

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful



DO NOT VOTE!

To decide whether we should or should not vote, it is important to answer, at least, the following questions:

- i) What is the objective of the struggle?
- ii) Why do we oppose the present regime?
- iii) Have we achieved our objective?
- iv) If not, will participation in the elections achieve the objective of the struggle?
- v) If not, then why participate in the elections?

WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STRUGGLE?

The objective of the struggle is to establish and maintain a just social order. Merely striving for a BETTER life for all is not good enough. After all, we have made maximum sacrifices; why should we be satisfied with minimum gains!

WHY DO WE OPPOSE THE PRESENT REGIME?

- a) We are opposed to this illegitimate government because its existence opposes truth, logic and reason.
- b) The regime derives its power from an illegitimate Constitution and remains in power by means of military might.
- c) The government is, therefore, illegitimate.
- d) Everything the government does is illegitimate.
- e) The government is part of the problem (is in fact the cause of the problem), and not part of the solution.
- f) We cannot therefore preach the peaceful coexistence of the problem and the solution.
- g) This government has never, does not and can never represent the interests of the oppressed masses.
- h) The fact that the governing National party has opened its ranks to 'other races' does not legitimize it.
- i) The oppressed African masses do not want to be tolerated; they have inalienable rights in the country of their birth.
- j) The oppressed African masses do not want to endorse 'white' trusteeship.

HAVE WE ACHIEVED THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STRUGGLE?

The answer is an obvious 'NO'

WILL PARTICIPATION IN THE ELECTIONS ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF THE STRUGGLE?

The answer is 'NO'!

THEN WHY PARTICIPATE?

A JUST SOCIAL ORDER

We must bear in mind that we are not merely fighting AGAINST an old order, we are also fighting FOR a specific new order. What are the components of this just social order?

- a) A social order in which personalities are not the criterion for justice and injustice. First we must discern the just and the unjust and then we will recognize the followers of each side. The oppressed are the followers of justice.
- b) A social order which is sober from birth to death - empower the masses with sobriety.
- c) A social order which is 100% literate.
- d) A social order which has an accompanying obligation for every right.
- e) A social order which has no beggars because the needs of all human beings are attended to.
- f) A social order in which the educated and the wealthy have more obligations and not more privileges.

NECESSITY FOR UNITY

Even the unjust can emerge victorious because of their unity and the just be defeated because of their disunity.

Unity plays the greatest role in the continuation and continuity of the struggle. If the unity of the oppressed masses is neglected or treacherously traded for personal aggrandizement, then no other force can compensate and prevent the eventual defeat and the revolution.

Once the true nature and methods of oppression and exploitation are understood, then all forms of reformism, gradualism and evolutionary change becomes irrelevant.

'And why should ye not fight in the cause of Allah, and of those who, being weak, are ill-treated (and oppressed)? - Men, women, and children, whose cry is: 'Our Lord! Rescue us from this town, whose people are oppressors; and raise for us from Thee one who will protect; and raise for us from Thee one who will help!''

[Quran 4:75]

THE OPPRESSED MASSES

- i) Must be able to distinguish between right and wrong - good and bad.
- ii) Must be ABLE to fulfil their responsibilities.
- iii) Must be WILLING to fulfil their responsibilities.
- iv) Cannot retain their integrity if duties and obligations are avoided or neglected.
- v) Must not let their wishes and personal interests take precedence over duties.

'Verily Allah (the Creator) will never change the condition of a people, unless and until they change their own condition.'

[Quran 13:11]

A "NO" VOTE IS A VOTE OF "NO CONFIDENCE"

What does a vote of no confidence mean?

1. It means that we express no confidence in the negotiating process as it was conducted and the fact that it was conducted without consultation.
2. It expresses no confidence in the participants in that process and their stated objectives.
3. It expresses no confidence in the outcome of the negotiating process.
4. It expresses no confidence in the elections as a way to 'continue the struggle' because it does not continue the struggle.
5. It expresses no confidence in the proposed legalization of illegitimacy and immorality.

CAST A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE !

- * By establishing the Unity of the oppressed masses.
- * By not voting, that is, by abstaining from the process because it does not further the freedom and independence of the oppressed masses - and it certainly does not further the cause of justice.

ON VOTING FOR A MUSLIM PARTY

A vote for a Muslim Party is NOT a vote for Islam. A vote for the Muslim parties will not bring about a just social order. A vote for a Muslim Party is a vote -

- i) for certain individuals in the community.
- ii) for a Muslim voice in parliament to record their presence - for those who think it is necessary.
- iii) to channel the Muslim resources because secular parties cannot represent the interests of Muslims.
- iv) to capture the Muslim vote.

Islam cannot be put to the vote. No Muslim can follow a secular ideology and still claim to be a Muslim. It is absurd to be a Religious Communist or a Marxist/Religious Capitalist.

HOW MUCH WILL CHANGE?

It does not admit of reason to have 87% of the land owned by 13% of the population; and 95% of the productive resources owned by 5% of the population; and this is still the case after 4 years of negotiations. Moreover, this will still be the case even after the elections on 27th April 1994. If our vote is merely going to substitute multi-racist fascism for racist fascism, then why vote?