

## Circle: U.N. International Conference on Racism

- ◆ The recent International U.N. conference against racism held in South Africa has been shrouded in controversy from the onset. The United States and Israel then walked out of the U.N. conference saying it had been "hijacked" by Israel's enemies. The European Union also made clear the language was unacceptable. There were also African demands that former slave states make a formal apology for some 400 years of human trafficking up to the early 19th century, during which some 12 million people were shipped in chains to the Americas.
- ◆ We should realise that although the Capitalist societies claim to espouse equality for all human beings in reality their objective in life is to attain the material benefit and based on expediency, it releases the instincts and the desire to dominate others.
- ◆ They lay a major emphasis on this objective in life to the extent that **their foreign policy became colonialism** i.e. the military, economic, cultural exploitation of other lands. So we saw the British physically colonised Africa, Asia and the Middle East treating the locals in a sub-human way. The French, the Portuguese and the other Europeans followed in the same trend. America & the West continue this colonisation of countries today.
- ◆ We can see how in a society where people strongly hold the criteria of benefit and in which the Nationalism is allowed to exist and even promoted at Sports events, etc. for racism to exist is natural.
- ◆ Show how Islam doesn't contain contradictions like Capitalism, we truly believe that all people are equal and only differ according to their Taqwa. Islam united the Aus & Khazraj as brothers when they used to be enemies.
- ◆ The Khilafah moulded people from different races, places and backgrounds into one nation.

For example, at the time of Omar Bin Al-Khattab Egypt was opened by Amro Bin Al-'As. Hasan Ibraheem Hasan in his book 'History of Islam' (P.196):

*"The Arabs did not treat the Coptics harshly or unjustly. They were very gentle with them. They gave them the choice of accepting Islam and if they did they have the rights and duties obliged by Islam. But if they refused they pay a small tax (Jizya) which amounts to 2 dinars, exempting the women, the old, and the children. In addition to that they removed the oppression they lived under.."*

It was reported by Abu Dawd and Tirmidhi that the Prophet (saw) said: **"Undoubtedly Allah has removed from you the pride and arrogance of the Age of Jahilliyah (Ignorance) and the glorifications of ancestors. Now people are only of two kinds: Either believers who are aware or transgressors who do wrong. You are all the children of Adam and, Adam was from clay. People should give up their pride in nations because that is a coal from the coals of hell-fire. If they do not give this up Allah will consider them lower than the lowly worm which pushes itself through dung."**

**"And hold fast all together by the rope which Allah and be not divided among yourselves"** [TMQ Al-Imran 3:103]

Narrated Abu Musa: The Prophet said, **"A believer to another believer is like a building whose different parts enforce each other."** The Prophet then clasped his hands with the fingers interlaced (while saying that). [Bukhari]

- ◆ The rules (Ahkam) of Islam promote unity and collectivity not nationalism and individualism.
- ◆ When the Khilafah returns it will implement Islam which will show the Kuffar the beauty of Islam and realise the rottenness of their own way of life.