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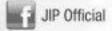
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إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَامُرُكُمُ أَنُ تُوَقَّوا الْأَمْنَاتِ اللَّي اَهْلِهَا لِاوَ إِذَا حَكَمْتُمْ بَيْنَ اللَّهَ يَاللَّهُ يَامُرُكُمُ أَنُ تُوكُمُوا بِالْعَدُلِ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ نِعِمَّا يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ اللَّهَ يَعِظُكُمْ بِهِ وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ سَمِيْعًا بَصِيرًا (النسآ ٤٠٠٥)



Indeed, Allah commands you to render trusts to whom they are due and when you judge between people to judge with justice. Excellent is that which Allah instructs you. Indeed, Allah is ever Hearing and Seeing.

اللّذِيْنَ إِنْ مَّكَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ اَقَامُوا الصَّلُوةَ وَ اتَوُا الزَّكُوةَ وَ اللّهُ الزَّكُوةَ وَ الكَوْ النَّكُوةُ وَ المَوْ النَّكُودُ اللهُ ا

[And they are] those who, if We give them authority in the land, establish prayer and give zakah and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong. And to Allah belongs the outcome of [all] matters.



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- We will make Pakistan peaceful and prosperous.
- We will uproot rampant corruption and lawlessness.
- We will free the country from USA's slavery and restore Pakistan's sovereignty.



PREFACE

Pakistan is passing through the worst phase of its history. Peace, a fundamental need of a society, is elusive; crimes, murders and kidnappings are rampant. Plunder is routine, especially in Karachi, Baluchistan, tribal areas, and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Government is evidently both helpless and insensitive. Economy is in a tailspin. People are grueling under high levels of unemployment and ever-rising inflation. Power blackouts, rising prices of gasoline, and short supplies of natural gas have made life miserable. The rulers, their coalition partners, and the bureaucracy are all robbing national wealth. Each day, a new scandal comes to fore and there is no accountability. Bribery is growing without check. PIA, Pakistan Railways, and Pakistan Steel Mills are piling up huge losses. Banks too are being plundered.

Lewdness and immodesty are being promoted in an organized manner to deprave the youth; and there is no check on it. Societal violence is spreading and, ironically, law-enforcement agencies have become a threat to the lives and properties of people. In addition to this, the specter of terrorism is targeting mosques, places of worship, shrines, markets, roads and neighborhoods. Our security organizations and their installments are its victim too. No place or individual is safe. The nation is in a state of shock.

Our country has fallen into the clutches of American interests in the region. Its espionage apparatus is spread all over the country and we have been obliged to yield to its commands like a slave. Our rulers have turned the army on its own people by asserting ownership of a foreign war. America and its cronies have eroded Pakistan's sovereignty and are freely carrying out their activities inside the country. Drone attacks have intensified. On our protests, instead of offering an apology, Washington bluntly declared that attacks would continue. And tauntingly reminds us that we must tolerate all this since we receive dollars from them. It is a condition that:

Whole of my body is full of injuries. Where should I apply the balm and where not?

The nation finds itself in a quagmire from which there seems to be no escape. History testifies that the rise and the fall of nations depends on their leadership. If leadership is sincere, honest, competent, selfless, and ambitious, nations rise; they, however, fall if leadership is opportunistic, self-seeking, dependent, and power seeking. When leadership lacks integrity, sincerity, and respect for law, even the best laws and constitutions fail to deliver. But when leadership is sincere and determined, it not only provides a pro-people government and dispenses justice, but it also leads people to prosperity.

Elections are the primary and important mechanism that provides leadership. A vote is a trust and it is the sole opportunity available to people to select their representatives. It must be understood that if voters do not exercise their right judiciously, and petty-interests, community-bonds or any other pressure influence their voting, then they cannot absolve themselves from the responsibility of the havoc wrought about by phony leadership.

Voters are fully responsible for bringing leaders - good or bad - to power.

If voters, under the influence of their petty interests, communal feelings, and regional and linguistic parochialism are unable to distinguish between good and bad leadership, then they are destined to have a leadership that they are forced to endure now and consequently there will not be an iota of a change in their condition. If voters, in the interest of the country (of which they are the most important stakeholders) elect sincere and upright individuals, only then will they have good leadership.

In our country, democracy and elections have degenerated into pursuit of power and personal interests. Whereas, elections are a means of nation building, only those can achieve this goal who are not in pursuit of any worldly gain for themselves. Without exception, all the prophets of Allah in carrying out their mission told their people:

"I do not ask of you any reward from thee; my reward is with Allah."

Unless such selfless leadership is available to us, we will not be able to solve any of our problems.

With elections just around the corner, you will be tested in what kind of leadership you elect. A crowd is in the field pleading for your votes. They have catchy slogans and make tall claims. Most of them are those to whom Al-Quran says: "why do you say what you do not do?" (61:3).

Jamaa t-e-Islami is not merely a political, religious or reformist party.

