**Manifesto**

Pakistan is passing through the worst period of its history these days. Peace, which is the basic requirement for any functional society, is evidently missing. Crime, dacoities, murder, and kidnapping is rife. Blood letting has become a daily routine, especially in Karachi, Baluchistan, tribal areas, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It is quite evident that the government is helpless, rather insensitive.

The masses are been grinded with unemployment and inflation. The power crisis has made life miserable for the common man. The ruling elite, along with their coalition partners, and bureaucracy are plundering national resources. Each day, a new scandal comes to fore and there is no mechanism in place, to ensure accountability.

Bribery is rampant. Major national institutions such as PIA, Pakistan Railways, and Pakistan Steel Mill are suffering huge deficits, the banks are also been mercilessly plundered.

An organized exploitation of youth is being carried out, which is systematically contaminating the morality of our youth by promoting licentiousness and immodesty. The practice goes unchecked.

The society has increasingly become violent and the law-enforcement agencies —instead of providing protection—have become a looming danger for the citizens.

Over and above that, is the flood of terrorism which is targeting our mosques, places of worship, shrines, markets, roads and streets. Almost all security organizations and their key installments have been attacked by the terrorists. Hence, no place or individual is safe. safety, and the nation is terrified.

The U.S.A. has taken Pakistan in its grip; the American espionage is spread all over Pakistan and we are being forced to submit to their whims.

The rulers have adopted a foreign war; consequently our army is fighting with its own people. America and its cronies have eroded Pakistan’s sovereignty and have been freely carrying out their activities within our territory.

Drone attacks have intensified, and on our protests, instead of offering an apology, Washington bluntly declares that the attacks would continue. Along with that, we are taunted are reminded that we must tolerate all this since we get dollars from them.

Hence the situation is such that the nation finds itself in a quagmire, and apparently there seems no way out.

The history testifies that the rise and fall of nations depends on their leadership. If the leadership is loyal, honest, able, selfless, and ambitious, nations stride forward to a steady rise; while they are destined to be doomed if the leadership reeks of decay, opportunism, self-centeredness, and lack of vision.

In case, the leadership lacks integrity, sincerity, and respect for the law; even the best devised laws and schemes fail. However if the leadership is sincere and ambitious, it would provide its people with good governance, rule of law, and a sense of direction leading to prosperity.

Elections are the primary and important mechanism for the provision of leadership. A vote is a trust and it provides a rare opportunity for the masses to elect true leadership. It must be understood that if the voter doesn’t use his/her vote properly: or exercises his vote under pressure or for personal or family/tribe considerations, then he/she (the voter) cannot be absolved from the responsibility of the destruction wrought by a wrong leadership.

The voters are ultimately responsible for electing a good or a wrong leadership.

We cannot expect a better leadership than we have at present, if the voters are blinded with personal interests, regional or ethnic biases or affiliations. The voters must distinguish between dishonest and selfless leadership. If the voters, for the sake of the country (in which they are the most important stakeholders) elect upright and selfless individuals, only then we will be blessed with a true leadership.

In our country, democracy and elections are used (and abused) for obtaining Machiavellian ends. In fact, only the selfless people are truly capable of building a nation.

All the prophets of Allah, with their common mission to build their respective nations, held the following stance:

“I seek no compensation for my contributions; for my reward lies with Allah”

Unless such leadership emerges, we may not be able to solve any of our problems. Now that the elections are around the corner, you will be tested again. A crowd seeks your attention and your vote through catchy slogans and tall claims. However, most of them never accomplish what they promise.

Jamaat-e-Islami is not simply a political, religious or reformatory party.

In a broader perspective, it is an ideological party that believes in Islam’s universal and comprehensive concept of human life and wants to practically enforce this ideology in every sphere of life. The Jamaat-e-Islami believes That the actual reason for the degradation of the world is its indifference towards Allah’s word, The Day of Judgment and the guidance provided by the Prophets (AS).

Whenever and wherever problems in human affairs arise, the reason is the same. Hence, no sustainable change will be possible without the obedience of Allah, a sense of accountability, and the obedience of the prophets of Allah. This should be the cornerstone of our individual and collective thinking. Every effort to establish justice on the basis of some materialistic ideology ignoring the divine guidance would only result in a new form of tyranny.

Jamaat-e-Islami’s concept of human life is universal and it has in its mind, the welfare of the whole mankind. However, it believes that until and unless we build our country as a model Islamic state, and unless we ourselves follow the system which we believe as true and just, and show to the world the best results of this system in our own country, we won’t he able to convince the humanity regarding its truth and efficacy.

We believe that there is no dearth of such people in this country, who believe in Allah, the prophets, and also of the Day of Judgment. But the problem is that the system in which the majority of Pakistanis believe in has not yet been practically enforced in this country. That is precisely why we have not been able to reap the fruit and blessings of the Islamic state. Moreover, we have failed to vindicate Islam’s greatness as a socio-political system.

