

Indeed, voting for parties of kufr is haram

The secular Republic of Turkey will soon hold elections to decide the formation of a new government and thereby determine who will run the country's affairs with the rules of *kufr*.

The parties running for power are neither established upon the basis of Islam nor are their thoughts or methods Islamic, and furthermore their objectives are also not Islamic. Thus they are non-Islamic parties, i.e. parties based on kufr even though most of their founders and members are Muslims. This is because the issue is the basis upon which the party is built, its thoughts are adopted and the method by which it executes its thoughts and achieves its goals. This also applies to the goals it strives to achieve. It is obvious to Muslims in Turkey that these parties are neither established on Islam, nor have any relationship with it, or aim to achieve any true Islamic objectives.

The State and not the people established these parties for the State encouraged specific individuals to establish these parties, while prevented others even though those prohibited parties were established upon the same basis as the permitted ones. Similarly the State restricted the activity of other parties by preventing their participation in elections, and prevented the establishment of parties that work upon the basis of Islam and for the aim of establishing the Islamic rule i.e. establishing the righteous Khilafah State. This prevention in origin was done in accordance with the constitution, the penal code, as well as the law of the 'Political Parties' that explicitly stipulates in Article 86: "Political parties cannot make changing the secular character of the Turkish republic or re-establishing the Khilafah as their objective, nor can they perform activities for the sake of this goal."

Accordingly, we must reject and struggle against these parties exactly as we are obliged to fight against *kufr*, its systems and canons. No Muslim is permitted to vote for any party based on kufr because he would thereupon have committed a great sin, that is if he did not believe in the thoughts of the party he votes for. However, if he believes in the thoughts of the party he votes for, he would have renounced Islam (Allah forbid)! Furthermore, no Muslim is allowed to join any of these kufr parties due to their deviation from Islam. Whenever a Muslim votes for any of these parties, the meaning of this action is that he wishes to be ruled by *kufr* whereas Allah ﷻ says:

أَفَحُكْمَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ يَبْغُونَ، وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حُكْمًا
لِقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ

"Do they want the law of jabiliyyah? And who is better than Allah in legislation (*bukm*) for those whose imaan is sure?" [TMQ 5:50].

How then could a person say about himself: I am a Muslim al-hamdu lillah, while he believes in the thoughts of such parties. Allah ﷻ says:

فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّىٰ يَحْكُمُوا بِمَا شِئْنَا
وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

"No, by your Lord, they do not believe until they make you judge in all disputes between them then find no resistance in their souls over what you decree but submit in full submission" [TMQ 4:65].

O Muslims!

Allah has obliged each one of you to work to raise high the word of Allah on this earth. Thus it is *fard* upon each person to work in order to establish the rule of Allah on earth by establishing the righteous Khilafah State, through which the Islamic way of life is resumed and Islam is conveyed to the whole world through *Da'wah* and *jihad* as a message of guidance and light.

In order to establish this *fard* there must exist a political party established upon the Islamic ideology to carry Islam to the world as an intellectual leadership via the Shari'ah method. This is why Hizb ut-Tahrir was established. The party calls all Muslims throughout the world to establish the righteous Khilafah. It particularly calls the Muslims in Turkey to establish it here in Turkey and unite this country to other Islamic countries in one State, which is the righteous Khilafah State according to the model of the Prophet.

O Muslims of Turkey!

The flaw of the man-made systems headed by the capitalist system has become clearly apparent. The absurdity of their democracy has been exposed and the reality has shown that they failed to manage the people's affairs correctly in agreement with their innate nature (*fitrah*). They have brought wars and destruction, particularly upon Muslims who have become the target

of the *kafir* West, simply because they are Muslims. The situation of the Muslims is one of disgraceful humiliation despite the abundant resources of their countries due to what the rulers of the Islamic countries, including Turkey, carry out of conspiracy and submission while remaining loyal to the United State of America and Europe. This terrible reality cannot be changed except by your seriousness and action.

He ﷺ said:

إن الله لا يغير ما بقوم حتى يُغيروا ما بأنفسهم

“Verily Allah will not change the situation of a people until they change what is within themselves” [TMQ 13:11].

What the rulers of Turkey do, in terms of resorting to America and Europe, seeking their pleasure and help in solving their own economic problems and also other problems is like the one who jumps out of the frying pan into the fire. This is besides the fact that Islam prohibited Muslims from submitting to the kufr States. Allah ﷻ says:

ولن يجعل الله للكافرين على المؤمنين سبيلاً

“Allah will never allow for the *kafireen* to have a way (authority) over the believers” [TMQ 4:141].

Turkey, or any other country of the Islamic world, cannot by itself lead the world and influence it for any period of time. Moreover, Turkey’s constitution, like other man-made constitutions, is unsuitable to correctly organise your affairs since it contradicts your Islamic aqeedah. After the Muslims in Turkey and elsewhere in the Muslim countries tried man-made laws and international alliances and they were subject to experimentation for many decades they reached this situation of disgrace, humiliation and poverty. The Muslims have to quickly return back to their deen; Islam, as a system of life for all their affairs. This can only be through the serious work together with sincere workers to re-establish the righteous Khilafah State which will restore their dignity and unity, and enable them to lead the world in order to deliver it from the evils of Capitalism.

He ﷺ said:

ومن يبتغ غير الإسلام ديناً فلن يُقبل منه وهو في الآخرة من الخاسرين

“Whoever seeks a deen other than Islam, it will never be accepted from him and he will be among the losers in the *Akhirah*” [TMQ 3:85].

Thus every Muslim whether in Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Syria or elsewhere must work according to the shar’ee method to change this corrupted reality, working as a Muslim not as a Turk, Iranian, Pakistani or Syrian. This is because the Islamic bond is the only bond upon which Muslims will revive correctly. He ﷺ said:

إنما المؤمنون إخوة

“Verily the believers are brothers” [TMQ 49:13]. And he ﷺ said:

المسلم أخو المسلم . . .

“The Muslim is a brother to a Muslim...” Every Muslim must work in his country either to establish the righteous Khilafah State or prepare his country to unite with the righteous Khilafah State immediately after it is established. It is this Khilafah which will unite the Muslims under the leadership of one Khaleefah to whom they will give a pledge to rule by the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger to lead them to dignity and strength in this life and to attain the pleasure of Allah in the Hereafter. Without this work, there will be no correct revival and the Muslim’s work for change will not absolve him of responsibility because he did not adhere to the Islamic rules in bringing change, whereas Allah ﷻ says:

يا أيها الذين آمنوا استجبوا لله والرسول إذا دعاكم لما يحييكم

“O you who believe, respond to Allah and His Messenger when He calls you to that which gives you life” [TMQ 8:24].