

## Objectives

- (1) To generate awareness of the role of the detrimental capitalist system and its free-market economy implemented by many governments across the Muslim world in causing the widespread poverty, exploitation, and mass dehumanization of women into economic commodities across the region. This will include raising a discussion on the failure of all current leaderships and systems in the region to secure the economic rights of women, and the need to establish an alternative model of governance in the Muslim world that can guarantee women their financial security and protect them from enslavement.
- (2) To challenge the false Western narratives on the causes and solutions to poverty affecting women, including the claim that empowerment of women is achieved through employment – a claim that has devalued motherhood and had a negative impact upon women, children and societies. Alongside this, Islam's view towards women and employment will be highlighted, addressing the point that although Islam permits women to work and pursue career ambitions, it does not define their empowerment or value to society based upon their level of wealth creation but rather fulfillment of their Islamic duties and contribution to the betterment of society.
- (3) To create awareness that it is the Khilafah system alone, implementing a purely Islamic constitution and laws that can solve the desperate poverty and crippling scale of enslavement affecting women in the Muslim world as well as be a model for guaranteeing the financial security and dignity of women globally.

## Agenda

The International Conference will consist of the following sections:

1. Press Conference
2. Conference which contains speakers' oration
3. Panel discussion & Testimonials

## Time and Venue

Saturday, 22nd December 2012  
8.00 am – 5.00 pm  
Puri Agung Room, Grand Sahid Jaya Hotel  
Jl. Jend. Sudirman No. 86, Jakarta 10220, Indonesia

## Press Conference

12.00 pm - 12.45 pm. (Indonesia Time)

## The Oration

The speakers come from the various regions of the world and will be addressing the cause of the deplorable levels of poverty and enslavement affecting women in the Muslim world and globally, as well as presenting the Khilafah as the true solution to this economic oppression.

- TALK 1: "Capitalism is the true Enemy of the Poor" – South East Asia Region
- TALK 2: "21st Century Enslavement of Women by the Free-Market" – Indian Subcontinent Region
- TALK 3: "Empowerment OR Exploitation Through Employment? – Examining the Western Model of the Successful Woman" - Europe Region
- TALK 4: "The Failure of the Moderate Islamic Model to Secure Women's Economic Rights" – Turki/Asia Region
- TALK 5: "Challenging the Western Narrative of the Cause and Solution to Female Poverty" - Africa Region
- TALK 6: "The Islamic Perspective on the Primary Role of Women and Female Employment" – Middle East Region
- TALK 7: "The Khilafah: The Only System to Solve Female Poverty and Enslavement" - Indonesia
- TALK 8: Final Address, Call to Action – Central Media Representative of Hizb-ut-Tahrir

## Target of Participants

1500 influential women from across the world who include activists, community leaders, teachers, professors, politicians, lawyers, journalists, women's organization representatives, university students, academicians, and writers.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



Hizb ut-Tahrir

hosts an

International Women's Conference

**The Khilafah** : Protecting Women  
from Poverty and Enslavement

Saturday  
22nd December 2012  
08.00-17.00

Grand Sahid Jaya Hotel,  
Jakarta, INDONESIA



The Khilafah

Protecting Women  
from Poverty and Enslavement  
SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2012  
JAKARTA, INDONESIA

## The Khilafah : Protecting Women from Poverty and Enslavement

The Central Media Office of Hibz ut-Tahrir in coordination with Hibz ut-Tahrir Indonesia are to host this International Women's Conference in Jakarta, Indonesia on SATURDAY 22nd December 2012 to discuss the causes and solutions to the deplorable levels of poverty and economic exploitation affecting women in Indonesia and across the Muslim world. It will be the culmination of a global campaign on the issue that was launched by Hibz ut-Tahrir in November 2012. It also follows a woman's seminar organised by the party on November 6th 2012 in response to the mass dehumanization of Indonesia's millions of female migrant workers, reflected by controversial ads that appeared in Malaysia in October 2012 that provocatively read, "Indonesian maids now on SALE!!!".

Across the Muslim world today, millions of women are fighting a daily battle for financial survival. Endemic corruption, economic mismanagement, and exploitative policies and laws, resulting from failed leaderships across the Muslim world as well as the detrimental capitalist system implemented by Indonesia and other governments in the region has generated widespread desperate poverty in the Muslim lands. This has forced millions of women in Indonesia, Bangladesh, Pakistan and other parts of the Muslim world to leave their homes and children to seek employment, or work under slave-like conditions in backbreaking jobs to feed themselves and their families. These are women who are victims of both incompetent governments who have failed to guarantee their financial security, and the toxic capitalist system that has created mass inequality in wealth and whose defining characteristic is concentrating wealth in the hands of the few while the masses go hungry and poor.

