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The Islamic party of **Hizb ut Tahrir** in Kenya feels deep sympathy for the millions of suffering Kenyans faced with starvation. It is traumatizing to witness the images of the hunger stricken families which shows emaciated children looking at their mothers while crying for food and very weak elderly people unable to stand who end up sleeping on an empty stomach. Unfortunately, political divides make empty statements as they continue racing for votes across the country for this August general elections!

We categorically state that this situation is not solely caused by drought as claimed by the government but rather a result of government negligence and irresponsibility in caring for the affairs of its own citizens. Meteorologists in the country warned of the situation earlier but the leaders ignored the warnings.

Kenya has vast resources including minerals, rivers, large tracts of fer-

tile land etc but due to corrupt economic capitalist policies these resources are used only by corporate elites who benefit themselves while the masses end up with empty hands! A responsible government which is serious in eradicating famine should invest in the agricultural sector rather than importing food or depending on foreign aid. In addition the effective regime would buy fertilizers for farmers, provide subsidies for them money to prepare their farms and set up irrigation schemes that will guarantee food security thus eradicating famine. Unfortunately this is not done by a capitalist abounded regime whose politicians monopolize the business of importing maize so that they use hunger as a tool to accumulate huge profits from the importation of the staple foods!

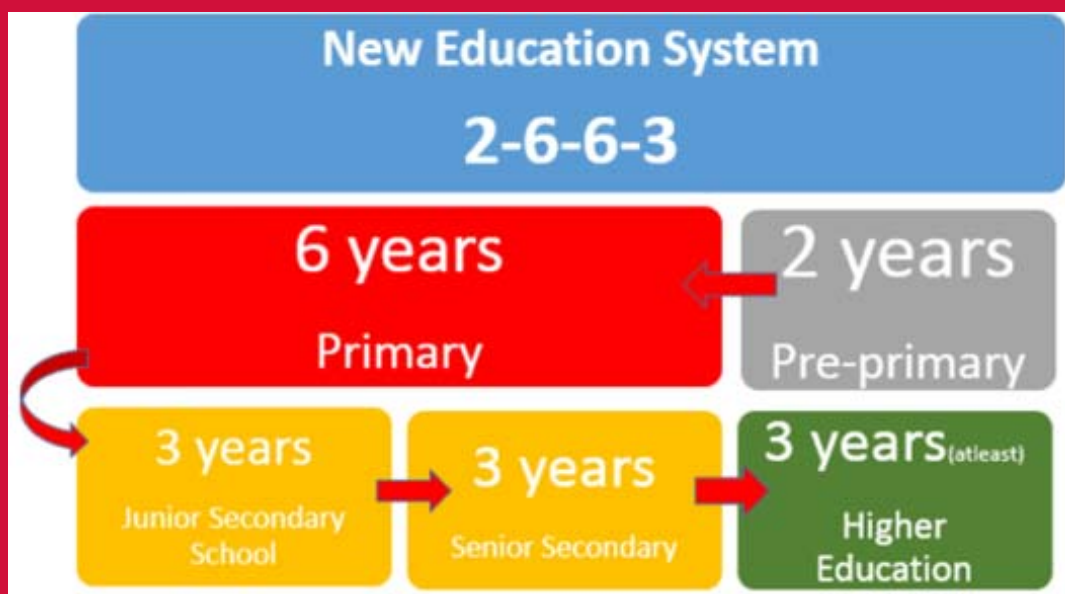
We conclude by urging all wealthy Muslims and non-Muslims to redouble their efforts in helping the hunger victims. We also wish to remind the Kenyan society to stand up to openly expose the evil of capitalism

whose politicians inside or outside the government who only work to capture power to fill their stomachs. We believe that the Islamic ideology being fully implemented in the Khilafah system will allow its leader to co-ordinate the rich and abundant resources available in one area to areas that are poor and depleted of resources. This was the case of Umar Bin Khattab (ra) in his Khilafah who wrote to his provincial governors of Egypt, Syria, Palestine and Iraq for aid who responded by sending caravans loaded with food and supplies into Arabia thus hundreds were saved from hunger.

