

# The Islamic Truth



## THE STATUS OF CHARITY ORGANISATIONS IN ISLAM

*Are we as Muslims aloud to give Zakat to charitable organisations such as Muslim Aid or Islamic Relief?*

**Q**. What is the Islamic Verdict On Individuals Or Groups Involving themselves In Any Of The Responsibilities Of The *Khalifah* (Islamic State):

**A**. The *fatwa* or divine rule regarding any individual or group, whether charitable or political organisations, involving themselves in any of the Islamic state's responsibilities is that it is *Haram*, they are committing a sin and must stop such prohibited deeds immediately, and whosoever works for them, deals with them, donates to them or pays his/her *Zakat* to them is also sinful.

This is a *fatwa* which emanates from the *Quran*, the *Sunnah* and *Ijma' As-Sahaba* (from the scholars of truth *U'lama Al-Haqq* who have nothing to do with any government or state nor do they work in any government depts nor are they government preachers).

### MISCONCEPTIONS:

**1**. People think wrongly that if it is prohibited to pay our *Zakat* to a charitable organisation such as **Muslim Aid** or **Islamic Relief** as no Islamic state exists today, we are excused from paying *Zakat* until the *Khalifah* is established.

This is incorrect since the duty of paying *Zakat* is obligatory upon every Muslim, adult or newborn (i.e. upon the baby's guardian), on his/her wealth if it has reached the divine limit i.e. *Al-Nisab Al-Shari'e* and on a yearly basis, whether we have an Islamic State or not. In addition *Zakat* is known in the Science of *Usul Al-Fiqh* as *Fardh Naa'eb* i.e. an obligation we can delegate to the *Khalifah* if the Islamic State is present or to any individual Muslim if the Islamic State is absent on the condition that the individual delegated must not be part of any organisation involving themselves in the duties of the Islamic State e.g. to be involved in collecting the money of *Zakat* for remuneration.

**2**. There is also the assumption that if there is no Islamic State we can help ourselves by doing what the state must do. This is prohibited as mentioned in the above *fatwa*. This is the situation of many Islamic movements and groups involving themselves in prohibited actions e.g. collecting the money of *Zakat*, signing treaties with governments on behalf of Muslims, implementing the Islamic penal system, killing the apostate etc.. instead of involving themselves in the duties which Allah has allocated for them. Allah (SWT) says :". **let there arise from among you group(s) calling Society to Islam and commanding good to the society and forbidding the evil of the society...."** [EMQ 3:103]. There is no doubt that Man-made law (kufr law) is one of the greatest evils of any society today, and calling for Islam as a belief and as a system of life is one of the highest Mar'rouf or good deeds.

**3**. Those groups who ignore the fundamental duty upon them of establishing the Islamic state and involve themselves instead with doing the States duties are refraining from their specified duties in order to engage in unlawful charitable activities and they make many secular Muslims feel content with merely donating instead of giving up their kufr concepts of secularism. These so-called charitable activities have become political tools for the groups to collect the money of *Zakat* and to send it abroad to Pakistan, Bangladesh, Lebanon and Palestine for their supporters to get more votes in elections so that they may participate in those *kufr* regimes under the notion that 'if you cant get it all get as much as you can..' These activities are prohibited and sinful acts because they defuse the anger and the emotions of the Muslim *Ummah* and keep them busy refraining from their responsibility to make Allah's *Deen* dominant. There is a well known Islamic principle that the means to *Haram* is *Haram*.

**4**. There is another misconception that to register a charitable organisation is *Haram*. This claim is false because a prohibition is not derived from the reality of charitable organisations but from *Quran* and *Sunnah*. This claim has arisen due to such organisations becoming very common and the majority of the charitable organisations involving themselves with jobs the *Shari'ah* has specified for the *Khalifah*. It is wrong to say 'to register charities is *Haram* because the majority of them are involved in *Haram* deeds'. We should say that it is sufficient *Fardh* (*Fardh Al-Kifayyah*) upon Muslims wherever they reside to have among them group(s) who respond to the call of Allah in the Qu'ran [3:104] whether they register themselves as a charitable or political organisation or not as long as they are not involved in prohibited actions or do what has been specified for the Islamic state alone.

**5**. It may also be suggested that since there is no Islamic state today we need to do as much as we can in the meantime. This is nonsense since we have a *Hadith* of the Prophet(saw) that he said : "**Each one of you has his own responsibility** etc...." Moreover if we accept the suggestion and keep doing the *Khalifah's* job where is the need for him? It is akin to saying that those women whose husband's are absent in Jihad can have responsibilities towards them e.g. to sleep with them and to socialise with them and comfort them, fulfilled in their husband's absence under the absurd notion of doing 'as much as we can' .The same applies to the duties of the *khalifah*.

