

Press Release

Establish Khilafah to End the Destruction of Pakistan's Economy Like the Emperor Nero, Bajwa-Nawaz Regime Plays the Fiddle as our Industry is Burnt to the Ground

Ahead of the annual budget announcement, the Bajwa-Nawaz regime's boasts over the economy are far from reassuring, but expose sinister signs of the further collapse of Pakistan's economy. The latest boast is that imports have increased, which is actually a sign of the last breaths of our own dying industry, injured by energy shortages and choked by excessive taxation. On 25 May 2017, the regime's Finance Minister, declared, "Imports, however, continued to grow at a much faster rate and grew by a large percentage of 18.67 during the first nine months of FY2017 as compared to the previous year. Over Jul-Mar 2017, total imports reached \$38.5bn dollars, compared to \$32.44bn last year." Pakistan's imports are now far more than its falling exports, which is actually an indicator of our increased dependence upon machinery and equipment from colonialist nations and our inability to produce our own. As for the oil imports component, it is another reminder that the regime has failed to develop alternative sources of energy, although Pakistan has many cheap avenues for energy generation. The signs of our dying industry are far from a source of pride, boasting and back-slapping. Widespread unemployment, expensive goods, dependence on the West for weapons technology, brain drain of brilliant sons and daughters to the West would make any sincere leadership take heed and spring into action.

Due to the current non-Islamic system, although Pakistan has huge material resources, a young, bright and lively population and has been included within the "next eleven" economies in the world regarding its potential, its industry is in a pitiful state, since its creation. The so-called industrial growth is of basic and simple industry, without laying the basis for heavy industry, such as machinery, engines and arms manufacture. And successive rulers made it easy for foreign companies to dominate our markets with their products, whilst obstructing local private companies through obstacles such as rampant corruption within government departments.

Democracy will never allow Pakistan to achieve its potential because it is what implements the Western colonialist policies. Intent on exploiting the world's resources, colonialist powers want to keep Pakistan a failed state with a poor industry, unable to extract its resources by itself, devoid of heavy industry such as engine and jet engine manufacture, dependent on imports of even simple agricultural machinery and a

provider of cheap light industry products for Western markets such as electric fans, surgical equipment, hand craft and sports goods, as well as making Pakistan's population a huge market for Western products. This colonialist policy is being implemented since the time of East India Company and is implemented today through Democracy, which is just a rubber stamp for the colonialist policies of the World Bank and IMF.

From the first day of the return of the Khilafah on the Method of the Prophethood, it will strive to become the leading state, unmatched by any rival, as it was before for centuries. Regarding industry, it will have a military focus, which will lead to the rapid development of a heavy industrial base, which will be encouraged rather than injured and choked. In its *Introduction to the Constitution*, **Hizb ut Tahrir** has adopted in Article 74, *"The Department of Industry is in charge of all the affairs connected to industry, whether heavy industry such as the manufacturing of engines, machines, vehicles, materials and electrical equipment, or light industry. Similarly, whether the factories are of the public property type or they are included in the private property and have a relationship to the military industry. All types of factories must be established upon the basis of military policy... it is a duty upon the State to manufacture weapons by itself and it is not allowed to depend upon other states, because this allows other states to control it, its will, its weapons and its fighting... This can't be achieved unless the State possesses heavy industry and started to build factories which produce heavy industry, both military and non-military alike."*

﴿وَابْتَغِ فِيمَا آتَاكَ اللَّهُ الدَّارَ الْآخِرَةَ وَلَا تَنْسَ نَصِيبَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَأَحْسِنْ كَمَا أَحْسَنَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ وَلَا تَبْغِ الْفُسَادَ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُفْسِدِينَ﴾

"But seek the abode of the Hereafter in that which Allah has given you, and do not neglect your portion of worldly life, and be kind even as Allah has been kind to you, and seek not corruption in the earth. Verily, Allah likes not the Mufsidun (those who are mischief-makers, corrupted)." [Surah Al-Qasas 28: 77]

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