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Capitalist Education System Cannot Be Reformed

There has been a lot of crying for “education reform” in Kenya since Fred Matiang’i moved to the Education docket as Cabinet secretary last year. He has to an extent tried to shake up the rot that bedevils the country’s examination system. As to whether he has been successful, that is discussion for another day. Top of the agenda this term will be the unveiling of a new curriculum which is expected to replace the much maligned 8-4-4 system which has been in existence for the past three decades. The structure provided eight years of primary education, four years of secondary education and a minimum of four years of university education. Effectively, the 8-4-4 curriculum replaced the 7-4-2-3 system of education that was deemed to have cobwebs of colonial education and described as too theoretical and elitist in nature. The Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) report indicates that the new system has been organized into three levels: Early Years Education, Middle School Education and Senior School. Instead, it recommended a 2-6-3-3-3 system, which it says would ensure learners acquire competencies and skills to meet the human resource aspirations of Vision 2030. KICD Director Julius Jwan said “This curriculum will reduce the load and seek to modify the organi-

zation of learning and make the learners identify with the democratic foundation of this nation, something that the current curriculum does not address” (Daily Nation of 1st January 2017).

A lot of hue and cry was raised immediately after the release of the 2016 Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) results. This could be genuine from concerned quarters or a case of the criminal exam cartels hitting back. As reported in the Daily Nation of 3rd January 2017, Kenya Union of Post Primary Education Teachers (KUPPET) Secretary-General Akello Misori had faulted the KCSE examination results released in December. “A normal curve would show a few top performers and a similar number at the bottom, with the majority being in the middle. The abnormal curve indicates the 2016 results are not reliable,” he said. He added that teachers would demand an audit of the setting of the examination and conditions under which they were marked. This is after complaints were raised that the papers were marked in a hurry.

Another casualty of the results released is Parallel Degree Programmes undertaken by Universities. Fred Matiang’i announced public universities will directly absorb all the 88,929 candidates who scored a mean grade of C+ and

above in the KCSE. More than 44,000 students who scored C plain and hoped to join universities either through Module II (parallel programme) or enroll in private institutions have been shut out of degree programmes after early indications that the cut-off points for selection into various courses will not be lowered. These programmes have been used by Universities to mint billions of shillings courtesy of the huge number of students that get locked out of public universities through the regular programme admissions. Universities have spent massive resources, most of it borrowed, to set up hundreds of satellite campuses to cater for the demand for higher education which has been surging each year with thousands registering especially for evening classes. For example, in the 2015 KCSE examination, 165,766 scored the minimum university entry qualification of a C+ and above. However, only 74,389 were selected to join public universities due to limited spaces leaving 91,377 to enroll privately. Most of the institutions of higher education, especially the so-called satellite campuses set up by some public and private universities, are pure con establishments as they are purely commercial ventures and never established as learning centers.