Jamaat-e-Islami is working on all possible remedies to fill such voids. Our priority list includes spreading Islamic knowledge in order to banish the ignorance created by ancient and modern traditions, to enlighten the intellectuals as to how Islam provides solutions to all human problems, and an endeavor to reform the society as a whole. You are well aware that we have been working on these lines since our inception.

However, reforming the government system is also imperative, especially in the modern era in which every sphere of life has fallen in the government’s control, and it exercises authority in every walk of life.

Without correcting the system of government, neither the reformation of the individual is possible nor a viable and vibrant justice system can be established.

A bad government always resists corrective measures; as the corrupt elements join hands against any effort that challenges the status quo.

No matter how strongly the supporters of an Islamic system strive apolitically, no real success will come their way. This is because at present the reins of the government are in the hands of those who are using the country’s resources, the power of the law and the state machinery to drive the country towards capitalist on socialist order, away from the Islamic system.

Under the circumstances, Jamaat-i-Islami wants to change the government system through peaceful, constitutional and democratic means. The goal before the Jamaat-i-Islami is to build a state that strictly adhers to the injuctions laid down in the Quran and the Sunnah and follows the Khilafat-e-Rashida paradigm in which the principles and injuction of Islam are fully enforced.

Representatives of different parties will approach you for your vote, and among them will be the workers of Jamaat-E-Islami. Therefore, to freshen your memory, and for those who are not aware of our programme, we present the salient features of Jamaat-e-Islami’s manifesto.

Jamaat-e-Islami has never assumed full control (in terms of cental governance) but it has always served the country in every field of life, wherever possible. Its leadership and workers have relentlessly been busy serving the people of Pakistan.

Jamaat-e-Islami’s performance speaks for itself. It is open to evaluation—for the periods it has been in power: in 2002 Jamaat-e-Islami served at secondary level, in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Jamaat-e-Islami assumed mayor-ship thrice in Karachi and performed so well that even its strongest opponents have to acknowledge our performance. The masses distinctly remember and acknowledge the superior performance of our ministers, too.

The important point to be noted is that: during the time Jamaat-e-Islami was in power, none of our ministers, mayors, or parliament members was accused of corruption or abuse of authority.

None of our elected members acted in selfish interest. With the same spirit, Al-Khidmat foundation is running Pakistan’s largest public welfare system, in terms of providing education and health facilities to the poor people of Pakistan.

We are thankful to Allah for such a clean reputation; we appeal to the people of Pakistan to act according to their conscious—while voting—keeping in view, our past record; they must also be mindful of the fact that they will be answerable for their decisions before Allah.

Now, we present to you Jamaat-e-Islami’s manifesto; the study of the manifesto will help you understand Jamaat-e-Islami’s view point on national issues.

Remember that Jamaat-e-Islami holds true to its word—insha Allah! Also that our leadership is capable of implementing its promises; we shall drive the country out of the quagmire it finds itself entrenched in.

We have the ambition and past record, to fulfill our promises, as well as an uncompromising stance on all national issues. We also have the will and the courage to challenge the US hegemony.

We shall provide the country with much needed stability, peace, and the necessary momentum to overcome the economic crises—Such is Jamaat-e-Islami’s agenda!

The performance of those in power is not a secret to you; to test them again would be akin to pushing the country into the darkness, again.

The decision is yours!

**Madina’s Islamic state—The best model:**

Madina’s Islamic state is the best model for us, where a social system was established in accordance with the teachings of the *Quran* and the Sunnah. That blessed Islamic state was marked with the following salient features:

* A fair distribution of wealth and capital was ensured. The system of *Zakaat* and charity was implemented, which ensured a continuous flow of capital from the rich to the poor. Such resources and professions were banned, which enabled accumulation of wealth within specific segments of the society i.e. interests, hoarding of goods, excessive profiteering, etc. Consequently, within a few years, wealth like healthy blood started circulating throughout the society. Hence, a new era of prosperity sprung up.
* Proper means of food, clothing, and education were provided to the subjects. The state set up a stipend for infants, in many cases.
* The respect for law was made mandatory for all and sundry. The difference between the ruler and the massed was eliminated. People had an easy access to the *Khalifa*, governor, and *Ameer*.
* Business, trade, industry, agriculture and all other professions were made open to the masses. Proper means of transportation were developed, and routes were made safe for travelling. Peace was ensured, while agitation, crime, and violence were almost eliminated.
* Capital collected through *Zakaat*, charity and other lawfull means was spent on the welfare of the public; with the result that within a few years, the overall economy flourished till it became hard to find a deserving recipient of charity.
* The state not only took responsibility of each individual’s livelihood in his life time, but also took care of his obligations and responsibilities after death.
* Not only the human beings, but animals and trees were also granted their due status: the chopping of trees was discouraged by the state. Caliph Umar said: “Even if a dog died hungry on the banks of the river Euphrates, Umar will be accountable for the dereliction of duty”.

**An Independent, honorable, and sovereign Pakistan:**

By introducing fundamental—and revolutionary—changes in Pakistan’s foreign, internal, and economical policies, we will make Pakistan a sovereign, independent, and progressive country, a true leader of the Muslim world. To achieve the end, we will concentrate on the following:

We shall end the dependency of Pakistan’s economy on IMF and other foreign debt. With this in view, the resources of the Pakistanis within the country and abroad would be fully utilized.

