economy of Pakistan according to Islamic principles, grace periods like these have historically been used by 'mischief makers' as delaying tactics, yet Tanzeem e Islami considered the decision, made unanimously by the 3-member bench of the Federal Shariat Court, to be a step in the right direction.

Tanzeem e Islami also impressed upon the government of Pakistan that now it was the responsibility of the government and the economic institutions of the state of Pakistan to accept the decision of the Federal Shariat Court sincerely and religiously follow the guidelines provided in the detailed verdict of the Federal Shariat Court to mould the economic system of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan according to the commandments of the Islamic Shariah. We reiterated that the constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan does not allow any legislation to exist that is repugnant to the Qur'an and Sunnah. It also requires that riba be totally eradicated from the economic system of Pakistan as soon as possible. It is thus the religious, national and constitutional obligation of the government and other state institutions to immediately start the implementation of this decision in letter and spirit, to stop the war that we are waging with Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAAW) so that we could become eligible for the mercy and blessings of Allah (SWT) and we could be successful in this world and in the Hereafter.

Unfortunately, on 25 June 2022, the State Bank of Pakistan and four commercial banks, including a state-owned bank, filed an appeal in the Supreme Court of Pakistan challenging the decision of the Federal Shariat Court.

This appeal filed in the Supreme Court challenging the decision against riba given by the Federal Shariat Court is another manifest rebellion against Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAAW).

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It clearly demonstrates that the government of Pakistan and state economic institutions have no intention whatsoever of ridding our economy of the curse of riba and transforming the economy according to the Islamic principles. Due to such delaying tactics even after the passing of 75 years since the creation of this country on the basis of Islam, instead of establishing the Islamic system and enforcing Shariah in Pakistan, we are in a perpetual state of war with Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAAW).

It is now the duty of all Muslims to launch a peaceful, non-violent protest movement against the appeals filed by the State Bank of Pakistan and four other commercial banks against the decision of the Federal Shariat Court.

Our objectives include:

- To educate and caution the general public about the curses of riba, both in this World and in the Hereafter.
- To galvanize the general public into using all legal and ethical means available to put pressure on the government and the banks so that they are forced to withdraw the appeals against the FSC decision.
- To galvanize the religious scholars to play an active role in the efforts to abolish riba.
- To create awareness among the masses about the Islamic doctrine of using speech and non-violent protest, including boycott, as a medium of stopping the munkarat (prohibitions).

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)

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

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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 RAA: 1948)
[Abridged Version]

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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 'afresh', with virtually no consideration given to previous discussions or arguments.
 - **2015** The (then) Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Hafiz Aakif 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.
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Rest assured; our struggle has not ended yet... The malevolent forces are bent on violating the decision made by the Federal Shariat Court. We will strive to the best of our ability to ensure that their nefarious designs are foiled. In Sha Allah!

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

➤ The Prophet (SAAW) is reported to have said, "There are four kinds of people about whom Allah has decided not to admit to paradise and not let them taste its bliss: the one who is addicted to wine, the one who takes riba, the one who usurps the property of an orphan and the one who is disobedient to his (her) parents." (Mustadrak of Hakim)

➤ Giving and taking riba are both prohibited (haram) as explained in the following hadith. The Prophet (SAAW) is reported to have said, "Neither consume riba yourself nor (allow) arrange for others to consume it." (Ma'ajam Al-Kabir)

➤ Moreover, the record-keepers of riba-based transactions as well as the witnesses to such dealings are also participants in a prohibited (haram) act, as mentioned in the hadith that follows. The Messenger of Allah (SAAW) cursed the one who consumes riba and the one who pays it, the one who writes it down (records the transaction) and the two who witness it, and he added: they are all the same (in sin)." (Sahih Muslim)

The condition of the consumer of riba on the Day of Judgement

➤ "Those who devour riba (interest/usury) shall not stand on the Day of Judgement, but like the standing of one whom the evil spirit has made mad by touch. This is because they said 'The trade too is like riba,' and Allah made trade lawful and made riba unlawful (haram)..." (Al-Baqara, 2:275 part)

➤ The Prophet (SAAW) is reported to have said, "...And one who consumes riba will be resurrected on the Day of Judgement as if he were insane and touched by an evil spirit." (Ma'ajam Al-Kabir)