It is now clear that we have for long

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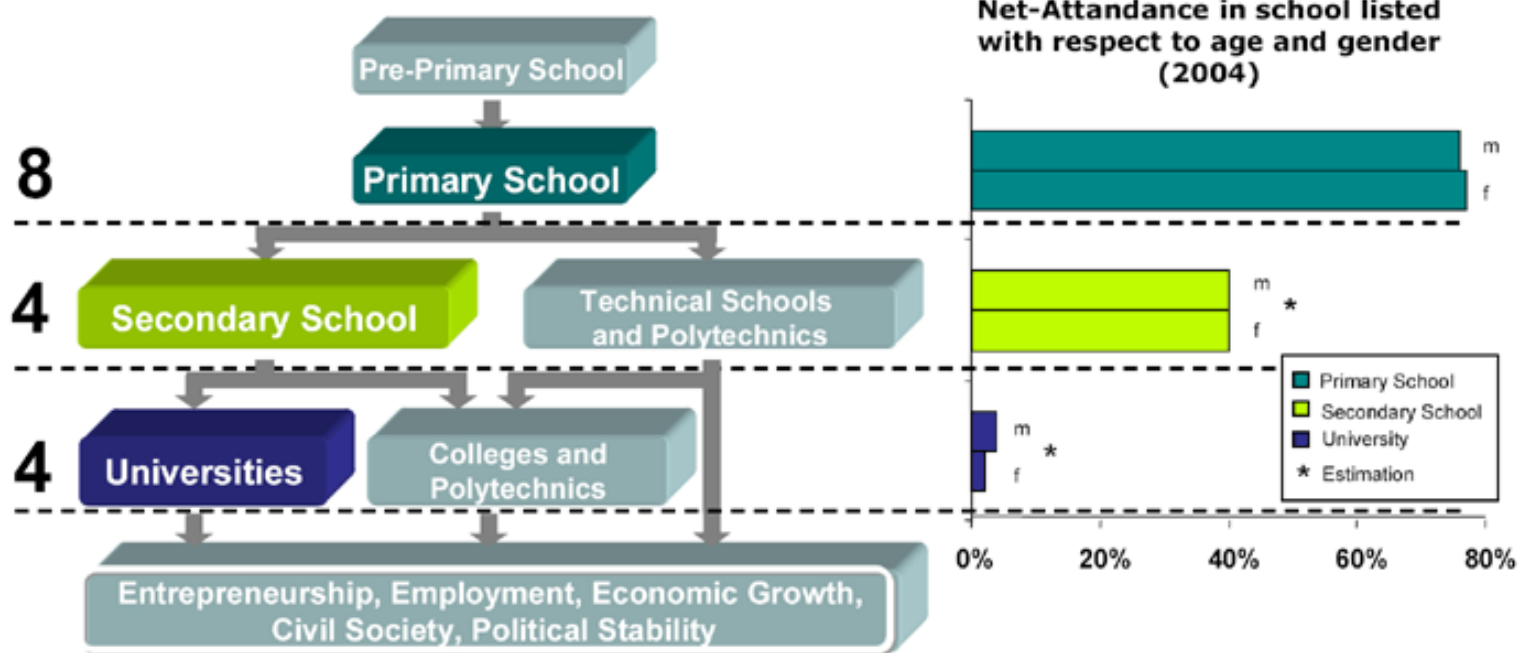
operated a flawed examination system where cheating was the norm. Schools, parents and teachers worked in cahoots with the officials of the Kenya National Examinations Council to steal exams. The end result was a case of over-supply of high grades which, unfortunately, could not stand the test. Evidence had started piling up, indicating that most of the candidates who had scored high grades failed at university. Only half of the more than 50,000 students who graduate annually are suitable for employment. And of these graduates, more than half are not suited to their career choice, the Inter University Council for East Africa (IUCEA) noted in a survey conducted in 2014. The IUCEA findings suggest that majority of those who graduate cannot land or will find it challenging to secure long-term employment in their fields of study. Prof Sam Kubasu, an educationist said “That is only one part of the problem. The whole university education system should be rethought. We are no longer motivated by the quest for knowledge but rather by a primitive urge to acquire pieces of paper to secure jobs. For the instructors, it is a matter of making as much money from as many universities as possible”<https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2000123982/only-half-of->

[university-graduates-in-kenya-are-ready-for-job-market-study-says](https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2000123982/only-half-of-university-graduates-in-kenya-are-ready-for-job-market-study-says). The major question for us to ask is are education objectives being met? Are we seeing reforms or are they just cosmetic changes meant to appease a restless public yearning for answers? A deep thought shows that no specific objectives are being met other than churning out half-baked graduates. Reforms can also not occur in a corrupt system until the system itself is reformed. Education reform in a Capitalist system is difficult to undertake because it is very hard to tie it to outcomes. You can invest in the best education for doctors but that will not give you a good health care system. With regards to the Islamic State’s adopted education policy, Article 166 of the draft constitution states: **“The purpose of education is to form the Islamic personality in thought and behaviour. Therefore all subjects in the curriculum must be chosen on this basis.”** Also, in the Education system, it is written **“Education is the method to preserve the Ummah’s culture in the hearts of its children and the pages of its books, whether it is the prescribed or non-prescribed education curriculum. The education curriculum means education regulated by State adopted systems and canons, with the State re-**

sponsible for implementing it e.g. setting the starting age, subjects of study and education method. Whereas non-prescribed education is left to Muslims to teach in homes, mosques, clubs, via media, periodical publications etc without being subjected to the organization and canons of the education curriculum. In both cases, however, the State is responsible to ensure that the thoughts and knowledge (being taught) either emanate from the Islamic intellectual doctrine or are built upon it.”