* All international agreements will be made through the parliament.
* Relations with all the countries will be established on the basis of equality and justice, mutual co-existence and non-interference.
* Jamaat-i-Islami’s government will play a special role to unite the Muslim *Ummah*. Efforts will be made to organize a common parliament, defense, and common market for the Islamic countries. At the same time, all the Islamic institutions and forces including the OIC will be activated for the defence of the Holy Quran, The Holy Prophet’s sametity and other Islamic signs.
* Relations with the neighboring country, China will be strengthened and avenues of bilateral cooperation in all walks of life will be discovered.
* The disputes with India will be resolved through purposeful, comprehensive, and result-oriented dialogue. In this regard, besides approaching the concerned international organizations, serious efforts will also be made to mould the international opinion in Pakistan's favor.
* Kashmir cause will form the cornerstone of our foreign policy. We pay rich tributes to the freedom movement in Kashmir going on for the last seven decades. It is our firm faith that the sacrifices—made for the Kashmir cause—will not go waste. We believe that the only solution to the Kashmir problem lies in plebiscite in the light of the UN resolutions. To achieve the goals, we consider it our duty to extend our full political, moral and diplomatic support to the oppressed Muslims of Kashmir.

**Curbing Terrorism and lawlessness:**  
  
We are opposed to all kinds of terrorism, be it 'state sponsored or group terrorism. We will completely change the situation created because of terrorism thrust upon Pakistan.

* We will put an instant end to the drone attacks terrorist attacks, and military operations in Pakistan. The resolutions adopted by the Parliament in October 2008, and May 2011, will be fully implemented. All visas granted to the foreigners without security clearance would be cancelled, and all activities of foreigners in Pakistan will be monitored according to law.
* All terrorist elements operating in Pakistan will be dealt with according to the law.
* All those involved in terrorism, target killings, extortion, land grabbing, Throughout the country, especially those involved in the bloodshed in Karachi on the 12th May, 9th of April, 12th of Rabiul Awwal, 10th of Muharram, and during the months of July and August, 2011, will be exposed and brought to justice.
* 'Missing people' will be recovered, and the groups and individuals perpetuating this atrocity will be dealt with according to the law. All possible legal, moral, political and diplomatic means will be utilized for the release of the respected daughter of the nation, Dr. Aafia Siddiqui. Besides, every possible assistance will be provided to the Pakistanis imprisoned in different countries, and the factors driving the youth towards defiance will be addressed properly.

**Abolishment of Feudal system, Agricultural reforms:**

* To abolish the feudal politics, we shall confiscate (after fulfilling all legal requirements) all lands granted by the British, before partition. In accordance with Islamic teachings, and in consultation with ‘Islamic Ideology Council’, the government shall purchase—on fair rates—all properties (of individuals) that exceed the recommended limit of property ownership, in view of *shariah*. The land so acquired shall be distributed on affordable conditions to tenants and farmers.
* The uncultivated and arid land which belongs to the state will be levied to landless and poor cultivators with irrigation facilities, on the condition of cultivation.
* Agriculture will be decalred tax-exempted; however tax will be levied on agricultural income exceeding a fixed amount. The taxation formula will be such that it wouldn’t in anyway affect the poor farmers and workers.
* Interest on all previous agricultural loans will be waved.
* Interest free loans will be provided to farmers on easy terms. An Islamic insurance system *(Takaful*) will be set-up for proper management of crops.
* Agricultural Inputs will be made available to the farmers through the Agricultural Development Bank and the dues will be recoverd from the recepients through cheques or in cash at the time of harvest or sale of the crops.
* Solar energy tube wells will be introduced among the farmers.
* All undue taxes related to agriculture such as on inputs like seeds, fertilizer, and pesticides, etc will be abolished to bring down their prices.
* ‘Green Light’ and ‘Green diesel’ systems will be introduced for agriculture related fuel-consumption under which these items will be provided on 50% prices. An effective export strategy will be devised for export of farm products for the benefit of the grower.
* A programme to control water logging and salirity on war footing will be started so as to increase the area under the plough. The work on the Left-Outfall Drain and the Right Outfall Drain will be completed on emergency basis to drain out the saline water into the sea.
* The revenue record will be computerized, and every land owner will of be issued a computerized pass hook.

