

Press Release

IMF Mission to Tunisia

Ruthless Colonial Aggression and Dealing with it is a Crime

(Translated)

On April 4, 2019, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) concluded a 15-day visit to Tunisia. The visit was part of the fifth review of the Extended Fund Facility agreement with Tunisia and prior to the approval of \$250 million disbursement of the sixth tranche of the loan. IMF's mission continues to come to Tunisia periodically and every time it spends 15 days watching and looking at the finer details and secrets and then issues its orders. If the government responds and implements the orders, the IMF disburses a portion of the loan and if the government fails - for any reason - the IMF stops the disbursement the funds, which happened many times. For that reason, the government raised the price of fuel in a surprise move, and its Prime Minister said that the government was "forced to take such a step". Yes, Youssef was truthful this time, for he has been ordered by the IMF mission, and how come an employee reject the orders of his senior official! Also, with the IMF instructions, the retirement law was removed from the drawers of the House of Representatives and was approved, after being rejected!!

We in Hizb ut Tahrir / Wilayah of Tunisia condemn these missions and consider them a colonial aggression against our country and condemn the mentality of defeat and subordination which is displayed by the government and the ruling class (the ruling parties, the opposition and organizations) and confirm that:

1- This humiliating situation does not suit the Muslim people who have launched a revolution that has shaken the world. In addition, dealing with the lethal economic fund which is hired to kneel a people from whom the revolution of the Islamic Ummah against colonial regimes has launched is a betrayal and a crime that deserves the greatest punishment.

2 -Tunisia does not need its enemy to get out of the crisis.

3- The contention by the government and the political group that Tunisia is compelled to borrow is purely a deception, rather a collusion with the colonizer. Because by this claim, the government denies that Tunisia has any other resource for financing the projects, which means that it has dismissed the recovery of the wealth of the country which is controlled by colonial looting companies. It is neither in the program of the government or the ruling class to recover the salt resources dominated by the French company - since the time of the French colonization - without right, nor in its intention to recover the gas fields handed over by Ben Ali for free to British companies. Nor did it simply ask about the looted funds, including the 12,500 billion taken by Ben Ali's Business "men" from public banks. This money alone was enough to enrich us from such deadly loans. And then, where are the

looted funds revealed by the deputies of the Constituent Assembly and estimated at tens of thousands of billions, most of which are in Tunisia? Why do not the government get it and protect us from the evil of this dependence? Because it does not see that the wealth in Tunisia is the right of its people, and then they claim that the only solution is to resort to the enemy and surrender to him! **Is this a government worthy of the leadership of Tunisia?!**

O People in Tunisia

We appreciate in you your awareness and bravery as you condemn these unjust increases, but we want to remind you that the solution of the crisis will not be only by sectoral protests and the timely demands, because our real enemy is the colonizer who controls the country through this ruling group (the ruling and opposition parties), which implements its deadly policies, and because the IMF missions are one of the most dangerous weapons of the colonizer, it is necessary to unite efforts and spare all energies in order to liberate our country, which will only be by:

1- Halting the crime of dealing with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank and all colonial countries, and the immediate cessation of the payment of the falsely and misleadingly so-called foreign debts, because they are unjust debts concluded by corrupt semi-rulers at the behest of colonial creditors to regain them in multiple.

2- Restore the country's wealth from its looters by canceling all unjust contracts (contracts of possession of gas fields and oil exploration concessions that exceeded 50), which made our underground resources of gas, phosphate and oil looted and monopolized by the colonial companies.

3- Recover the funds looted by the rulers and influential, which total more than the amount of money that the IMF enslave us with.

These are urgent initial measures to stop the scourge of looting and colonization. However, the radical solution would be to renounce the origin of the scourge: the oppressive and fatal capitalist system. And by bringing Islam back to power, Khilafah Rashidah (righteous Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood. Thence we will address all our problems, including the economic problem, with treatments that are legitimate rulings of the all Knowing and Acquainted. So that we are safe from loans that humiliate the people and anger the Lord of the people, as well as the restoration of this great Ummah its prestige among the nations after the disgrace of the rulers who see themselves only subservient to the Kafir colonizer.

Allah (swt) says:

﴿وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَهْلَ الْقُرَىٰ آمَنُوا وَاتَّقَوْا لَفَتَحْنَا عَلَيْهِم بَرَكَاتٍ مِّنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ...﴾

“And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah, We would have opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth; but they denied [the messengers], so We seized them for what they were earning.” [Al-A'raf:96]

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