It is an ideological party which believes in complete, all-embracing and comprehensive Islamic way of life and wishes to implement it in every sphere of life. Jamaat understands that decadence in the world is due to its indifference towards Allah's commandments and belief in the Day of Judgment, and avoiding the guidance provided by the Prophet (PBUH). Whenever there is a problem in any discipline of life, this nonchalant behavior is the root cause. No reform is possible without unconditional submission to Allah, a concern for accountability in the Hereafter, and the obedience to His prophets. Any effort to establish a just society on the basis of some materialist ideology would only result in a new form of tyranny.



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Jamaat-e-Islami professes a concept of life which is all-embracing and aims at the welfare of the humankind. It, however, believes that until we build our country into a model Islamic state, unless we ourselves follow the system we profess as true and just and show to the world the results of implementing this system in our country, we will not be able to convince others of its strength and effectiveness.

We understand that there is no dearth of those in the country who believe in Allah, His Prophets, and the Day of Judgment. But the anomaly is that the faith and the system in which the majority of people of Pakistan believe in are not in force in the country. For this very reason, our country, despite being a predominantly Muslim state, has neither been able to benefit from the blessings of Islam nor has it been able to become a model of practicality and truthfulness of Islam in the comity of nations.

Jamaat-e-Islami is pursuing all possible means to address this situation. Propagation of Islam, ridding the society of fallacies of traditions both old and new, approaching intelligentsia on how Islam provides solutions to our problems, and endeavor to reform the moral values of the society are the components of the program Jamaat-e-Islami is working on since its creation seventy years ago. In addition to this, the circumstances also demand restructuring of government. Especially in the modern era when every sphere of life falls within the ambit of government, and it exercises authority in every walk of life.

Without reforming the system of government, neither reformation of individuals is possible nor can justice prevail in the society.

A corrupt government is not only an impediment to reforms, but it also becomes the catalyst for all evil forces in the society.

No matter how fervently the supporters of an Islamic system strive through apolitical means, they cannot achieve their objectives when the reins of the government are in the hands of those who are exploiting the country's resources, controlling the force of the law, and directing the state machinery to drive the country towards a capitalist or socialist order; an un-Islamic way of life.

To achieve its objectives, Jamaat-e-Islami intends to bring changes in the political system peacefully through constitutional and democratic means. The goal before the Jamaat is to stear the country into a state that strictly adheres to the injunctions of the Quran and the Sunnah and follows the governance system of the rightly guided Caliphs (al-Khulafa'u r-Rashidin) in which the principles of Islam are fully enforced.

Workers of Jamaat-e-Islami are also approaching you for your vote. Therefore, to refresh your memory, and for those who are not aware of our program, we wish to bring to your knowledge the following merits of Jamaat-e-Islami: Jamaat-e-Islami has never been alone at the helm of country's affairs, but it has always served the country in every walk of life and its leadership and its workers have relentlessly been serving its people. Whenever and to whichever extent it got the opportunity to share power, its conduct and performance have been exemplary. In 2002, Jamaat shared power in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as a junior partner. It held the mayor-ship of Karachi thrice. People are witness to the superior performance of its ministers. Even its stanch opponents admit excellent performance of Jamaat in mayor-ship of Karachi.

The heart of the matter is that during the periods Jamaat-e-Islami was in power, no one, even its sworn opponents, could accuse its ministers, mayors, or parliamentarians of corruption or misconduct. None of its elected members ever got any personal gains.

In the same spirit, Al-Khidmat foundation is running Pakistan's largest public welfare network providing education and healthcare facilities to the poor and needy throughout the country.

Whereas we are thankful to Allah for our contributions to the welfare of the society, we appeal to the nation to make choices on the bases of performance of candidates while casting their votes, remaining mindful of the fact that they are answerable to Allah for all their decisions.

Manifesto of Jamaat-e-Islami is in your hands. It will help you acquaint yourselves with the program of Jamaat and understand the positions it takes on national issues.

Jamaat-e-Islami keeps promises it makes. It has the leadership that can implement its manifesto. It is capable of pulling the country out of the quagmire it presently is in. Its leadership and workers are un-wavering, competent, sincere and honest.

Today we need a leadership that can free the nation from the clutches of foreign dominance and restore its sovereignty ,make the country self-sufficient, maintain law and order, and pull the country out of financial crises.

Such is the program of Jamaat-e-Islami.

The performance of those currently in politics is no secret to you; to test them again would risk plunging the country into chaos.

The heart's freedom is knightly; its slavery is death. It is for thee to decide – to be a king or a slave.



- Jamaat-e-Islami yields an excellent record of selfless public service.
- Jamaat-e-Islami is running Pakistan's largest public welfare network providing education and healthcare facilities to the poor and needy.





- Our ideal is to make Pakistan an Islamic welfare state.
- Fair distribution of wealth.
- Class based system to be abolished

THE ISLAMIC STATE AT MADINA — AN IDEAL TO STRIVE FOR

The Islamic state at Madina is our ideal where a welfare system was established in consonance with the teachings of the Quran and Sunnah. The salient features of the blessed state included:

A fair distribution of wealth and capital was ensured. Flow of wealth was directed from the rich towards the poor through the system of Zakaat and alms giving. Interest, hoarding, profiteering, and the means of concentration of wealth were prohibited. These measures resulted in circulation of wealth throughout the society and brought prosperity to the people.