**Curbing Inflation:**  
The prices of commodities are consistently rising and uncontrolled inflation has made life miserable for the people. Price-hike is the greatest of common man’s problems. To curb the situation, Jamaat-E-Islami will:

* Completely over haul the taxation system, so that the common man doesn’t have to bear the brunt of indirect taxes.
* The prices of six consumer goods, flour, sugar, ghee, rice, *pulses*, and tea will be cut down at least by 20%, and an uninterrupted and adequate supply of these commodities will also be ensured.
* The middle men in the supply of vegetables and fruits, from farm to market, will be cut down to reduce the prices. Weekly bazaars and markets would also be encouraged.
* All taxes included in the electricity and gas billings will be abolished. The theft of electricity and line losses will be controlled and the arrears, from defaulters will be recovered. As a consequence, the electricity and gas prices will be slashed by 30%.
* An effective strategy will be evolved against hoarders and profiteers.
* Price control councils comprising parliamentarians, retired officials of judiciary and administration, the Ulema, Lawyers, journalists and the consumers will be set up at different levels to determine and control prices.
* Consumer Courts will be set up at Tehsil level, and legislation will be made for effective implementation on their decision.
* In order to determine the prices of petroleum products, a commission will be formed which will constitute of all major stake-holders and members of the parliament. Excessive taxation on petroleum products and profiteering will be curbed, in order to provide relief to the people.
* A permanent law will be enacted for automatic increase wages keeping in view the price hike.

**Overcoming Energy Crisis:**

Jamaat-e-Islami will overcome the energy crisis through:

**Immediate measures:**

A fast track strategy will be adopted to ensure 100% production by the generation units of 20 thousand megawatts within the first six months of the government. The strategy will include:

* Timely payments to Power generation units along with smooth supply of gas and petroleum to them.
* Effective on the theft of electricity and line losses.
* Recoveries from major defaulters.
* An end to corruption and excessive spending by power-supplying companies.
* All possible Conservation of power.

**Mid-term steps (Spread over 2 years):**

* Immediate acquisition of Electricity and gas from Iran and Central Asia
* Acquisition of electricity (power) from China.
* Completion of on-going power-generation projects on war-footing.

**Long term plans (duration 10 years)**

* Construction of 5 new major dams with national consensus.
* Power generation by run-on-the-river hydroelectric units at potential locations on canals, hill-torrents, etc.
* Expediting generation of power through coal with the collaboration of Pakistani and Chinese scientists,
* Power generation through wind mills in Gharu, Keti Bunder, and other feasible locations.
* Solar energy projects will also be initiated; efficient planning shall reduce the cost of installing these projects.
* Nuclear and geo-thermal energy will also be put into use.

Within the short period of 5 years, the Jamaat-e-Islami promises Pakistan 50,000 megawatts of power—inshAllah!

**Jobs for everyone:**

The provision of employment—to the masses—is not possible without taking solid steps to strengthen the economy.

* We shall follow the revolutionary idea of ‘an industry for each area’, according to the demography and resources available in the respective area— conducive to minerals, agriculture, livestock, domestic industry, forestry, etc.
* The industry will be selected according to the conduciveness and the availability of specific resources.
* The government will ensure the provision of all possible facilities and tax exemptions.
* The idea is to develop industry in specific areas accordingly, so that the local talent and youth could participate, and become a part of the industrial growth. With this strategy, the economy will grow, and so will the opportunities for employment
* Merit will be strictly observed in offering government jobs.
* Highly paid contractual jobs will be abolished.
* The competitive exams will be held in English, as well as in Urdu.
* Command on English language will no longer be compulsory for the attainment of government employment.
* In order to bring the *madrassa* students in national mainstream, certain subjects from Islamic curriculum will be included in the competitive exams.
* One million new jobs will be created annually, with the collaboration of the Private sector.
* A special package of facilities will be introduced to promote agro-based, cottage, and small and medium size industries.
* The unemployed youth will be given allowance (stipend) for a year, after verification of their academic qualifications.

**Home/abode for all:**

We believe that all homeless people in our country are justified in desiring a proper house—which they could make a home—for themselves and their families. To ensure the provision, we shall:

* Introduce new residential schemes in urban and rural areas. A piece of land will be provided free of cost to all those families who do not own any house or land. They will only have to pay development charges..
* Poor people will be provided long-term, interest free loans to build houses.
* Interest on House Building Finance Corporation shall be waved. All big factories will be required to provide residence to the laborers.

**Justice for all:**

* The Quran and the Sunnah (Shariah) shall be practically made the supreme Law in the country, and all existing laws will be brought in conformity with the Quran and Sunnah.
* Justice will be provided to the people at their doorstep, through the enforcement of the *Hasba* system. The religious and moral sense of the society will be awakened through the system of Amar bil Ma’roof and Nahi anil Munkar (enjoining the good and forbidding the wrong.)
* In order to provide quick justice to the masses, all pending vacancies in the judiciary will be filled within the first six months of the JI government.
* A new system will be introduced—to guarantee disposal of all civil and criminal cases within a year’s time.
* *Hadood* ordinance will be revived.
* The system of reportingand filing an FIR will be simplified.
* The religious training of the Police will be made compulsory, along with the professional training on modern lines. An effective system of supervision will also be devised.
* Independent commissions will be set up at different levels to protect the masses from abuse of power by the police and administration.
* Lawyers will be arranged for all poor defendants, on state expense.
* Salaries and allowances of the police will be increased, their duty hours will be fixed and their lodging facilities will be improved. Along with that, an efficient and strict department system of checking and accountability will be introduced.
* All agencies will be answerable to the courts and the Parliament. Stringent laws will be introduced to stop the ‘missing persons’ phenomenon.
* Fake encounter killings by police will be strictly dealt with; extra-judiciary killings will be thoroughly investigated, and those held responsible will be handed down exemplary punishment.