Punishment in Hell for those who consumes riba

➤ It has been narrated by Abu Hurayra (RA) that the Messenger of Allah (SAAW) said, "I came across a people in the night in which I was taken to heaven. Their bellies are like houses wherein there are serpents which can be seen from outside their bellies. I asked: O Gabriel! who are they? He replied: These are those who devoured riba." (Ibn Majah)

➤ It is narrated by Sumrah bin Jundub (RA) that the Prophet (SAAW) said, "On the night of al Mairaj, I saw a man swimming

in a stream and being pelted with stones. I questioned: Who is this? I was told: The consumer of riba." (Musnad Ahmad)

What is OUR responsibility?

1. Every Muslim must critically reflect and examine, and if, unfortunately, finds that he is involved in any sort of riba-based transaction (or activity) must immediately rid himself of it and turn towards Allah (SWT) with sincere repentance for forgiveness. He must always keep the following edict of Allah (SWT) in his mind, "...So he, who received admonition from his Lord and refrained, then whatever he took before is lawful to him, and his affair is with Allah. And now whoever shall commit such fault, they are men of hell, they will live therein for longer period." (Al-Baqarah, 2:275 part)

2. It is obligatory on every Muslim, in addition to submitting to Allah (SWT) at a personal level to strive the best he can for the establishment of Islam as a Deen (in other words the system of Khilafah) in Pakistan, because the total annihilation of the riba-based system and the re-introduction of the Islamic devices of Zakat and Alms is not possible without that.

The Message of Tanzeem e Islami System Reflecting the Khilafat e Rashida



Tanzeem e Islami

In light of the present connotation of the phrase is neither a Political Party nor a Religious Sect
It is on principle an
Islamic Revolutionary Party
which is striving for the revival of the
Religion of Truth
that is Islam, first in Pakistan and then in the rest of the world
In other words, it is working for the revival of the
System of Khilafah

Founder: (Late) Dr. Israr Ahmed (RAA)
Ameer: Shujauddin Shaikh

Information about Prohibition of Riba (Campaign)

The Prophet (SAAW) is reported to have said: "When riba (interest/usury) and adultery becomes pervasive in a nation, it becomes worthy (eligible) for the wrath of Allah (SWT) in the world itself." (Mustadrak of Hakim)

RIBA (INTEREST/USURY)

Do you know how grave a sin riba is? What are the ills it causes in the world? What is its punishment in the Hereafter?

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Read yourself and pass on to others. Respect religious contents and do not throw on the ground.

RIBA - AN ABSOLUTE EVIL

Our Lord Allah (SWT) created us humans exclusively for His subservience and this worldly life as a trial. He (SWT) not only furnished us with the means to fulfill our economic and other needs but also provided us with the guidance regarding how to exchange and trade in a legitimate way so that man could concentrate fully on the subservience of his Lord (SWT), once freed from the pitfalls of economic issues. On the other hand, all such means of economic activity and trade were proclaimed to be prohibited which would result in the concentration of resources into the hands of an elite few and thus make it improbable for the poor masses to earn a respectable wage and a reasonable standard of living, consequently being crushed under the weight of earning a livelihood in conditions of acute poverty and oppression, while becoming oblivious to the real objective of human existence in the world, namely, subservience of Allah (SWT). Of these prohibited (haram) means of economic activity, the most brutal and heinous is riba (interest / usury). Riba, when at play, is absolutely fatal for humanity at large. It decimated the entire fabric and order of a society. No matter how beneficial its growth apparently seems, a system based on riba, in fact, keeps putting nails into the coffin of the economic system. Allah (SWT) states in the Qur'an, "And whatever you give to take back more, that it may increase the wealth of the givers, then it will not increase with Allah..." (Al-Rum, 30:39 part). In verse 276 of Surah Al-Baqara of the Qur'an, Allah (SWT) has given the final verdict in the matter of riba thus, "Allah destroys interest and increases charity...". The Messenger of Allah (SAAW) has further elaborated this statement of the Qur'an as follows, "The (ultimate) consequence of riba is scarcity (and dearth), no matter how abundant in scale (in monetary terms) it may be." (Musnad Ahmad) In a nutshell, riba (interest + usury) is a device that, on the one hand, not only inflicts poverty and destitution in the society but on the other hand ensures the concentration of national resources and wealth in the hands of an elite few who then rule the poor masses as Capitalists. This morally bankrupt lot then chooses to lead an obnoxiously luxurious lifestyle,

