

Prince Salman and Ramadan Alms

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The Saudi regime exploited the nation, besieged its resources and had its hands on its assets in order to prevent it from serving Islam and allowing Muslims to benefit from it. According to this policy, the regime has seized its citizens' liberties and religious rights. The regime silenced, jailed and deprived scholars and those speaking the truth of their rights. It punishes whoever exercised his rights and his duties in defending the Ummah's religious rights by facing the regime's injustice.

Besides the regime's political and ideological blockade, it also exercised a harsh economic and financial policy as well. Part of this blockade was dissolving charitable organisations that used to deliver donations from citizens to the many needy people inside and outside the country. It replaced them with organisations and foundations subservient to royal family members and particularly, Prince Salman. It is as though he is saying to the nation, "You are not worthy of these donations". To give it a religious legitimacy, he described it as a popular one, and a Fatwa was issued by the regime's Mufti. Shaykh Bin Baz claimed it was religiously legitimate and urged donations. It is known that heading these foundations with people like Salman remove any popular legitimacy from them. In addition, Bin Baz's Fatwa does not give it a religious legitimacy because of what is known about him issuing Fatwas favouring the regime. Some examples have been provided in our previous responses - such as the legality of peace with Israel.

We would like to clarify the following:

1) Prince Salman was never known to be interested and care for Muslims' affairs. On the contrary, he was known for working against Islam and its people.

2) The Saudi regime is known to take over all donations, such as the case when it used popular donations for Afghan freedom fighters as a means to pressure them to secure Western and particularly U.S. policies. It also used it for its own personal gains. Large amounts of money collected from donations for people in Bosnia have been given to German Christian foundations for distribution there. It is known that the Saudi regime's spending goes to supporting communism and Christians against Muslims; such as the case of Yemeni communists, Dostum, an Afghan communist, the al-Kata'ib party in Lebanon and others.

3) The reason behind this procedure does not encourage good deeds, as the regime claims, but rather the following:

1) Prevents these funds from being delivered to areas where they could be used to serve Islam and Muslims following the principle "Do not spend on those who are

with the Messenger of Allah till they desist". This explains the timing of the regime's latest wave regarding this issue and the US President's decision to freeze Islamic foundations' assets that oppose the "Peace" plan in the Middle East. These procedures are a part of the joint policy of both countries to freeze support resources intended for Islam, Muslims, freedoms fighters and others. We would like to draw our brothers' attention to the danger of depositing their monies into US banks because it could be frozen, based on those allegations.

2) The regime tried to conceal its wrongdoings against Islam and Muslims, but its support for the enemies as well. In addition, it financially supported the Algerian regime with \$2 billion to suppress Muslims there. On another front, it provided the Soviet communist regime with \$4 billion to oppress the Muslim populations there, as is the case in Chechnya. It is known among scholars that supporting infidels against Muslims is against Islam.

3) Based on what was stated, we at the Reform and Advice Foundation, while celebrating this blessed month as a month of giving for Allah's sake, wish to draw the attention of all donors to the danger of donating funds or Zakat to these foundations and organisations. The regime is using them against Allah and his Messenger. We are asking the donors to provide these funds directly to the needy, whether inside or outside the country. They could also provide it to those trusted individuals who will deliver them. This way, hearts will be assured that these donations are delivered to legitimate needy people, without having abused from the al-Saud family meddle with it. Allah says "Allah orders you to give consignment to his people". It is known that these leaders cannot be trusted. There are other safe ways you can assist in delivering funds to those who deserve them. Among them are, benevolence foundations in Qatar, Kuwait, Jordan, Yemen, Sudan and others. To assure that the funds transfer to these foundations' bank accounts, we draw your attention to the importance of transferring these funds outside the peninsula, away of the pursuing regime's spies.

Finally, we would like to remind Muslims of the benefit of giving for Allah's sake, especially during this month.

We ask Allah to accept from us all this month, but others as well. Praise be to Allah.

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