**Eradication of corruption and recovery of ill-gotten wealth:**

* The ill-gotten wealth plundered during different period, and lying in foreign banks, will be brought back home in the light of the UN Laws and with the cooperation of the Swiss authorities. Special measures will be adopted for the recovery of the written of loans.
* The country will be put on the road to progress and prosperity by eliminating corruption and tax evasion.
* Life sentence and other stern punishments would be awarded against proven corruption charges and laws will be made to ensure prompt enforcement of the sentence.
* Punishments will be awarded according to the severity of the corruption charges and the authority/ position of the offender.
* After fulfilling legal requirements, all properties bought/made out of the corruption money will be confiscated.
* The officials unveiling corruption and wastage of national wealth and those practically preventing it, will be rewarded handsomely and also guaranteed complete protection.

**Uniform Education system:**

We will enforce an Islamic educational system, in complete harmony with the Pakistan’s ideology:

* A Uniform education system will be enforced in the government and private educational institutions all over the country under a permanent Education Policy. An education curricular with of blend of religious and wordly subjects will be taught to the students upto the intermediate level. Teaching of the *Quran* and *Hadeeth* will be compulsory. The students studying in Madrassas will also be taught English, Mathematics, and other modern subjects.
* Urdu will be the medium of construction. However, every opportunity will be provided for the promotion of provincial and regional languages.
* Special empharse will be given to Technical education.
* For professional education, deserving students from poor families will be fully funded by the government.
* Private education sector will be encouraged; however to maintain proper educational standards and reasonable fee structure, proper laws will be framed.
* All education up to matriculation will be compulsory and free of cost; our aim is to achieve 100% literacy within 5 years.
* We will devise a policy according to which, every teacher will own a house to live in, by the end of his/her career.
* Students Unions will be revived.

**Youth:**

The youth of the country is our greatest asset; however young men and women are facing despondency, dejection, because of different reasons.

* We can neither achieve peace nor progress as a country, without addressing the issues of the youth. We will provide solutions to the problems of youth on priority basis.
* Education will be made accessible to the youth. Large scale arrangement will be made for technical education enabling the youth to earn livelihood.
* Strict merit will be observed in public sector employments.
* Self-employment schemes will be encouraged and young people will be provided interest free loans on easy terms.
* Sports and Entertainment opportunities will be created for the youth.
* Separate grounds and stadiums will be constructed for young women.
* Healthy cultural activities will be promoted with special attention on regional cultures.

**Health Care:**

* The healthcare budget will be increased.
* ‘Emergency’ facilities will be provided free of cost in all hospitals.
* Services of Specialist doctors will be acquired for all *Tehseel* and *district hospitals*.
* Free healthcare will be provided to the patients suffering from cardiac, kidneys, liver diseases. Free services will also be provides to those suffering from cancer, AIDS, TB, and drug usage.
* O.P.D facilities will be provided at government public hospitals in the evening as well.
* Islamic Insurance scehmes (*takaful*) will be devised to provide health facilities to all the citizens.
* All imported drugs will be exempted from taxation, while quality drugs will be made within Pakistan.
* Homeopathy and (Greek) Tile will be promoted.

**Protection of Women Rights:**

Islam grants a special place to women. Women constitute more than half of Pakistan’s population. That is why, Jamaat-e-Islami’s government will see to it that women‘s social, legal, and political rights are protected, according to the demands of *shriah*; so that They can meaningfully contribute to the overall welfare of the country.

* The inheritance and ownership rights granted to women according to Islam will be ensured by the government.
* All un-Islamic practices like heavy dowry, marriage with Quran, *wanni*, *Karo-kari*, honour killing , etc will be abolished.
* Women will be provided opportunity to study, from primary to higher education standard. Separate colleges and universities will be set up for them.
* Through education and media, the practice of tripple divorce will be discouraged. Hence, laws will be made to check this an healthy practice.
* Injustice and excesses on women will be curbed through the law.
* Working women will be provided with better social and professional environment.
* In the cases of widows or divorcees, the age restriction in age-limit for government, semi government jobs will be relaxed.
* Four month Maternity leave will be granted to women with full pay, and they will be allowed leave on half-pay for up bringing of the child. During the leave, the job for women will remain secure.
* Female students will be granted admission close to the location of their residences.
* Cottage industry will be promoted, so that women could work at home.
* Females will be preferred for teaching the primary classes.