Measures were taken to ensure that people had access to food, clothing, healthcare, and education. The state provided stipends even to infants.

Everyone was obliged to respect the law. The distinction between the rulers and the ruled was dissolved. People had easy access to their caliph, amaals, and ameers.

People had equal opportunities in business, trade, industry, agriculture and other professions. Means of communication were developed. Regular lines of travel were made secure. Unrest, violence, and pillage were stamped out.

Money collected through Zakaat, charity and other means was spent on public welfare. Within a few years, the society became so prosperous that it was hard to find a deserving recipient of charity.

The state not only took responsibility of each individual's livelihood in his life time, it also took care of his remaining obligations after his death.

Not only for human beings, there were clear obligations towards animals and plants too. Chopping down of trees was discouraged by the state. Caliph Umar once said: "If a dog dies of thirst at the banks of the Euphrates, how shall I answer for that to Allah."

SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT, AND DIGNIFIED PAKISTAN

With a radical shift in foreign, internal, and economic policies of the country, we will strive to attain a sovereign, independent, and dignified presence for the country in the comity of nations and will make it rise to the leadership of Islamic World as a modern, developed state.

We will take the following steps to achieve these goals:

- Dependence on IMF assistance and external finance will be phased out by efficient use of internal resources and with the help of expatriate Pakistanis.
- All international agreements will be entered into with the approval of the National Parliament.
- Relations with other countries will be on the basis of the principles of equality and justice, co-existence and non-interference.
- Pakistan will play a vital role in uniting the Muslim Ummah. Efforts will be made to unite Muslim countries into a common parliament, defense, and market. The Islamic institutions world-over, including the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), will be galvanized in a concrete way towards a shared sense of defending the sanctity of the Holy Quran, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and other symbols of Islam.
- Relations with China will be strengthened and avenues of bilateral cooperation in all walks of life will be discovered.
- All disputes with India will be resolved through a purposeful, comprehensive, and result-oriented dialogue. Not only the international institutions will be approached for conflict resolution, efforts will be made to win public opinion internationally.
- Liberation of Kashmir from Indian occupation will be the cornerstone of our foreign policy. We hold in the highest esteem the seven-decade-long freedom movement in Kashmir. It is our firm faith that the eternal sacrifices made for the Kashmir cause will not go in vain. We believe that the only solution to the Kashmir dispute lies in holding plebiscite in the light of the UN resolutions. To achieve this goal, we consider it our foremost duty to extend full cooperation political, moral and diplomatic to the oppressed Muslims of Kashmir.



 Sustainability will be achieved through efficient use of internal resources and with the help of expatriate Pakistanis.





- We will save Pakistan from present state of chaos created by the terrorism thrust upon it by external forces.
- All those involved in terrorism, target killings, extortion and land grabbing in the country, especially those involved in the bloodshed in Karachi will brought to justice.



CURBING TERRORISMAND LAWLESSNESS

We condemn all types of terrorism, be it by the state or by non-state actors. We will rid Pakistan of present state of chaos created by the terrorism thrust upon it by external forces.

- The resolutions of the Parliament adopted in October 2008 and May 2011 will be implemented in letter and spirit and drone attacks will be resisted, terrorist attacks thwarted and military operations, if any, will be halted.
- Visas granted without security clearance would be cancelled. Activities of foreigners in the country will be put under strict surveillance.
- No one involved in any kind of terrorism will be spared.
- All those involved in terrorism, target killings, extortion, and land grabbing in the country, especially those involved in the bloodshed in Karachi on the 12 of May, 9 of April, 12 of Rabi-ul-Awwal, 10 of Muharram, and during the months of July and August, 2011 will be exposed and brought to justice.
- 'Missing people' will be traced and the groups and individuals perpetuating this atrocity will be dealt with according to the law. All legal, moral, political and diplomatic means will be utilized for release of the respected daughter of the nation, Dr. Aafia Siddiqui. Besides every possible assistance will be provided to Pakistanis imprisoned in foreign countries. The circumstances coaxing the youth down the path of defiance will be addressed.

