

Press Release

Participation in Iraqi Parliamentary Elections

is a Declaration of the Continuation of Corruption and surrendering the Country and the People to the Kafir Occupier and its Henchmen

(Translated)

This is not the first time we have explained to the Islamic Ummah in general, and the people of Iraq in particular, the Shariah ruling on elections, but we will repeat it in compliance with the saying of Allah (swt): ﴿وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَى تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾ **“And remind, for indeed, the reminder benefits the believers”** [Adh-Dhariyat: 55]. And the saying of the noble Prophet (saw): «الدِّينُ النَّصِيحَةُ» **“The Deen is advice”**. So no one will have an excuse.

Election is: the choice. And its reality: is delegation and representation. The Member of Parliament (MP) is a representative and a delegate of who elected him.

If we look at the work of the parliament, we will find it is mainly legislation, so the MP will enact the constitution and laws, elect the head of state, grant confidence to the government, hold it accountable, and ratify the agreements, etc. All of this is based on the constitution. It is no secret that the constitutions of the Islamic countries are all man-made constitutions that have nothing to do with the Shariah of Allah, which was revealed to His Messenger Muhammad (saw). Rather, it is based on democracy and secularism, the products of the creed of “separating Deen from life” that openly declares the absence of Allah’s rule in public affairs such as politics, economy, society, education, judiciary, etc.

Therefore the participant in the election will entrust individuals on his behalf to carry out these acts, and if we look at these actions we find them all Haram (prohibited) because they are based on falsehood, which is to give people the power to legislate instead of Allah (swt), Allah (swt) says: ﴿وَمَنْ لَّمْ يَحْكَمْ بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْكَافِرُونَ﴾ **“And whoever does not judge by what Allah has revealed - then it is those who are the disbelievers”** [Al-Ma’ida: 44]. And Allah (swt) said: ﴿فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ حَتَّىٰ يُحَكِّمُوكَ فِي مَا شَجَرَ بَيْنَهُمْ ثُمَّ لَا يَجِدُوا فِي أَنفُسِهِمْ حَرَجًا مِّمَّا قَضَيْتَ وَيُسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا﴾ **“But no, by your Lord, they will not [truly] believe until they make you, [O Muhammad], judge concerning that over which they dispute among themselves and then find within themselves no discomfort from what you have judged and submit in [full, willing] submission”** [An-Nisa’: 65]. Therefore, participation in these elections is totally prohibited, whether it is choosing a candidate, to elect or a mere cancellation of the electoral paper.

O people of Iraq:

Can you not see the truth behind these ugly faces, which are not occupied only by personal interests and benefits of the group, which begs them to empower the kaffir occupier and its henchmen over the country's resources and to humiliate the people?! Did you not hear the Prophet's (saw) saying: «لَا يُدْعُ الْمُؤْمِنُ مِنْ جُحْرٍ وَاحِدٍ مَرَّتَيْنِ» “**The believer is not bitten from the same hole twice**”?! How many times they fooled you with false promises and false hopes, how many riches they stole, how much blood was shed by their hands or with their blessing?! Should the duty then be to elect them or hold them accountable?

O Muslims:

We, the people whom Allah has dignified us with Islam, however much we seek pride in other than Islam, Allah will humiliate us. As we carry the doctrine of Islam, it is imperative for us not to accept an alternative to the system that emanates from this doctrine. I.e. the Islamic Shariah, which the only Shariah way to establish it is by the establishment of the Khilafah Rashida (rightly guided Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood, by giving the pledge of allegiance to the Imam with acceptance and choice to adopt on behalf of the Ummah the rules of Islam and implement them as a constitution and laws. Otherwise the Ummah will continue to suffer the scourge and sufferings from the subjugation of the Kuffar and oppression of their agents the rulers of destruction.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ
* وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا مِنْكُمْ خَاصَّةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ﴾

“O you who have believed, respond to Allah and to the Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life. And know that Allah intervenes between a man and his heart and that to Him you will be gathered * And fear a trial which will not strike those who have wronged among you exclusively, and know that Allah is severe in penalty.” [Al-Anfal: 24-25]

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