**Economic Policy:**

* Pakistan will be freed from all external debt within the minimum possible time and put on the road to economic independence. In accordance with international laws and regulation, payments of the foreign loan acquired during non-democratic rule will be refused. The JI government will adopt the policy of self reliance and will not secure any loan.
* A 30% reduction will be made in all non-development expenses. Especially, the amounts being spent on the lodging and traveling of the government functionaries, purchase of costly cars and government functions, will be cut, to check the misuse of public money.
* The complexities in the taxation system will be removed and ratio of indirect taxes will be reduced and the direct taxes will be increased. A System of fixed tax will be introduced for small shopkeepers. No new taxes will be levied. The general sales tax will be abolished, the rate of taxation will be reduced and tax net will be widened.
* Special projects for investment by overseas Pakistanis will be prepared so that they could start business within 6 months of investment. In the process of Privatisation, preference will give to the Pakistan capitalists.
* Evils like interest, hoardings, profiteering lottery, gambling, bribery, smuggling, and lavish spending will be uprooted.
* An interest-free banking system will be devised, and the rules of Madhaarbat, partnership and mutual cooperation will be adopted. In the agriculture sector, the Islamic rule of ‘*Bey-slm’* will be introduced.
* The system of collecting *zakaat* and Usher will be reformed, and the distribution of Zakat on political and regional basis will be stopped to check its misuse.
* The people living in slums and *kachi abaadi* will be given the right of ownership.
* All salaries and pensions will be revised against inflation.
* A social security system will be devised—as it was in Islam’s early, golden era, and adequate allowances will be gives to the children, old people, widows, orphans, unemployed, and the disabled. Special homes will be built for the deserving.
* Soft interest free loans will be given to the low-income people for the education of their children, houses, and transportation.
* Illegal occupation of property will be uprooted and government officials involved in the practice will be severely dealt with.
* All revenue will be collected through banks instead of the Patwaris.

**Labor friendly policies and private investment:**

* Jamaat-E-Islami’s government will encourage industrial growth; a new labor policy will also be framed.
* Laborers will be given reasonable share of industrial profits.
* The wages and salaries of workers and laborers will be reasonable and fair, wages will be revised annually under the principle of indexation, in the light of inflation and price level.
* The privatization of profitable industries and sensitive organizations will be avoided; those industries and organizations which have been privatized at low prices and/or improper terms and conditions, will be revised. Privatization will be done in a manner that there is no monopoly and injustice.
* In case of privatization (of a public organization), the rights of the concerned employees will be protected and they will be given preference.
* The earnings from privatization will be spent over education, health, welfare programs, and in debt repayments.
* Trade Unions and associations will be allowed in order to improve employer-employees relations.
* The involvement of Trade Union leadership in decision of privatizations, budgeting, and other related issues, will be mandatory.
* A system of education and training for workers will be introduced for the optimum use of workforce.
* The working of labor courts will be improved.
* Laborers will be provided with the facilities of health and housing; their children will receive free education.
* After retirement, pensions will be given to the laborers.
* Contractual/employment will be abolished in public and private sectors.
* Special arrangements will be made for the professional training of workers.
* The laws concerning the welfare funds of laborers will be revised to ensure that these are spent exclusively in the worker’s, interest, and their misuse will be stopped.

**The protection of senior citizens, disabled, and special citizens:**

* The pensions of retired government and private employees will be reasonably increased; in case of death, their widows shall receive pensions.
* A new law will be enacted for increase in the pensions annually in accordance with price rise.
* Citizens above 60 years will be given exemption in Property tax for the property they reside in.
* Individuals above 60, will be given exemption of vehicle tax for (any) one car or motor-cycle, in their use.
* Senior citizens will be allowed 50% discount in air-fares, railway, public transport, guest house stay, etc.
* Separate Counters will be set up at all public places, for the comfort of senior citizens and the disabled.
* A special, monthly allowance will be fixed for the unemployed, resourceless, old citizens; besides, a respectable system will be devised for their permanent care.

**The Service to blighted, down-trodden, and afflicted segments of the society:**

Jamaat-E-Islami has a long and proud history of service—to humanity—which dates back to the inception of Pakistan. In the events of the disastrous earth-quake of 8th October, 2005 and the floods of 2010, Jamat-E-Islami’s workers have set great examples of financial and personal services. Thousand of Jamaat-e-Islami workers relentlessly provided services in the hour of need, and spent millions of rupees in rescue and relief operations.

For the advancement of this great cause,

* A platform will be provided — to all the NGO’s of the country, so that they could collaborate, in consultation with them, and devise a mutual support mechanism.
* The government will patronize these organizations in their efforts to feed the famished and in provision of education and health services to the poor.
* Training will be provided to the volunteers, in order to counter catastrophes.
* A proper system will be devised, under which, a part of *Zakaat* and charity money collected by the government will be spent, through NGOs. Besides, the affluent and virtuous people will be appreciated to participate in welfare activities.