This is the most comprehensive reform that can be taken to change an education system away from the Capitalistic system that has no unified purpose or values and depends mostly on nationalistic sentiments of States. It is only when the ummah accepts such radical reforms that it will enjoy the fruits of real education that foremost teaches the recognition of our Creator. It then informs man of the purpose of his creation in terms of where he came from, where he is right now and lastly where he is headed to. This is the TRUE education reform that we should yearn for.

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The Gap between the Rich and the Poor Widens

These eight billionaires own the same wealth as the 3.6bn people who form the poorest half of the world's population



\$75bn
Bill Gates



\$67bn
Amancio Ortega



\$61bn
Warren Buffett



\$50bn
Carlos Slim



\$45bn
Jeff Bezos



\$45bn
Mark Zuckerberg



\$44bn
Larry Ellison



\$40bn
Michael Bloomberg

It is inevitable that in any society you will have rich and poor people. This is the order of humanity. However in the Capitalist system which is the current economic system the wide gap between the poor and the rich is artificial'. The fact of the matter being the system is meant to benefit the handful elites and the common man. The standard newspaper on 17th January 2017 printed on its front page the Oxfam's finding which found out that the 8 richest people in the world own in equivalent of wealth to 3.6billion people. This means the eight people own the wealth of half of the worlds' population.

With all the advancement in technology and "CIVILIZED" policies, the gap widens day by day. After the world war 2, the united states of America had the most gold and backed its dollar by gold, meaning that every currency note represented a worthiness in gold of the same value and this in turn made most of the other countries backing their currencies with the American dollar making it (America) economically superior than most countries. In 1968 after engaging in cold war, the American government used most of its gold and so was forced to print fiat money (money that is not backed by gold) that was pushed from \$900 billion to \$3.5 trillion of money in circulation in a span of 2 years. This is

turn made the central banks of the governments that backed their currency with the American dollar to also print fiat money in order to buy more dollars. The government was forced to take charge of the economy and new policies and theories came to pass.

Kenya being one of the countries that backed its currency with the American dollar was not left behind and the policies and economic theories made by few powerful people to enhance their riches also affected our economy. These are some of the theories that are used to in economy

Scarcity of the resources: - The basic of economy in the whole world today is scarcity. This suggests that human needs are repetitive and so all the resources in the entire world cannot satisfy his needs. In this regard the capitalist claim in order to satisfy the unlimited needs a production must be tackled. But this is not true because the reality that should be dealt with is the distribution of the wealth. Kenya for example has vast resources which are not distributed to the ordinary man thus making the gap always very between the poor and the rich. Minerals like ilmenite, that is mined by a private company called base titanium was able to extract 3million tones of limonite between September and December and with the prices being

Ksh.14,000 per tonne, they were able to make ksh 42 billion in three months. This means that such mineral could earn this country ksh 168billion in a year. According to data published by Africa oil, an independent assessment undertaken by Gaffney cline in 2014 estimated just over 600 million barrels of probable (2C) contingent resource that could worth billions of USD. More oil has still been found since that time. Talk about magadi in Magadi, fluorspar in kerio valley, niobium, lead and silver in Kwale, the blue economy, agriculture and many more that has the capability of bringing more revenue that we can spend for years without any external borrowing. So this theory was put in place so that all this resources will be controlled by few corporates and rich few individuals as it stands now and starves the rest to poverty and stress.

Trickle down economy :-This theory suggest that by lowering the taxes for the very rich people then they will in turn employ more people and so transform the economy of a region. This theory only made it easy for the corporates to earn more profits by paying very small or no taxes at all while the common man bears all the burden of taxes that bring him back to square one every time he tries to grow.

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These and many more theories are influenced by corporates and financial elites who use them to run the economy. The unemployment rate has risen to 60% among the youth and the employment benefits to the 40% that have been employed have shriveled. The portion of workers with any pension scheme connected to their job has fallen. More than 10,000 workers were last year retrenched by over 20 companies e.g. Kenya airways(118), standard chartered bank(300), equity bank(400), sidian bank(108), family bank(100), first community bank(100), nice bank(100), Telkom(500) farm karuturi (2,600), Kenya meat commission (118), airtel(80), samir Africa(600), Portland cement (1000), uchumi(253), Kenya fluorspar(700) and more expected.