packed with immorality and lechery. The trend of drunkard festivities and rowdy dance parties is kept alive by these immodest crowds of irresponsible and reckless elite. It is the same nexus of these filthy rich capitalists that patronize prostitutes, in the name of 'fashion' and 'entertainment', and money laundering, through carefully chosen criminal elements as 'front men'. Hence, the already financially-sucked society is riddled further with a triad of evils: promiscuity, lechery and rampant criminality. It is probably because of this outcome why the Prophet (SAAW) mentioned this 'triad of sins' stated above, simultaneously, when he said, "The Hour will not approach until (transactions of) riba, adultery and alcoholism becomes prevalent." (Tabaroni). The Prophet (SAAW) is also reported to have said, "When riba and adultery becomes pervasive in a nation, it becomes worthy (eligible) of the wrath of Allah (SWT)." (Mustadrak of Hakim)

What is the System of Riba?

In today's day and age, riba has become 'institutionalized' and is being euphemized and promoted under the guise of novel tags and labels. It is probably this age about which the Messenger of Allah (SAAW) had prophesied, "There will certainly come a time for mankind when everyone will take riba and if he does not do so, its dust (or vapor) will reach him." (Ibn Majah) Moreover, institutions dealing in riba propagate the utterly false propaganda that the 'riba' mentioned as haram is the one taken from an individual money-lender (usury) and does not apply to the interest-based banks and other financial institutions. This is simply a white lie because all such transactions, whether carried out by an individual, a group of people, a bank or any other financial institution, fall under the same category as the accused riba (bank interest, usury etc.) and are all equally prohibited (haram). Renowned religious scholars belonging to ALL Islamic schools of religious thought, the Islamic Consultation Council in its decision in December 1969 and later the Federal Shariat Court in its verdict in 1991, all declared unanimously that bank interest is nothing else but riba, which is prohibited (haram) and must be abolished from

the economic, monetary and financial systems of Pakistan. However, due to the connivance between consecutive governments and the institutions based on riba, the decision has still not been implemented yet.

The Basic Mechanics of the riba based system

Micro-financed riba based loans, bank loans, PLS accounts, fixed deposit accounts, credit cards, life insurance, insurance of goods and of all other kinds, leasing and hire purchase, savings certificates, short and long term bonds, IOUs, T-Bills, mortgage of land, property, vehicles, jewelry and other riches as collateral; all involve transactions where the concept of 'time value of money' is used to gain monetary or other benefits and thus all are various shades of the prohibited (haram) riba-based system.

The Prohibition of riba in light of the Qur'an

➤ "O believers! Devour not riba, doubled and redoubled; and fear Allah, in the hope that you may get prosperity. And Ward off the Fire which is already prepared for the infidels." (Al-Imran, 3:130-131)

➤ "O Believers! Fear Allah and leave what remains of riba if you are Muslims. But if you do not do like this, then take notice of a war from Allah and the Messenger of Allah. And if you repent, then take your principal sums, neither you wrong any one nor be wronged yourselves." (Al-Baqara, 2:278-279)

The Prohibition of riba in light of Ahadith

➤ Abu Hurairah (RA) reports that the Messenger of Allah (SAAW) said: "Riba is of seventy different parts (degrees of sin), the least heinous being equivalent to a man marrying (i.e., having sexual intercourse with) his own mother." (Ibn Majah)

➤ The Prophet (SAAW) is reported to have said: "A dirham of riba which a man devours knowingly is worse (more sinful) than committing adultery thirty-six times." (Musnad Ahmad)

➤ The Prophet (SAAW) is reported to have said, "Save yourselves from the sins which will not be forgiven (unless repented and recompensed) (i.e.,) consuming riba and plundering (from) the state treasury." (Ma'ajam Al-Kabir)

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If you do not [give up Riba], then be informed of a war [against you] from Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAAW)

