

Press Release

**Parliament Defies Allah and His Messenger in the Month of Ramadan
Allowing Riba Instead of Repentance and Arbitration of Islam!!**

(Translated)

The Parliament of Sudan approved, yesterday, a loan from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, worth 51 million Kuwaiti Dinars, equivalent to 172 million USD, pretext of establishing Al-Baqir electric station, with a repayment period of 20 years, and an interest (Riba) rate of 2.5%.

Although some MPs strongly rejected the approval of this riba-based loan, because riba is Haraam, and it is a war against Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw), the final outcome is the Parliament majority approval of the riba, in a clear and explicit defiance to Allah and His Messenger (saw) in the Holy month of Ramadan where people return to their Lord, repent from their sins and evils, hopeful that Allah accept their repentance. But these criminals have preferred blindness over guidance, and the stain has covered their hearts, so disobedience to Allah, even in these blessed days, became their custom and their Deen. And why not, for they are originally based on disobedience, as this parliament is not based on Islam, but on the basis of the Kafir Western democratic system, which allows judgments based on the whims of the majority, without regard to the provisions of Islam.

We in Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Sudan, acquit ourselves to Allah from this atrocious sin, and from this Parliament, which opposes Allah and His Messenger (saw). And we deny this heinous act, and affirm the following:

First: The prohibition of consuming riba is a ruling that is definitively [qat'] established in its transmission [athuboot] and in its evidence [ad-dalala], and there is no room to take it, regardless of the flimsy justifications, which are marketed by the rulers of misguidance, and the scholars of the desires. Allah (swt) says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَذَرُوا مَا بَقِيَ مِنَ الرِّبَا إِن كُنتُمْ مُّؤْمِنِينَ﴾

“O you who have believed, fear Allah and give up what remains [due to you] of interest, if you should be believers.” [Al-Baqarah: 278].

And He (swt) says:

﴿الَّذِينَ يَأْكُلُونَ الرِّبَا لَا يَقُومُونَ إِلَّا كَمَا يَقُومُ الَّذِي يَخْبِطُهُ الشَّيْطَانُ مِنَ الْمَسِّ ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّهُمْ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا الْبَيْعُ مِثْلُ الرِّبَا وَأَحَلَّ اللَّهُ الْبَيْعَ وَحَرَّمَ الرِّبَا﴾

“Those who consume interest cannot stand [on the Day of Resurrection] except as one stands who is being beaten by Satan into insanity. That is because

they say, "Trade is [just] like interest." But Allah has permitted trade and has forbidden interest". [Al-Baqarah: 275].

Also, the Prophet (peace be upon him) said:

«الرِّبَا ثَلَاثَةٌ وَسَبْعُونَ بَابًا أَيْسَرُهَا مِثْلُ أَنْ يَنْكِحَ الرَّجُلُ أُمَّهُ»

“Riba is seventy three types, the least of which is equal to one having sexual intercourse with his mother.”

So, how heinous riba is, and how disgraceful those who commit it, and what grave its punishment is!

Secondly: We say to the deputies of the parliament, who are Muslims, the children of Muslims, fear Allah in yourselves and your families, and remember that you will be made to stand before Allah on the Day of Resurrection, so repent from your sin and come to your senses, by demanding to arbitrate the provision of Allah and to establish His state, the second righteous Khilafah on the method of the Prophethood, may Allah accept your repentance.

Thirdly: We appreciate the position of the deputies who refused to approve riba, and they left the council of evil, but that is not enough. Rather, they have to show Allah goodness from themselves, raise their voices and take the positions of the believers to put the sharia of Islam in the reins of power, rather than this falsehood.

Fourthly: Majority approval of riba reveals the truth of democracy as a system of government that contradicts Islam. At a time when sovereignty in Islam belongs to the Shara', i.e., revelation, and the provisions are taken by the strength of the evidence, the provisions in democracy are for the majority, and do not mind the revelation that came from the Heavens!! So, has the time not come for the naive Muslims to realize that democracy contradicts Islam?!

In conclusion: We warn the government and its parliament of the wrath of Allah, and their defiance of Him, for they are not on equal terms to Allah. He is the Almighty, the Oppressor of the mighty, and the Humiliator of the arrogant. And we say to them, fear Allah and return to your Creator and turn to Him with sincere repentance, by renouncing the rule of the secular Kufr democracy and establishing Allah's rule on Earth; the righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood.

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