The shilling has fallen a little bit compared to the dollar and the millers have already sent a warning that the acute shortage of the cereal will force an increase in market price that will be passed at to the consumer at the shop and the prices may go up for a longer period of time. Despite all this, the GDP of Kenya grew to 6.2 in the second quarter of 2016 and then rose to a new height symbolizing good economic trends and World Bank ranked Kenya the third most improved country in the world in ease of doing business as it moved to number 21 among 100 countries with good business environment. This clearly shows the contrast between the economic theories and the reality of the pinching lifestyle of the ordinary person.

The few rich people have succeeded in accumulating vast some of wealth and later turn the ordinary people into debtors and consumers. They lend them so that they can buy some basic commodity that they manufacture and later work for them to pay for the loans that they have given them. The way out to this problem is going back to the gold standard as a backing to paper currency and change the system (CAPITALISM) under which these unrealistic economic principles and theories are formulated to only pave way for a bigger gap between the rich and the poor.

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Democratic Elections Deprive Womens Dignity



The year 2017 is an election year in Kenya where the political leaders and their henchmen are extremely busy working for these general elections. All national issues have been politicized because the leaders and their aspirants have a lot of work in convincing the citizens to vote. This is the time that some leaders try to fulfill their promises, they made three years ago, only to be elected again in the

upcoming elections. The leaders use the little opportunity they get to campaign for themselves. They have not left any stone untouched.

They have a lot of ways of campaigning among them is by hoodwinking the poor innocent women who just do what they are told without knowing the consequences of their actions. The women have become tools for elections and are used to hunt for the votes. Among the campaigners are Muslim women who

move around with rallies everywhere dancing and singing on top of their voices campaigning for their aspirants. All political divides have turned burial ceremonies into political podiums. How shame it is to see our mothers and sisters move around others half naked in the name of elections. Women have forgotten their responsibilities and have turned to be used by the leaders in whatever the leaders say just to earn some little cash. Muslim

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women sell their dignity just for some little handouts they end up dancing openly just to please their aspirants. Islam protected women's dignity but it is now unprotected and the dignity has no one to protect. Therefore it is the women themselves that need to protect their own dignity but they have forgotten their responsibilities and their rights as Muslim women and have joined rallies which do not add value to their lives here and on the hereafter. Muslim women have been used in hunting votes from one place to another. Branded as Uhuru's girls and Joho's girls who wear skimpy dresses in the so called campaigns. In this vote-hunting mission the Kenyan women are advised to withhold sex until their spouses show them their voter's card. It is clear that the leaders only think of

themselves. They just give out advices without knowing what will happen next with the women. Women it's high time you open your eyes; you wake up and see the reality of your leaders. As you are busy trying to bring them up they are struggling to take you down, what do you think will happen after a husband act upon them being rejected by their spouses?