ABOLITION OF FEUDAL SYSTEM AND INTRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL REFORMS

To abolish the vestiges of feudal system and feudalistic politics:

- The land holdings (jagirs) granted by the British Raj before independence of the country will be confiscated.
- Government shall purchase all property (of individuals) that exceed the
 recommended limit of property ownership (to be) approved by the Council of
 Islamic Ideology in accordance with Islamic the teachings of Islam. The land so
 acquired shall be distributed on affordable conditions to tenants and landless
 farmers.
- Subsistence units of wastelands (available with the state) will be given to landless cultivators on the condition of cultivation after providing irrigation facilities.
- Income from agriculture will be taxed. However, the agricultural income tax rates will be such that do not hurt poor farmers and agricultural workers.
- Interest on all outstanding agricultural loans will be waived.
- Interest free loans will be provided to farmers on affordable terms.
- Islamic insurance (Takaful) will be setup for protection of farmers' labor and agricultural produce.
- Agricultural inputs will be made available to farmers through ZaraiTaraqiati Bank which will be payable upon harvest or sale of crops.
- Solar energy tube-wells will be introduced among farmers.
- Taxation rate on agriculture inputs such as seeds, fertilizer, pesticides, etc. will be reduced to bring down their prices.
- Subsidy will be provided on electricity and diesel used in agriculture to bring down their prices by 50%.
- An effective export strategy will be implemented for export of farm products for the benefit of the grower.
- Projects to control water logging and salinity on war footings will be started so as
 to increase the area of land under cultivation. 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.
- Revenue records will be computerized, and every landowner will be issued a computerized passbook.



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- The prices of six essential commodities flour, sugar, ghee, rice, lentils and tea will be reduced by at least 20%.
- All taxes included in the electricity and gas bills will be abolished to help slash electricity and gas prices by 30%.
- We will make sweeping changes in the taxation system. Indirect taxation will be discouraged.



CURBING INFLATION

High inflation has made the life of fixed-income earners miserable. It is currently the greatest concern of the common man. To bring down inflation, Jamaat-e-Islami will:

- Make sweeping changes in the taxation system. Indirect taxation will be drastically reduced. The system of General Sales Tax (GST) will be abandoned.
- The prices of six essential commodities flour, sugar, ghee, rice, lentils and tea will be reduced by at least 20%. Uninterrupted and adequate supply of these commodities will also be ensured.
- The middle man in the supply of vegetables and fruits will be eliminated to reduce their prices. Weekly bazaars and markets would be encouraged.
- All taxes included in the electricity and gas bills will be abolished. The theft of electricity and line losses will be controlled and the arrears from defaulters will be recovered. These measures will help slash electricity and gas prices by 30%.
- Strict measures will be taken against hoarding and profiteering.
- Price control councils comprising parliamentarians, retired officials of judiciary and administration, Ulema, lawyers, journalists and consumers will be set up at different levels to determine and control prices.
- Consumer Courts will be set up at Tehsil level and laws will be passed for effective implementation of their decision.
- To determine the prices of petroleum products, a commission comprising all stakeholders and members of the parliament will be constituted. To provide relief to people, excessive taxation on petroleum products and profiteering will be curbed.
- Law will be enacted to make indexation of wages mandatory.

OVERCOMING ENERGY CRISIS

 Jamaat-e-Islami will overcome the energy crisis by implementing immediate, mid-term and long-term measures:

SHORT-TERM MEASURES

A fast track strategy will be adopted to ensure 100% utilization of power generation of 20,000 megawatts installed capacity within the first six months of the government. The strategy will include:

- Timely payments to power generation units and to ensure continuous supply to them of gas and petroleum.
- Effective control on theft of electricity and line losses.
- Recoveries from major defaulters.
- An end to corruption and excessive spending within power-supplying companies.
- Conservation of power.

MID-TERM MEASURES (2 YEARS)

- Buying electricity and gas from Iran and Central Asia.
- Buying electricity from China.
- Completion of on-going power-generation projects on war-footing.

LONG-TERM MEASURES (10 YEARS)

- Construction of 5 major dams with national consensus.
- Power generation by run-of-the-river hydroelectric plants at potential locations on rivers, canals, and hill-torrents.
- Expediting generation of power through coal with assistance from China.
- Power generation through wind mills in Gharu, KetiBunder, and at other feasible locations.
- Solar energy projects will also be initiated. Through efficient planning, cost of installing these projects shall be reduced.
- Nuclear and geo-thermal energy potential of the country will be utilized.
- Within the short period of 10 years, the Jamaat-e-Islami promises provision of 50,000 megawatts of power—InshaAllah!



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- Industry will be promoted for economic progress.
- Special packages will be introduced to promote agro-based, cottage, small and medium-size enterprises.
- Employment opportunities will be created in abundance.
- Land will be provided free of cost to all those families who do not own any house.
- Interest free house building loans will be provided.



JOBS FOR EVERYONE

Creating jobs is not possible without economic development.

- Depending upon the resources—minerals, agriculture, livestock, cottage industry, forestry —available in a region, the principle of "One Industry One Region" will be followed and:
 - One type of industry will be designated to a region which provides appropriate environment and resources for the industry to flourish.
 - All possible facilities and tax exemptions will be provided.
- The idea is to industrialize the country in such a way that people get opportunities in their respective regions and the main industry of the region also creates opportunities for allied small and medium enterprises and businesses.
- Merit will be strictly observed in all government jobs.
- Exorbitantly paid contractual jobs will be abolished.
- The competitive examinations will be held in both in English and in Urdu.
- Dominance of English language in government employment will be abolished.
- To bring madrassa graduates into national mainstream, subjects from Islamic curriculum will be included in competitive examinations.
- One million new jobs will be created in collaboration with private sector.
- Special packages will be introduced to promote agro-based, cottage and small and medium-size enterprises.
- Unemployed youth will be given unemployment wage for one year.