(Surah al-Baqarah: Part of Verse 279)

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The Messenger of Allah (SAAW) 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)

[Sahih Muslim]

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Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

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Lahore (PR): Seminar Press Release

A Seminar organized by Tanzeem-e-Islami under the title:

"وفاقی شرعی عدالت کا سود کے خلاف فیصلہ اور اس پر عمل درآمد۔۔۔"

“Decision of Federal Shariat Court against Riba (Interest) and its Implementation ...

was held on 19th June 2022 in Quran Auditorium 191 Ataturk Block, Garden Town, Lahore. While addressing the seminar, Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujaiddin Shaikh**, said that the decision of the Federal Shariat Court against interest is the last and final word. All religious and religio-political parties should make a united effort for implementation of this decision. The truth is that a peaceful, organized protest movement needs to be initiated in order to make Pakistan a genuine Islamic Welfare State. He said that Maulana Fazlur Rehman is a coalition partner of the current government; he should get the court's decision implemented by pressurizing the government.

In address to the seminar, former Attorney General of Pakistan, **Anwar Mansoor Khan**, said that it is clear in our constitution that this country will be run in accordance with the commandments of Allah (SWT) and regarding interest as well, it is clear that the government should eradicate it at the earliest. The passion with which Ulema worked against interest, if we move forward with the same fervor then In Sha Allah the Islamic System can be implemented in the country.

While addressing the seminar, the Naib Ameer of Jamaat-e-Islami, **Fareed Ahmed Paracha**, said that the role played by Tanzeem-e-Islami and Jamaat-e-Islami in the war against Riba and in creating awareness among the public regarding its prohibition is commendable. Now these two parties should decide further that they will mobilize movement against all other anti-Islamic things in the country; this is the only means to pave the way for Implementation of Islam in the country. He said that the current government has an opportunity to get the country out of the economic crisis facing it and from the claws of interest-based economy by implementing Federal Shariat Court's decision against Riba.

The Nazim-e-Aala of Markazi Anjuman Khuddam Al-Quran, Lahore, **Atif Waheed**, while elaborating history of the case against Riba, said that the decision against Riba had come in 1991 and in 1999, the Shariat Appellate Bench had also stamped its approval but our rulers, by sidestepping these decisions have pushed the country into such inflation and frightening economic situation that it is now getting difficult to get out of it. All this has happened due to the capitalistic system and borrowing on interest-based loans. He said that regarding bank interest, all the excuses and pretexts that have been coined in the past, there is no room left for those after this decision now.

The renowned religious scholar, **Maulana Zahid Al-Rashidi**, while thanking Tanzeem-e-Islami in his address to the seminar, said that this seminar was need of the hour. He said that at the current time, our atomic assets and even our constitution are in danger along with our country's security and our national independence. It is the rulers' economic policies which have brought the country to this frightening situation. He said that at the moment every school of thought is very busy in resolving problems on its own but unless we join forces and struggle together, we will not be able to come out of these dangers.

Date: 27 June 2022

Lahore (PR): Religious parties must unify in taking practical measures against the patrons of the riba-based economy in Pakistan

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujaiddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer said that the present government, led by the PML-N, has challenged a decision made by the Federal Shariat Court in the Supreme Court once again, although their top leadership had affirmed their intent of eradicating riba from the economy of Pakistan on more than one occasions. The Ameer said that JUI-F, an important religious political party, is a vital part of the federal coalition government. The masses were expecting Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman, the president of JUI-F, to immediately resign from the coalition government as soon as the momentous decision against riba was challenged in the Supreme Court of Pakistan, and lead the movement being launched by religious parties against the patrons of the riba-based economic system. It is extremely unfortunate, he lamented, that no such announcement has been made by the leadership of JUI-F as yet. The Ameer said that the decision of the government to continue the war being waged against Allah (SWT) and His (SWT) Messenger (SAAW) is tantamount to invoking the wrath of Allah (SWT). The Ameer concluded by emphasizing that the religious parties should waste no time in devising a unified strategy to pressurize and force the government to withdraw the appeal filed in the Supreme Court and eradicate the riba-based economy once for all, so that we could be eligible for the mercy and blessings of Allah (SWT) and Allah (SWT) may bestow His (SWT) is bounties on Pakistan.