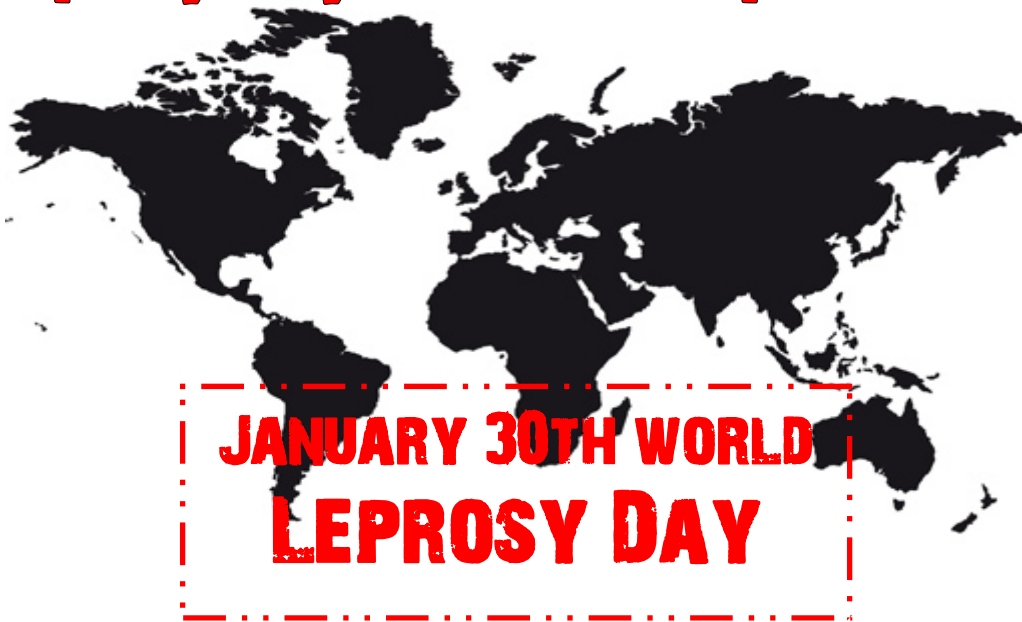
This was to be expected in this corrupt system of Democracy which has turned a woman into a mere commercial asset. Adverts of girls half naked are seen everywhere. Truly the corrupt regimes have deprived a woman her dignity. Everything around it will be corrupt. It is high time we Muslims stop supporting this insanity and focus on our responsibilities as Muslims, as we have a lot to answer on what is happening to

our families, our mothers and sisters. Have we turned blind or deaf on these matters? Don't we see our mothers and sisters humiliating themselves on the open roads? We will all be asked about this, lets prepare the correct answer for these questions.

It is only the Khilafah based on the Prophetic Methodology that shall provide dignity and honor to the women of this noble Ummah that has been taken captive by the invalid capitalist ideology which has dethrone the women from their primary role of being a mother and a wife; and turned her into a political bargain and campaigning tool!

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World Leprosy Day: Another Capitalist Sideshow



**JANUARY 30TH WORLD
LEPROSY DAY**

30th of January, 2017 the world commemorated the day of leprosy disease in the world. The origin of this commemoration was to remember the death of the leader of India, Mahatma Gandhi who is alleged to know the imperativeness of handling the disease. The west claim this day that was initiated in the year 1954 is to highlight the people suffering from the disease so that they can be understood

and known as human beings who deserve respect and opportunity to participate in the society with their respective talents.

Leprosy has affected humanity for the last thousand years. The disease got the name Leprosy from a latin word 'lepra', which means have a scar on the skin. Also it is known as 'Hansen's Disease' as a result of a doctor's name. This disease is caused by bacteria known as 'Mycobacterium

leprae and M. lepromatosis'

After an infection there is a period through which the sick does not have symptoms of leprosy. That duration can continue up to 5 years or above. Symptoms to be observed are for nerve cell tablets of the breathing system, skin and eyes.

When symptoms start to be observed the ill person does not feel cold, warm or pain. Therefore s/he cannot easily realize if they have gotten an injury.

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The wounds that come afterwards can be big due to the fact they are not treated or late treatment. That is why people suffering from leprosy lose their body parts like the fingers, leg or hands and other recurring injuries.

Dr Erwin Cooremen the head Global Leprosy Programme said in a Leprosy conference organized in China on September, 2016 “Leprosy is not declining at the pace we would like to see,” and continued to say: “Our strategy involves leadership and coordination, focuses not only on medical or public health interventions but also on personal and social aspects – factors that important for a disease that is still so stigmatized.” Based on that it clearly confirms that the capitalist deliberately have not adopted the issue of leprosy disease. That is why up to date the disease is ravaging India alone at 60% across the world.

Capitalists’ sideshow in tackling diseases: Fixing such days and the like is an attempt to hoodwink the people to believe that the Capitalists’ really care for the ummah. The Capitalists despite making progress in manufacturing medicines of which is a good initiative and promoted by Islam; but, according to them their viewpoint on the health issue is based on benefits which is their measurement of human activities and their behaviors. They do not look at health as a basic need for humanity instead they view it from an economic aspect; do these people’s health bring any economic benefits. Therefore people who are not economical beneficial to capitalists their health is deteriorated by being denied treatment and medicines. That is why the slogan for World Health Organization (WHO) ‘Health and Development’. Also, the capitalists and their governments take the health service as a favor to its citizens not as their responsibility to the ummah.

