

Women and Children are Left to Die at Sea without the Leadership of Islam

News:

On the 16th of August, the BBC reported on the death of 14 migrant travellers who were left to cross the sea by criminal organisations promising a new life in the West. Among the dead was a pregnant woman from Ghana. The details of how the refugees were left to starve to death as their food and water ran out over 11 days in the boat were made public to the world by the one surviving male.

Comment:

This horrific account of migrants at sea dying one by one and having to throw the bodies off the boat as they travelled is a completely preventable situation that is not only a crime committed by the ones who took the \$700 in payment. It is also a crime of the international community that created the corrupt and dangerous political climate that forces innocent men, women and children to risk their lives in trying to escape war or extreme poverty. Many Muslim women and children have died in similar situations and with rescuing migrants increasingly becoming a punishable crime. Many more will be left at sea. Fake life jackets and false promises of safety are the trademarks of the business of making money from the most desperate of people on the planet. The Capitalist policies of nationalism and economic greed have created an inhumane system that is ruining the world and causing this crisis. How many more babies must start their lives in such trauma and chaos? It is impossible that the Khilafah, the Islamic state, would accept such a reality. Protecting life is a duty of the State and allowing the human rights of people to be ignored is a criminal offense that the citizens of the Khilafah can account the leadership about. Refugees were always welcomed and looked after throughout the history of the Islamic State, so much so that the Jews under attack during the Spanish Inquisition of the 13th and 14th Century. Allah (swt) made life a sanctified issue as described in the Quran in Surah Al Israh; ﴿وَلَقَدْ كَرَّمْنَا بَنِي آدَمَ وَحَمَلْنَاهُمْ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ وَرَزَقْنَاهُمْ مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَفَضَّلْنَاهُمْ عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِمَّنْ خَلَقْنَا تَفْضِيلًا﴾ **“We have certainly dignified the children of Adam and carried them on the land and sea and provided for them of the good things and preferred them over much of what We have created with definite preference.”** [Surat Al-Isra 17:70]

As such, the protection of the Non-Muslims in Islamic law was well understood internationally. What is missing today is a return of the high values of Sharia to liberate humanity from oppression and the sickness of self-interest and the rule of the elite exploding the masses. Islam gives real dignity to all humans and the fact that all of the Muslim leaders today are slaves of the non-Islamic governments means the world never sees the real potential of Sharia laws to solve world problems comprehensively. We invite all of the Muslims of the world to work for the return of the most just and safe system to lead humankind so that the world can never see another mother and child buried at sea.

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