**6**. Another assumption is that these charitable organisations, who are involved in taking the responsibilities of the *Khalifah*, are doing good deeds and are devoted to helping the needy. Upon deeper analysis it become clear that their staff are in fact earning prohibited income from the money collected in the name of *Al-'Aamileen A'liyha* and in the name of charity! There remains therefore little to separate these people from someone in the business of selling shoes or potatoes except that the income of the latter is lawful whereas the earnings of the former are prohibited since they are doing the job of the *Zakat* collectors *Al-'Aamileen A'liyha*, and they are not the genuine collectors of *Zakat* because the *Shari'ah* definition of the *Al-'aamileen A'liyha* is "The collectors (*As-Su'aat*) and the distributors (*Al Musaddikoun*) of *Zakat* who are appointed by the *Khalifah* or his deputies, in order to collect *Zakat* from those who are liable to pay it and to distribute it to those who are eligible for it."

**7**. A brief glimpse at the accounts of these charitable organisations, who grieve and shed tears for needy Muslims in return for remuneration, reveals that, for example **Muslim Aid** or **Islamic Relief** and others collect millions of pounds and spend more than a third of it on their own premises, administration and staff salaries! Which is *Haram* for them to collect in the first place let alone to use it for their huge salaries and expenses! And yet they still have the courage to condemn sincere movements who do good deeds and work towards the establishment of *Al-Khalifah* (the Islamic State) and the liberation of occupied Muslim land. While these prohibited charitable organisations and their paid staff adopt titles like "people of *Taqwa*" and "hands of *khair*" by helping the needy not from their pockets but from other Muslim's pockets, they are injecting the *Ummah* with poisonous secular ideas such as by saying "we are a charitable body and do not involve ourselves in politics or Jihad. Aouzobillah! . It is time to realise the dangers of sincerity with ignorance and of a secular mentality. May Allah (SWT) guide us all to His *Deen*. Ameen.

**Summary:** In the absence of the Islamic State every Muslim is obliged to pay his/her *Zakat* directly to the categories which have been mentioned in the verse [EMQ 9:60] to the genuine collectors i.e. *Al-'aamileen A'liyha* because the cause of their existence is the existence of the Islamic state and the cause of their absence is the absence of the Islamic State. However *Zakat* is a delegatable duty which means that it is allowed to delegate an individual Muslim to pay it on behalf of you to those who are eligible as long as they are not charitable or political organisations involved in collecting *Zakat* as their duty, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, because their existence is prohibited.

# Jerusalem the First Qibla

**“Glory to Allah Who did take His Servant for a journey by night from Masjid Al Haram to Masjid Al Aqsa, whos precincts We did bless, in order that we may show Him some of Our Signs. For He is the One who bears and sees all things” (Bani Isreal 17:1 EMQ)**

This ayah ( sign, proof, verse ) tells us why Masjid Al Aqsa, is one of the three holiest places in Islam. Al Aqsa was the destination of Prophet Muhammad ( saw ) on the prophetic night journey called Al Isra and the place where the Miraj or the ascension to the seven heavens took place and where our Prophet (saw) led all the other Messengers of Allah (saw) in prayer.

The above Ayah in the Holy Quran is followed by seven others, where Allah (swt) tells us about the history of Jerusalem and the history of the Bani Isreal. The Jews who had a covenant with Allah (swt) that they would get the blessings and custodianship of Jerusalem as long as they lived by and kept the covenant. To transgress this would mean punishment and the two punishments that where promised by Allah (swt) came down on the Jews after they ignored the covenant and the warnings that where sent to them. After the death of Prophet Sulaiman ( as ) the kingdom was divided into two, the north became Israel and the south became Judah. The area known as Judah also included Jerusalem. Many battles occurred at this time including battles with pagans.

Therefore, Jerusalem has had a long history of fighting between Iman and Kufr. Jerboam the first king of Israel in the 10th century BC introduced the worshipping of a golden calf into the temples. In the 11th century king Ahab built a temple in Sumaria the capital of Baal which was also the name of a pagan idol. Many of our Prophets ( as ) where persecuted at the request of his pagan wife Jezebel. At this time because of the idolatry that was taking place, society totally degenerated as they lived by their own pleasure and desires.

In 721 BC Assyrians overran Israel and a similar event also happened in Judah and the Jews where exiled from Jerusalem to Babylon. After this punishment the Jews repented and where given another chance. In 538 BC the Jews returned to Jerusalem after Babylon was conquered by the Persian emperor Cyrus. When the Jews where originally expelled from Jerusalem the temple was destroyed and on their return they started to rebuild it in 515BC during the time of Prophet Ezra ( as ), Paganism was still rife in that area when the Roman Pompeii came to Jerusalem, Herod was appointed king of the Roman empire and replaced the Hellenistic paganism brought into Jerusalem earlier by the Greeks with a style of his own. King Herod built a temple in Jerusalem this was during the time of Prophet Isa ( as ), the Jews joined forces with the pagan Romans and persecuted Isa ( as ) which contin-

ued with Prophet Yayha ( as ) who was beheaded by King Herods grandson.