Enlightened understanding on health and disease: According to Islam, health is viewed as a great grace to a human being who is supposed to thank Allah (swt) for. That is why in the teachings of Islam we were encouraged to seek for medicine as it was reported from Usama bin Shareek from the Messenger

(صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم)

who said:

فَعَنْ أُسَامَةَ بْنِ شَرِيكٍ عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنَّهُ قَالَ:

((تَدَاوُوا يَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَضَعْ دَاءً إِلَّا وَضَعَ لَهُ شِفَاءً إِلَّا دَاءً وَاحِدًا الْهَرَمَ))

“Seek medicine oh servants of Allah (swt) indeed Allah (swt) has not put a disease without its cure with an exception of Old age has no cure.”

Islam also categorizes health services as one of the basic needs of society/ ummah and it is the responsibility of the government to ensure its citizens of this right.

One of the Islamic thoughts on human actions is that there are actions that occur on a human being involuntary in other terms against his will; these actions are known as Qadhaa meaning Allah (swt) alone decreed e.g disease. A Muslim therefore is expected when suffering from a disease to seek medicine while at the same time to be patient knowing that is Qadhaa from Allah (swt) and his patience will earn him great rewards. In a hadith reported by Abu Sa’ed Al-Khudriyy that the Prophet SAAW said:

مَا يُصِيبُ الْمُسْلِمَ مِنْ نَصَبٍ وَلَا وَصَبٍ وَلَا هَمٍّ وَلَا حُزْنٍ وَلَا أَدَىٰ وَئٍ عَمَّ حَتَّىٰ الشُّوْكَةَ يُشَاكُهَا إِلَّا كَفَّرَ اللَّهُ بِهَا مِنْ خَطَايَاهُ))

“A Muslim shall not face problems, or diseases, or urgency or sorrow or persecutions or restless even a thorn that stuck him Allah (swt) erases his sins due to the same”

Al-Bukhaariyna Muslim

It is important to understand that entrenchment of corruption and committing of immoralities in general has led to people to be infected with diseases. Today we live under the invalid capitalist ideology which has open a door to blasphemy against Allah (swt) we should not expect to be safe. Furthermore, the invalid capitalist ideology has given rise to economic turmoil, political and societal to an extent the society is confused and this leads to cause diseases that were never there before the era of Islam when it was leading the world via its Khilafah (Caliphate). For instance the World Health Organization has confirmed that depression today has caused ulcers and pressure. Reported that the Messenger (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم)

said:

((مَنْ كَثَرَ هَمُّهُ سَقَمَ بَدَنُهُ))

“The one with high urgency then his body will ail”

Diseases as tests to us: Most families today fail to realize that diseases are part of tests from Allah (swt). This belief is very imperative and when it lacks most people end up in blaspheming and sorcery due to diseases. In Islam we are called up on to be patient. It is at that stage that the issue of stigmatization of the person suffering from leprosy, AIDS etc. This problem has come out open as confirmed by the discrimination of patients suffering from leprosy by separating them into different camps. In India such camps are more than one thousand. Also in China and Africa such camps are in hundreds. In the history of Leprosy you will see that the infected persons are the most highly discriminated for years. The said discrimination has promoted the infected persons to hide and miss on early treatment. What I mean in such discrimination of the leprosy patient is whereby the sick is not taken cared for in terms of treatment and is despised. As for being careful with those suffering from the disease to avoid being infected is not part of stigmatization; instead is part of the teachings of Islam when Messenger (صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم) said:

((فِرَ مِنَ الْمَجْدُومِ كَمَا تَفِرُ مِنَ الْأَسَدِ))

“To run away from a person with leprosy is like running away from a lion”

For these we say that the Ummah will continue to be ignored whenever it is faced with diseases by being duped with capitalist ‘organizations’ that themselves want people to suffer instead they help in spreading the diseases to ordinary people in order for them to sell medicines which in essence are not for treating but to relieve for some time. The resumption of Islam via its genuine state of Khilafah based on the Prophetic Methodology is the only solution to the problems facing the ummah today.

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