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Lahore (PR): The appeal filed in the Supreme Court challenging the decision against riba given by the Federal Shariat Court is manifest rebellion against Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAAW).

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, while vehemently condemning the appeal filed against the Federal Shariat Court (FSC) decision against Riba in the Supreme Court (SC). The Ameer said that in its landmark decision on 28 April 2022 the FSC has declared in no uncertain terms that all kinds of interest including bank interest are transactions of riba and, hence, Haram (prohibited), directing the government to immediately and religiously start implementation of the 3-stage framework provided in the decision to totally eradicate riba from the economic system of Pakistan. It is a matter of great anguish and concern that instead of immediately starting to take practical measures for ending the continuous war with Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAAW), the State Bank of Pakistan and four commercial banks, including a state-owned bank, have gone into appeal against the FSC decision against riba, clearly demonstrating that the government of Pakistan and state economic institutions have no intention whatsoever of ridding our economy of the curse of riba. The petitioners in the SC have made the federal law and finance ministries parties to this appeal. The Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami demanded that the government of Pakistan must ensure that the federal law and finance ministries do not give arguments against the FSC riba decision in the SC appeal. The Ameer also implored the SC that as various articles of our constitution such as 2A, 227 and 38F require that no legislation and law should exist that is repugnant to the Qur'an and Sunnah and riba must be eradicated totally at the earliest from the economic system of Pakistan, therefore, this appeal be disposed off immediately and directions be given to uphold the FSC decision against riba to transform the economic system of Pakistan according to the principles of Islam.

The Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami said that riba is a heinous sin and Tanzeem e Islami would soon announce a comprehensive plan for a peaceful mass protest and agitation movement against the filing of this appeal in the SC challenging the FSC decision against riba. In Sha Allah!

Date: 24 June 2022

Lahore (PR): The powers that be must comprehend that even an inkling of giving USA bases in Pakistan would be catastrophic.

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer noted that our region has been witnessing a lot of significant changes over the last few months or so. In that perspective, important people who are very close to the corridors of power and figures of authority of our country have been very vociferous about offering USA access in Pakistan to corridors for airborne and other operations in our region. These people have the nerve to assert that Pakistan had rightly given USA access to bases in the country during the regime of the ex-President General Pervez Musharraf, a 'facility' that USA used to carry out drone attacks in Afghanistan and our tribal areas. The Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami declared that we vehemently condemned all such steps taken by General Pervez Musharraf in the past. The Ameer lamented that our foreign minister, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, has expressed his desire for deep and cordial relations with USA and India, whereas it is a well-known fact that on the one hand India is advancing its agenda of Hindutva inside India and accelerating oppression and brutalities in Occupied Kashmir while on the other hand USA is practically the main sponsor of Indian atrocities and the Indian plans of genocide of Muslims in India. The Ameer remarked that although we are not in favor of damaging relations with any country, however our civilian and military leaderships must comprehend that the interest of the Muslim Ummah and of Pakistan itself cannot be put at stake and that must always remain our utmost priority.

Date: 23 June 2022

Lahore (PR): We must provide all possible assistance to our brethren in Afghanistan affected by the earthquake.

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer said that natural disasters like earthquakes are a test and trial from Allah (SWT). The powerful earthquake that hit Afghanistan has caused the death of thousands of people and destroyed more than 25 villages.

انا لله وانا اليه راجعون (We belong to Allah SWT and to Him we shall return).

It is our obligation as Muslims to provide all possible assistance to our brethren in faith in Afghanistan in this difficult hour, both at the individual and the state level. The government of Pakistan must provide all possible assistance to the Afghan government to overcome the losses due to this catastrophe and fully participate in the relief operations in Afghanistan. It is the obligation of Muslim countries to respond vigorously to the call for assistance made by the Afghan Taliban in wake of the devastating earthquake. All Muslim countries must unite in pressurizing the US and other Western countries to unfreeze the \$9bn worth of the reserves of Afghanistan that have been illegally and unlawfully confiscated. The Ameer concluded by supplicating that may Allah (SWT) shower His special blessings on the people of Afghanistan and bestow on them His infinite mercy. Aameen!