We can see that Jerusalem has always been involved in conflict between Islamic monotheism and kufr. Jerusalem for Muslims has been the place for land marks in Islamic history. The sanctity of Jerusalem is matched only by the Haram Al Sharif of the Holy Ka'ba and our Prophets (saw) Mosque in Medina. Many of our Prophets, for example; Isaac, Ismael, Ibrahim, Musa, Isa, Sulaiman, Jacoub, Yayha, Dawoud, (as) and Muhammad (saw), have all had important connections with Jerusalem in delivering the message of calling to the belief in Almighty Allah ( swt ). In Jerusalem we as Muslims are reminded of the previous Prophetic missions such as Musa ( as ) in Surah Al Maidah ( 5: 2126 ).

Islam enjoins the rights of everyone, even the Jews who are given a special title in Islam along with Christians, the title of “ People of the Book “ in the Holy Quran. ‘The Zionist murderers of today, forget how they ran to the protection of the Muslims during the crusades and their persecution under the Spanish Inquisition. They forget how the Muslims by the order of Allah (swt) preserved their right of existence of worship, for example it was the Muslims who restored the temple desecrated by the Romans. The Khalif Umar ( ra ) cleared the site after the area had been desecrated, Jews forget that their presence in Jerusalem was completely annihilated in the 6th century BC before Islam, Jews have never been the majority occupants of the land even to present day. Previous to Khalif Umars entry into the city the Byzantium leader banned all Jews from entering the city. After the peace treaty was signed between the Khalif and the Byzantium leader the ban on Jews entering Palestine was relaxed and ultimately lifted when the area came under Islamic rule.

Today we see the Zionist not content with their illegal occupation of Muslim land. ‘They want to demolish Masjid Al Aqsa , they are removing our brothers and sisters from the surrounding area of the Masjid and are opening tunnels that lay underneath. ‘The Jews claim that the Temple of Soloman ( Prophet Sulaiman a.s ) is underneath the mosque.

The Zionists do not care about the sanctity of the site and have tried to desecrate the site on many occasions, by arson attacks in 1967/69 and opening fire on a Muslims as they enter the Masjid. For the Zionists the state of Israel is their homeland, their birth right. For Muslims the state of Israel is illegal and must be fought against, in Judaism state of Israel des not exist it is only a myth produced and propogated by the Zionists who are givn allegiance by Jews all around the world. We can not look to the puppetleaders like Arafat who has openly signed away our land to the Kafir, who's hands are soaked with Muslim blood, to protect our rights, when he and others like him, for example the new King of Jordan,

formally accept the state of Israel as legitimate. Allah (swt) says in the Holy Quran:

**“Fight in the way of Allah those that fight you “  
[EMQ Surah AI Baqarah 2:190]**

**“Fight them wherever you find them, and expel them from wherever they expelled you “[EMQ Surah A1 Baqarah 2: 191]**

Therefore it is clear to the Muslims that the Pirate state of Israel has to be fought against, we can not peacefully co-exist with oppressors, it is a duty upon the Ummah to eradicate this thorn in our side and replace this Kafir rule with the rule of Islam.

## Breaking News!

*Boris Yeltsen, “We will eliminate all Muslims that renounce our rule!” - a statement made after meeting with world powers in Istanbul recently.*

This is a clear message from the leaders of the Kufr world that ISLAM in any form will not be tolerated and will be eradicated like some cancerous disease. As Muslim women and children in Chechnya are indiscriminately being killed, refugee problems in Chechnya have helped the western media to send a clear message in support of Russia's actions against Muslims fighting for a homeland known as the Khilafah (Islamic state).

ALL Muslims by virtue of their belief are commanded by Allah(swt) to work to establish ISLAM as a ruling authority (Khilafah) in which to live their lives. Muslims should not detach themselves from their Islamic Ideology. It is useless to be Muslim if you don't live under the authority of ISLAM. This is why sincere Muslim's who have liberated the Muslim land in Chechnya, are fighting the oppressive Russian forces. Russia have been commanded by the UN to finnish off the Muslims calling for Khilafah.

What are our puppet Muslim Armies in the region doing? - NOTHING!!! Dear Muslims, will you take action against the oppression when your daughters have taken non-Muslims as their husbands? When your sons become homosexuals? When husbands have relationships with office secretaries? When your children forget their Namaz and consider clubbing more important?

**When will you WAKE UP?**