Governments across the Muslim world, including in Indonesia have often presented the billions of dollars of revenue from their female migrant workers and other women working under exploitative conditions as a proud achievement and positive contribution to economic growth in their countries, despite the fact that such revenue is tainted and generated from the economic enslavement and abuse of their women. This is also the nature of the capitalist system which views everything as a matter of supply and demand and securing profit as the primary goal of society, dehumanizing women and men to nothing but economic commodities that bring financial benefit to the country, regardless of the harmful impact upon individuals or society, for it is system where government revenue speaks louder than human suffering.

The secular capitalist system, along with all other man-made systems and current leaderships of the Muslim world have failed the women of the region and need to be replaced by an alternative model of governance.

Indeed this capitalist system, based upon the free-market economy and interest-based model of finance has pushed women globally into poverty and economic enslavement, including millions living within Western states as well as those countries celebrating high economic growth such as China, India, Turkey, and Brazil, having failed globally to distribute wealth effectively between the people. Furthermore capitalist colonial policies imposed upon the Muslim world by Western states through globalization and liberalization have manipulated the economies of the region to serve the interests of foreign governments and corporations while impoverishing the masses, destroying domestic markets, and robbing the people of their wealth and resources.

In addition, the materialistic capitalist ideology that places wealth creation above all other values in life has correlated women's empowerment with employment, devaluing motherhood, and eroding the concept of male and state maintenance and guardianship of women – all in an attempt to drive women into the workplace. This has generated an intense social pressure within society for women to pursue a career to feel valued, and to adopt the oppressive role of being both breadwinner and home-maker, causing them to compromise their important role as nurturers and educators of the future generation. All this has resulted in a rise in stress-disorders, guilt and depression amongst women as well as neglect in the care, Islamic education and upbringing of children. It has also left many women unprepared for with no one to provide for them, forced to struggle alone to maintain themselves and their children. Capitalism is therefore a toxic ideology that has consistently placed profit over people, finance over families, and wealth creation over the wellbeing of women.

Such a deplorable state of financial hardship, exploitation, and suffering cannot continue for the women of Indonesia or the Muslim world. A few changes in labour or migrant laws are meaningless actions that have no impact on alleviating this dire state of economic oppression. All current governments and foreign institutions have failed to solve this dire level of poverty and enslavement of women. Indeed, the Western narrative of the causes and solutions to the poverty afflicting women in the Muslim world such as increasing female employment or population control divert blame from the capitalist system which is the root cause of the financial insecurity afflicting women. In addition, such narratives are further capitalist manoeuvres by Western states and corporations to secure financial self-interests, rather than genuine aspirations to create economic prosperity for the region's women.

Such a flawed and oppressive political and economic model of governance has lost all credibility in-organising the affairs of humanity. There now needs to be a birth of a new World Order that places securing human need over financial gain. There needs to be a system that embodies sound economic policies, and that does not build its prosperity off the back of the suffering and misery of people. There

needs to be a state to which women globally can truly look to as a model by which to protect them from poverty and enslavement, for every woman should be viewed and treated as a human being, cared and provided for at all times, and not objects of wealth creation. However, this will only materialize under a way of life and system that truly cares for her wellbeing.

This momentous International Women's Conference organised by Hibz ut-Tahrir will bring together female speakers and influential women from across the world to present the Khilafah as the model of governance that embodies this view of women. This is a state that implements all the Islamic principles and laws upon the society and hence embraces Islam's view of the woman as a dignified human being, who should be financially provided for always by her male relatives or by the state, while at the same time permitting her to seek employment and pursue a career if she wishes. However, Islam does not accept for her to work under conditions of enslavement, humiliation and oppression but rather in an environment of security and dignity, where her high status in society is always preserved. Nor does it accept that women face at any time economic or social pressures to work, such that their home responsibilities are compromised, or that they are burdened with the oppressive condition of being both breadwinner and home-maker for their family.

This important conference will also present the unique and sound Islamic economic policies of the Khilafah that have a time-tested approach to tackling poverty, providing financial security, and protecting women from exploitation and enslavement. This is a system that rejects the flawed interest-based capitalist model of finance, prohibits hoarding of wealth or privatisation of natural resources and invests heavily in the development of infrastructure, agriculture, industry, and technology. Its basis and policies therefore seek the effective distribution of wealth to ensure that the basic needs of all citizens are fulfilled while also laying the foundation for sound economic productivity to challenge mass unemployment and enable individuals to secure luxuries. This will enable men to fulfil their obligation of providing for their families, while at the same time the state is obliged to provide for those women who do not have male relatives to maintain them.

We call all women who seek a true solution to the financial hardship and exploitation affecting women in the Muslim world and globally to attend this important conference that will provide a clear vision of how the Khilafah will strive to liberate women from their desperate poverty, create an environment of economic prosperity, and put an end to their enslavement - alleviating their suffering and bringing real change to their lives. It is a state that will transform women from an economic commodity to a dignified, protected, and respected human being - for in Islam the woman deserves no less.

"*Will Learn How. (This is) a Book which We have revealed to you that you may bring forth mankind, by Their Lord's permission from utter darkness into Light.*" [TMQ Surah: 1]