HOME FOR ALL

We acknowledge the right of every individual in the country to live in a self-owned home. To realize this dream we shall:

- Introduce new residential schemes in urban and rural areas. Land will be provided free of cost to all those families who do not own any house or piece of land anywhere in the country. They will only have to pay development charges.
- Interest-free house building financing will be provided.
- Outstanding interest on House Building Finance Corporation loans shall be waved.
- All big factories will be required to provide residence to their workers.

JUSTICE FOR ALL

- The Quran and Sunnah (Shariah) shall practically be made the supreme Law of the country. All existing laws will be brought in conformity with the Quran and Sunnah.
- Justice will be provided to the people at their doorstep through Hasba. The religious and moral sense of the society will be awakened through "enjoining good and forbidding evil."
- All vacancies in judiciary will be filled within the first six months.
- Judiciary will be obliged to dispose all civil and criminal cases within one year.
- Filing of FIRs will be simplified.
- Training of police personnel in moral values will be made compulsory. An effective system of supervision will also be implemented.
- Independent commissions will be set up at different levels to protect people from atrocities of police and administration.
- Free legal assistance to all poor defendants will be provided by the state.
- Salaries and facilities of police will be increased, their duty hours will be fixed and their lodging facilities will be improved. An efficient and strict system of departmental accountability will be introduced.
- All intelligence agencies will be answerable to courts and parliament. Stringent laws will be enacted to end forced disappearance of people in the country.
- Fake police encounter, extra-judicial killings, and death in custody will be investigated through judicial commissions and exemplary punishment will be meted out to those held responsible.



- All existing laws will be brought in conformity with the Quran and Sunnah.
- Expedition of inexpensive & immediate justice will be ensured.
- Abuse of power by police will be uprooted.





- Corruption will be rooted out.
- Special measures will be adopted for the recovery of the written off loans.
- Legislation will be enacted to spell out stiff penalties, including capital punishment, for financial crimes.



ERADICATION OF CORRUPTION & RECOVERY OF ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH

- The ill-gotten wealth plundered during different period and lying in foreign banks will be brought back in the light of the UN Rules and Regulations and with the cooperation of the Swiss authorities. Special measures will be adopted for the recovery of the written off loans.
- The country will be put on the road to progress and prosperity by overcoming the current estimates of annual tax evasion and corruption of Rs. 2,500 billion.
- Legislation will be enacted to spell out stiff penalties, including capital punishment for financial crimes.
- Punishments will be awarded according to the severity of charges and authority of the offender.
- All ill-gotten assets will be confiscated.
- Whistle blower's law will be enacted. Whistle blowers will be rewarded handsomely and guaranteed full protection.

EDUCATION

We will introduce an Islamic educational system which will be in harmony with the Ideology of Pakistan. Uniform educational system will be introduced in both public and private educational institutions throughout the country. Educational curricula comprising both religious and worldly subjects will be taught to students up to intermediate level in which teaching of the Quran and Hadith will be compulsory. Madrassa students will also be taught English, Mathematics, and other modern subjects.

- 5% of GDP will be earmarked for education.
- The target of 100% literacy will be achieved within 5 years. Under Article 25(A) of the constitution, funds will be earmarked for providing compulsory and free education to every one between the ages of 5 and 15 years; the provinces will be obliged to use these funds for their designated use.
- Urdu will be the medium of instruction. Provincial and regional languages will also be promoted.
- Special emphasis will be given to technical and vocational education.
- For professional education, educational expenses of deserving students from poor families will be defrayed by the government.
- Private education sector will be encouraged. However, educational standards and reasonable fee structure will be ensured through legislation.
- Every teacher will own a house to live in at the end of his/her career.
- Students' Unions will be revived.



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- Self-employment schemes will be introduced and young people will be provided interest free loans on soft terms.
- We will give priority to solving the problems of youth.
- Education sports and entertainment opportunities will be created for the youth.



YOUTH

Our greatest national asset is our youth. However, they are in distress. We can neither achieve peace nor progress without addressing the issues of the youth. We will give priority to solving the problems of youth.

- Education will be made accessible to the youth.
 Emphasis on vocational and technical education will help them to earn livelihood.
- Merit will be observed strictly in recruitments in public sector.
- Self-employment schemes will be introduced and young people will be provided interest free loans on soft terms.
- Sports and entertainment opportunities will be created for the youth.
- Separate grounds and stadiums will be constructed for young women.
- Positive cultural activities will be promoted. Regional cultures will be encouraged.

