

Circle: Population control or controlling the population?

Brief

Allah (swt) says: "There is the type of man whose speech of this world's life may dazzle thee, and he calls Allah to witness about what is in his heart; yet he is the most contentious of enemies. When he turns his back, his aim everywhere is to spread mischief through the earth and destroy crops and cattle. But Allah loves not mischief." [TMQ 2:204-205]

- ◆ July the 10th was World Population Day
- ◆ Allah Ta'ala has guaranteed the rizq (sustenance) of every single individual on the planet. This is a fundamental belief of the Muslims. To alleviate poverty, Allah (swt) gave a system of just distribution of the wealth which must be implemented as a worship to Allah (swt) under the Khilafah.
- ◆ It is only a perverted Western mind that can claim a policy of reducing population will by itself alleviate poverty. In reality, if a system is corrupt like Capitalism which allows the elite to wallow in filthy riches while the masses are left poor due to misdistribution, then it doesn't matter even if you reduce the population as this misdistribution will continue!
- ◆ The Western countries themselves are more densely populated than Pakistan, which has millions of acres of un-used cultivatable land. Here lies the real cause of poverty within Pakistan. Were the government to not be so weak, but stand up to implement Allah's Shar'iah completely, thus building a self-sufficient state with a developed heavy industry, then Pakistan could use its abundant wealth for the population's betterment.
- ◆ Furthermore, the Khilafah does not allow the stealing of public wealth by a few rich families and politicians, which accounts for the present unfair distribution of wealth within Pakistan.

Reference articles

Population Day today

ISLAMABAD, July 10: The World Population Day will be observed in the country, like elsewhere in the world, on Tuesday with the theme "saving women's lives." The world population is growing at a rate of 77 million a year and has doubled since 1960. The population of the developing countries is growing at a rate of over 95 per cent. Population growth has slowed in Europe, North America and Japan. The United States is the only major industrial country where population is growing largely as a result of immigration.

In a message, President Rafiq Tarar said that keeping in view the national resources people should check fast population growth to ensure progress of the country. The chief executive, Gen Pervez Musharraf, in a similar message, said the government attached top priority to population welfare programme as a vital element

of its poverty alleviation programme.

He said that for the success of the welfare programme it was imperative that all spheres of life, including governmental and non-governmental organizations and foreign lending agencies as well as the people, extended cooperation and strive collectively.

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World Population Day: Musharraf stresses check on birth rate

ISLAMABAD, July 11: The chief executive, Gen Pervez Musharraf, said on Tuesday that arresting population growth rate was vital for sustaining economic growth, and the issue should be addressed on a war footing.

He was speaking at a national population convention held here to mark the world population day.

He said that despite achieving some decline in the population growth by bringing it down to 2.2 per cent "there is no room for complacency. We must address the issue on a war footing."

"My government accords top priority to economic development, therefore, it is necessary to keep a check on population growth which is vital to sustain economic growth."

He said efforts must be mounted to bring down the population rate to 1.9pc. The government has set the target of reducing the population growth to 2.1pc.

Had Pakistan been able to control its population growth in the past, its current population could have been 80 to 90 million, he said, adding that one could imagine the level of its economic development with such kind of population. The country's current population is 137.5 million.

He said the National Trust for Population Welfare was being made autonomous. It would be "democratically" structured and henceforth would work in a transparent manner. He said that "least government is the best government."

He said that a network of national population plan and health policies had been approved which would be submitted within one month for the approval of the cabinet.

The CE said he had agreed, in principle, to decentralize the population welfare programme to the district level. A review committee, he added, had already been constituted for working out an integrated plan in coordination with the provinces to check the population growth.

He said the community workers engaged in population welfare tasks in the fields had been re-designated as family health workers with immediate effect.

The family planning facilities, he said, should be made accessible to all and sundry. The population welfare, he added, must be carried out while keeping in view the ideological moorings and cultural values of society for making it acceptable to people. He stressed the need for thinking creatively and changing attitude towards the problem.

He expressed dissatisfaction over the performance of the community-based organizations and NGOs to advance the goals of the population programme.

Referring to the funds given by the international agencies for the population welfare, he said, the government would ensure their judicious use. There was a tremendous element of misuse of these funds which, at times, were in the form of loans to be paid by the country.

Gen Musharraf said he had presided over a meeting on Monday to iron out a strategy on education. His government was conscious of the fact that female education had a direct

bearing on the family planning. Women's education would automatically lead to the family planning, he added.

He said the world's population had already reached six billion mark and the international community was working for checking its growth. However, he pointed out, Pakistan's contribution in this regard had been negligible.

Population Welfare Minister Abdul Malik Kasi and National Security Council member Dr Attiya Inayatullah also spoke. **Source:** APP

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