**Social Reforms:**

* Adequate funds will be allocated to educate the masses in Islamic beliefs, tenants, and morality.
* Effective steps will be taken to establish the system of Salat, Zakaat, Usher. The laws concerning the sanctity of the Ramadan will be strictly enforced. Electricity, water supply, and gas, will be provided free of cost, to mosques.
* The Ulema and Khatibs will be trained so that they could play due role in reformation of the society. The mosques will be given their due status.
* A permanent institution will be established to create and strengthen sectarian harmony, Verbal or written laceration of any sect will not to be allowed.
* All immoral programms will be stopped from the media, and the media will be mde to abide by a code of conduct.
* Simplicity will be promoted in the society.
* The government officials/ officers will be made to adopt simple living, huge will promote simplicity, and hefty spending—on expensive cars, large houses, etc—will be discouraged.
* The display of extravagance will be discouraged; lavish spending on marriages will be banned, The laws concerning restriction on dowry will be enforced effectively, and loans will be granted for marriage, where necessary.
* Beggary will be abolished; beggars will be provided professional training in “*aafiat* homes”.
* New cities will be developed on modern lines to check influx of people in major cities.
* The construction of unnecessarily large, expensive houses will be discouraged.
* The system for allotment of land will be simplified; Allotment of land on the basis of bribery, political affiliations and nepotism will be stopped. The ‘*Bait-ul-Maal’* will help the needy to stand on their own feet.
* The culture of Cleanliness will be promoted; littering will be dealt with as a crime.
* Effective measures will be taken to control environmental pollution.
* Brothels and other centers of licentiousness will be wiped out. Immoral practices going on in the so-called Guest houses will be stopped.
* A culture of modesty will be introduced; The exploitation of women for commercial purpose will be stopped.

**Defense Policy:**

* Jamaat-E-Islami will equip Pakistan’s army, air-force, and navy with latest technology, for the protection and defense of the country.
* Army Act and other laws will be amended to prevent the interference of army officers in other than professional matters, especially in polities, and take over of government will be made punishable. Laws will also be amended to transform the over all culture of the armed forces in line with their motto of Faith, Jihad, and *Taqwa and* to curb all activities, which run contrary to the motto.
* Nuclear technology will be fully protected and developed further, it will not be rolled-back under any foreign pressure.
* The spirit of Jihad will be revived in the nation, all able bodies men and women between the ages of 18 to 35, will be given compulsory military training.
* No Imperial power will be allowed to use Pakistan’s land, naval or aerial limits for its military goals.
* Like military officers, the *Jawans* shall also be provided a private home at the end of their services.

**Media Policy:**

* Jamaat-E-Islami believes in the freedom of the Press; we desire to free the media of unnecessary pressures from the government.
* Journalists will not be forced to reveal the sources of their information, unless the matter pertains to national security.
* Health services will be provided free to all journalists, their parents, and their families, at government hospitals.
* The children of journalists will be provided free education, as well as scholarships.
* On request, protection will also be provided to journalists.
* A “social security’ fund will be created to assist the families of journalists, in the event of accidental death of any journalist.
* In case a journalist dies in the call of duty, his/her family will be compensated by a grant of at least Rs. 20 *Lakh*; in case of severe injuries Rs. 10 *Lakh*, and in case of minor injuries Rs. 5 *Lakh* will be awarded.
* Necessary facilities will be extended to the journalists ensuring their freedom of expression as custodian of public interest, under article 19 of the constitutions.
* All government institutions (Federal or provincial) will make sure that they properly coordinate with the journalists in terms of dissemination of information, according to the article 19 of the constitution.
* A code of conduct for the media will be framed, with the involvement of the journalists, in the light of the Islamic teachings, Pakistan’s constitution, and Islamic tradition. Leading journalists will themselves ensure observance of the code of conduct.

**Information Technology:**

Information Technology has assumed a central role in human life, specifically in economics field. It is playing a very important role in Pakistan’s economic progress; However, it has not achieved the status of an industry, and when compared to the global growth, it still has a long way to go.

To effectively meet the challenges of the 21st century, Jamaat-e-Islami will make Pakistan the hub of information technology in the region; in the process Information Technology will be declared the pivot of Pakistan’s economy. Through investment, the infrastructure of information technology will be brought to international standards. IT will be used to modernize education, health, tourism, agriculture, security, etc.

A corruption-free, educated, and conscious society will be built by using information technology.

The following steps will be taken in this direction:

* I.T infrastructure will be developed according to the modern standards.
* Special steps will be taken to establish and strengthen the I.T as industry.
* Internet based governance and management will be emphasized.
* Institutions will be established for technical expertise and e-government.
* For provision of urban facilities, I.T will be used on priority basis.
* High quality human resource development will be emphasized.
* Public organizations will be ‘digitalized’.
* A policy will be devised to ensure useful usage of the internet.

**Minorities’ rights:**

Jamaat-e-Islami believes the minorities to be an important part of Pakistan’s population. Our government will provide constitutional and legal protection to all minorities.

* In personal matters, preference will be given to the minorities’ religious laws and rituals.
* Education, employment, and other urban rights will be provided to them.
* Their temples and places of worship will be protected and respected.
* Any discrimination, injustice or bias towards the minorities will be remedied properly.
* An effective and simple way will be devised for them to elect candidates.