HEALTHCARE

- Health is the basic right of every human being.
- 2% of the budget estimate will be earmarked for health sector.
- The healthcare budget will be increased.
- Emergency' facilities will be provided free of cost in all hospitals.
- Special provisions will be made in the budget for providing healtcare facilities to mothers and infants.
- Maternity homes will be established throughout the country, especially in villages.
- Services of specialists will be provided at all Tehsil and District Hospitals.
- Free healthcare will be provided to the patients suffering from cardiac, renal, and liver failures. Free services will also be provided to patients suffering from cancer, AIDS, TB, and drug abuse.
- Out Patient Department (OPD) facilities will be provided at public hospitals in the evening as well.
- Islamic Insurance schemes (takaful) will be initiated to provide healthcare facilities to all citizens.
- All imported drugs will be exempted from all duties, while quality drugs will be made inside Pakistan.
- Homeopathy and Tib-e-Unani (Greek Medicine) will be promoted.



- Health is the responsibility of the government.
- Health facilities will be provided to all citizens. regardless of their sect, religion & ethnicity.





- The inheritance and ownership rights of women will be enforced.
- It is the policy of Jamaate-Islami that women enjoy social, legal and political rights bestowed upon them by Shariah.
- Women will be provided secure and respectful environment to study and work.
- Discrimination of women in the society will be eliminated through changes in societal behaviors and legislation.



PROTECTION OF WOMEN RIGHTS

Islam holds women in great honor. Women constitute more than half of Pakistan's population. It is the policy of Jamaat-e-Islami that women enjoy social, legal, and political rights bestowed upon them by Shriah so that they contribute meaningfully to the welfare of the country. To help women realize their full potential and contribute to their families and the society:

- The inheritance and ownership rights of women will be enforced.
- Un-Islamic practices of heavy dowry, marriage with Quran, wanni, Karo-kari, honor killing, etc. will be curbed.
- Women will be provided secure and respectful environment to study from primary to higher education standards. We support separate colleges and universities for women.
- The practice of TripleTalaq (Three Pronouncements of Divorce in one Sitting) will be prohibited through legislation.
- Discrimination against women in the society will be eliminated through changes in societal behaviors and legislation.
- Working women will be provided secure and professional working environment.
- In the cases of widows or divorcees, the restriction in age-limit for government and 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 upbringing of the child. They will be guaranteed job security during their leave. Their duty station will not be changed. During their leave, they will continue to accrue seniority and remain eligible for pay increases and benefits.
- Female students will be granted admission close to their residences.
- Cottage industry will be promoted to enable women to work at home.
- Women will be preferred for teaching at primary level.

ECONOMIC POLICY

- All external debt will be paid off within the shortest possible time. No new debt will
 be incurred and the policy of self-sufficiency will be adopted. External debt
 liabilities incurred during autocratic regimes will be settled in accordance with
 international laws and regulations.
- Non-development expenditure will be reduced by at least 30%. This will be achieved by cutting down expenditure on lodging and traveling of government functionaries, prohibiting purchase and maintenance of expensive cars and restricting expenditure on lavish government functions.
- Taxation system will be simplified. system of fixed tax will be introduced for small shopkeepers. No new taxes will be levied. General Sales Tax (GST) will be abolished. Tax-net will be broadened by reducing taxation rates.
- Special projects for investment by overseas Pakistanis will be prepared to help them start business within a short span of six months. In privatization, preference will give to the Pakistani investors.
- Evils like interest, hoardings, profiteering lottery, gambling, bribery, smuggling, and lavish spending will be uprooted.
- Interest-free banking system will be encouraged. Madhaarba and musharaka partnership will be vigorously promoted.
- The system of collection of Zakaat and Usher will be reformed. Current practices
 of distribution of Zakat on political and regional bases will be discouraged and
 discontinued.
- Slum dwellers will be awarded ownership rights.
- Salaries and pensions will be indexed to inflation.
- Following the example of early period of Islam, social security system will be devised to distribute adequate allowances to children, old people, widows, orphans, unemployed, and disabled. Special homes will be built for the destitute.
- Soft term interest free loans will be given to low-income sections of the society for education of their children, construction of houses and purchase of transportation.
- Land grabbing will be uprooted and government officials abetting these practices will be identified and dealt with severely.
- All revenue will be collected through banks instead of Patwaris.



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- Wages will be indexed to inflation and revised annually.
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LABOR-FRIENDLY POLICIES AND PRIVATIZATION

Jamaat-e-Islami will concentrate on industrial growth and implement a new labor policy in which:

- Laborers will be given reasonable share in corporate profits.
- Fair wages and salaries will be fixed for workers. Wages will be indexed to inflation and revised annually.
- Profitable industries and organizations of strategic importance will not be privatized. Previously privatized public sector industry at low prices and/or soft terms and conditions will be revisited. Privatization will not be allowed to create monopolies and exploitation.
- In privatization of public sector organizations, rights of employees will be protected.
- The proceeds from privatization will be diverted towards debt retirement and on education, healthcare, and public welfare programs.
- Trade Unions will be allowed to improve employer-employees relations.
- Trade Union leadership will be involved in privatization decisions, budget making, and other related issues.
- For better utilization of workforce and to increase their earning capacity, programs for providing on-job trainings to workers will be started.
- The working of labor courts will be improved.
- Workers will be provided healthcare and housing facilities; 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.
- For disabled and invalid, sufficient quotas in employments at all levels will be earmarked.
- Monthly maintenance allowance will be provided to fully disabled persons.
- Special programs will be started for imparting professional training to workers.
- Workers Welfare Funds will be used exclusively for the welfare of workers and their misuse will be discontinued.

PROTECTION OF SENIOR, DISABLED, AND SPECIAL CITIZENS

- The pensions of retired public and private sector employees will be reasonably increased. In case of death of a pensioner, his widow shall be entitled to receive full pension.
- Law will be enacted for indexing pension to inflation for determining annual increase in pension.
- Citizens over 60 years of age will be given exemption in property tax for the property they reside in.
- Citizens over 60 years of age will be given exemption in vehicle tax for one car or motor-cycle in their personal use.
- Senior citizens will be allowed 50% discount in air-fares, railway, public transport, and for stay at guest houses.
- Separate counters will be set up at all public places for the comfort of senior citizens and the disabled.
- Monthly allowance will be given to impoverished old citizens. A respectable system will be devised for their permanent care.



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CARE OF DOWN-TRODDEN AND AFFLICTED

Jamaat-e-Islami has a proud history of service to humanity ever since Pakistan came into being. In wake of the disastrous earth-quake of 8th October, 2005 and the floods of 2010, Jamaat-e-Islami workers set great examples of financial and personal sacrifices. Thousands of Jamaat workers relentlessly provided services and spent millions of rupees in rescue and relief operations. In this spirit:

- A platform will be provided to all the NGOs of the country to enable them to devise a mutual support mechanism.
- Government will help NGOs in their efforts to feed famished, prove shelter to homeless, and in their efforts in providing healthcare and education to the poor.
- Training in disaster management will be provided to volunteers.
- A part of Zakaat, Ushr, and charity collected by the government will be spent through NGOs. The affluent and virtuous people will be encouraged to participate in welfare activities.

SOCIALREFORMS

- Adequate resources will be allocated to educate masses in the tents of Islam.
- Necessary measures will be taken to establish the system of Salat, Zakaat, and Ushr. "Sanctity of the Month of Ramazan Ordinance" will be strictly enforced. Electricity, water supply and gas will be provided free of cost to mosques.
- Ulema and Khuttaab will be trained to play a role in betterment of the society. The mosques will be given their due status.
- An organization will be established to create and strengthen sectarian harmony.
 Hate mongering against any sect or religion will not be allowed.
- Broadcasting of immoral programs and ads will be banned and the media will be made to abide by a moral code of conduct.
- Simple living will be promoted in the society.
- The government officials/officers will be obliged to adopt simple living.
 Expenditure on large houses, expensive cars and extravagance will be discouraged.
- Lavish spending on marriages will be banned. The law on dowry restriction will be enforced effectively. Marriage loans will be granted to the needy.
- Beggary will be eliminated. Beggars will be provided vocational trainings and "Protection Homes" to live in.
- To discourage urban sprawl and congestion in large cities, new cities will be developed on modern lines.
- Construction of unnecessarily large, expensive houses will be discouraged.
- The system for allotment of land will be simplified. Allotment of land as bribery, for political affiliation and on nepotism will be stopped. 'Bait-ul-Maal' will help the needy fend to for themselves.
- System of cleanliness will be implemented throughout the country; cities and villages alike. Culture of cleanliness will be promoted. Littering will be dealt with as a crime.
- Effective measures will be taken to control environmental pollution.
- Brothels will be wiped out. Immoral practices going on in the so-called guest houses will be stopped.
- A culture of modesty will be introduced. Exploitation of women for commercial purpose will be stopped.



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DEFENCE POLICY

- Jamaat-e-Islami will equip Pakistan's army, air-force, and navy with latest technology for protection and defense of the country.
- Army Act and other laws will be amended to prevent army officers from interfering in extra-professional matters, especially politics. Forcible takeover of government will be made punishable. Laws will also be amended to transform the overall culture of the armed forces and bring it in consonance 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 further developed.
 It will not be rolled-back under any external pressure.
- The spirit of Jihad will be revived in the nation. All able-bodied men and women between the ages of 18 and 35 will be given compulsory military training.
- No one will be allowed to use Pakistan's land, naval or aerial limits for its military goals.
- Like military officers, Jawans shall also be provided houses at the end of their services.

MEDIA POLICY

- Jamaat-e-Islami believes in the freedom of the press. We will protect and advance an independent media free from undue government interference or pressure.
- Unless it relates to national security, journalists will not be forced to reveal the sources of their information.
- 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 and scholarships for higher education.
- Where needed, due protection will be provided to journalists upon their request.
- "Social Security Fund" will be created to assist the families of deceased journalists.
- The family of any journalist who dies in the line of duty will be compensated by a grant of at least Rs. 2 million. Rs. 1 million and Rs. 0.5 respectively will be given for severe and minor injuries incurred in the line of duty.
- Necessary facilities will be extended to journalists ensuring their freedom of expression as custodian of public interest under article 19(a) of the constitution.
- All government institutions (federal and provincial) will make sure that they
 cooperate with journalists in providing them access to information in terms of the
 article 19 of the constitution.
- A code of conduct for the media will be framed in the light of the teachings of Islam, Pakistan's constitution, and Islamic tradition. Leading journalists will be entrusted compliance of the code of conduct.