**Local governments:**

Local body system plays an important role in the progress of any country. Unfortunately, in our country, the system has always been exploited by the military dictators; while political forces have always been indifferent towards it. In our view, the local body system has failed because Pakistan’s Constitution doesn’t define system in detail; Apart from an ambiguous paragraph, the law doesn’t talk about it, much. Keeping in view our past experiences and the requirements of all federating units, we will make necessary amendments in the law to make the system more viable. The law will define the procedure of electing the local leadership, as well as the power and responsibilities of the elected individuals. In this regard, all political forces will be taken aboard. We will strive to introduce a local bodies as the third layer of government, beside the federal and the provincial government.

**Tribal Areas:**

* The special status of tribal areas shall be respected.
* We will assure the end of military operation, and withdrawal of armed forces from the region. Negotiation will take precedence; the displaced people will be brought back home, soon. All the, people who lost lives or other valuables during the operation will be compensated.
* Steps will be taken to improve education, health, and means of communication in the area.
* The tribes have been deprived of a legal status for 63 years. Major reforms will be introduced in the fields of education, law, and education, to rectify the injustice in the past.
* The jurisdiction of the parliament and the court’s will be extended to the FATA region—through an amendment in article 247 of the constitution.
* The powers to frame or amend laws will be given to the parliament and the elected assembly of the tribes, instead of the president. The FCR will be abolished; The powers to establish an alternative for F.C.R will lie with the elected assembly of the tribes.
* The elected assembly will have the authority to determine the status of the tribes, the form of the institution, their role, besides their rights and responsibilities.

**Special Baluchistan Package:**

* The lives of the people of Baluchistan will be protected, steps on war footing will be taken to provide them the necessities of life, employment, etc. Development projects will be started to bring Baluchistan at par with the other parts of the country. Quetta and other cities will be made ‘model cities’.
* In accordance with the 1973 constitution and the 18th amendment, provincial rights and powers will he granted to Baluchistan within one year. Moreover, the major part of resources emanating from Baluchistan will be spent within the province.
* Gas royalty will be revised, —reasonably—and within 3 years, all payments will be made.
* A joint *jirga* will be set up in collaboration with the parliament and provincial assembly and government, to recompense for the injustice done to the province, for the past 6 decades, by different authorities.
* A 6% employment will be ensured for Baluchistan people according to the Constitution.
* Prompt measures will be taken to recover the missing persons.
* Sandak, Recodec Gwadar, Chamalang, and other precious projects will he accomplished through Pakistani expertise and administrative skill.
* Coastal and borders will be provided with electricity from Iran, on priority basis. Chaghi, Qilla Abdullah and Makran will he provided electricity through solar and wind energy.
* To counter a draught situation, agricultural, livestock substitutes will be worked on; similarly preservation of forests will be ensured.
* The border trade will be reviewed in view of local requirements.

**Legal Reform:**

Jamaat-e-Islami will, In-Sha-Allah make the following constitutional reforms:

* Article 2 of the constitution will be amended to ensure the supremacy of the Quran and Sunnah.
* Article 6 will be amended to grant every citizen the right to seck legal remedy against abrogation, repeal or suspension of the constitution, and to legally deal with those individuals or organizations that are found offending the law, or aiding the offenders.
* The Constitution and the relevant Laws will be amended to ensure elections within the Political parties.
* Article 17 will be amended to ban the parties working against the constitution of Pakistan, and its Islamic identity and character.
* Article 45 will be amended to bring the powers of the President’s right of clemency, in line with the Quran and Sunnah.
* For the presentation of the Finance Bill (Budget) before the both houses of the Parliament for its passage, as also for a compulsory debate on the budget of all institution including the military establishment, and for all charges there in, amendments will be made in articles 73, 80, 81, 85 and 121.
* Taxes will be levied only with the approval of the concerned assembly; and since this requires an end to the system of supplementary grants, Article 77 will be amended accordingly.
* An amendment will he made in the constitution to provide that all the recommendation of the Islamic Ideological Council shall automatically become Law after legislation or after the passage of a fixed period of the time.
* All black laws including FCR for tribal areas shall he repealed, The Constitution and the laws of the land will be enforced; the basic rights granted in the constitution will be implemented and the area will be brought into the national streamline. Article 246 and 247 will be amended for that purpose. In order to achieve these ends, the following will be used as guiding principles:
* The adjoining areas of Baluchistan i.e. FATA, PATA—246(a) and 246(b)—will be declared a part of the province.
* All constitutional requirements will be fulfilled to practically adopt Urdu as the national language; Along with that, necessary legal and administrative steps will be taken to promote regional languages like Punjabi, Sindhi, Baluchi, Pushtu, and Siraiki etc.
* The constitution will be amended to create new provinces on administrative grounds in case of dire necessity after national consensus or to create acceptable administrative units.
* A constitutional package will be announced to remedy the injustices done to Baluchistan.
* Sincere and persistent efforts will be made for the establishment of an impartial and honest interim government to ensure holding of transparent, impartial and independent elections and the establishment of an independent, impartial Election Commission, the reformation of the electoral system for the enforcement of conditions laid down in the Article 62 and 63, and for the gradual introduction of the system of proportionate representation.
* Necessary facilities will be made for smooth participation of the women in the election process.

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