- Balanced media policy will be drafted.
- We seek independent media free from undue government interference.
- Health services will be provided free of cost to all journalists.
- The children of journalists will be provided free education.





- IT infrastructure will be developed on modern standards.
- Policy for useful and secure usage of Internet will be devised.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information Technology has assumed a central role in human and economic life. It is playing an important role in economic development the world over. However, it has not achieved the status of an industry in our country and despite the fact that the field was wide open before us, our market share in global IT industry is limited.

In meeting the challenges of the 21st century, Jamaat-e-Islami will make IT the growth engine of economy of the country and will aim at making Pakistan the hub of information technology in the region. Information technology infrastructure will be brought to international standards. IT will be used to modernize education, health, tourism, agriculture, and national security. A corruption-free, educated, and conscientious society will be built by using information technology. The following will help achieve these objectives:

- IT infrastructure will be developed on modern standards.
- IT sector will be recognized as an industry and steps will be taken for it to flourish.
- E-governance and e-management will be implemented.
- Institutions will be established for education and developing expertise in egovernment.
- IT will be used for delivering urban services.
- High quality human resource development in IT will be stressed.
- Public sector organizations will be 'digitized'.
- Policy for useful and secure usage of the Internet will be devised and implemented.

MINORITIES' RIGHTS

Minorities are an indispensable part of our society. We will ensure and protect constitutional and legal rights of all minorities.

- In personal matters, religious laws and traditions of minorities will take precedence.
- Minorities will enjoy rights to education, employment and other civil liberties.
- Places of worship of all minorities will be protected and respected.
- Any discrimination, injustice or bias towards minorities will be discouraged.
- Effective and simple procedure will be devised for minorities to elect their representatives in national and provincial legislatures.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The institution of local bodies plays an important role in development and progress of any country. Unfortunately, this institution has always been exploited by military dictators for their personal gains. On the other hand, political forces have always been oblivious of their importance. In our view, the system of local bodies has been unsuccessful in the country because other than an ambiguous paragraph, the constitution of Pakistan does not provide a definitive framework for this institution. Keeping in view our past experiences and the requirements of all the federating units, we will make necessary amendments in the law to make this system work. The law will define the procedure for electing local leadership, as well as the power and responsibilities of the elected individuals. In this regard, all political forces will be taken on board. We will strive to introduce the system of local bodies as the third layer of government, along with the federal and the provincial governments.

- A detailed roadmap for elections, powers, and jurisdictions of local governments will be provided.
- For regularly holding of elections for local governments and to empower them to deliver services efficiently arrangements will be made.



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- Educational infrastructure, healthcare facilities and means of communication in the area will be improved.
- To compensate for the injustices, legal economic and educational reforms will be introduced.



TRIBAL AREAS

- The special status of tribal areas shall be respected.
- We will assure end of military operations and withdrawal of armed forces from the region. Peace will come through negotiation. The internally displaced people will be brought back home. Losses of lives and properties in the operations will be compensated.
- Steps will be taken to improve educational infrastructure, healthcare facilities, and means of communication in the area.
- The tribes have been deprived of legal and constitutional rights for 65 years. To compensate for the injustices of the past, legal, economic and educational reforms will be introduced.
- 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 and amend laws will vest with the parliament and the elected assembly of the tribes, not with the President. FCR will be abolished. The responsibility to enact an alternative to FCR will lie with the elected assembly of the tribes.
- The elected assembly will have the authority to determine the status of the tribes, the forms of the institutions, their role, their rights and responsibilities.

SPECIAL BALUCHISTAN PACKAGE

- To ensure right to life, right to employment and basic necessities of life for 10 million residents of the province, such development projects will be implemented that will elevate the economic status of the province to the level of the rest of the country. For this, Quetta and other cities of the province will be developed into model cities.
- In accordance with the 1973 constitution and the 18th amendment, provincial rights and powers will be granted to Baluchistan within one year. Major part of the natural resources emanating from the province will be spent within the province.
- Gas royalty will be revised and within 3 years, all dues will be paid.
- A joint jirga will be set up in collaboration with the parliament, provincial assembly and the government to recompense for the injustices of the past six decades done to the province by different authorities.
- 6% quota in employment will be ensured for the people of Baluchistan under the constitution.
- Prompt measures will be taken to recover all missing persons.
- Sandak, Recodec, Gwadar, Chamalang and other projects will he accomplished through indigenous expertise and administrative skill.
- Electricity will be purchased from Iran to electrify coastal and border areas.
 Chaghi, Qilla Abdullah and Makran will be provided electricity generated through solar and wind energy.
- Agriculture, livestock and forestry will be developed to tackle incessant draught like situation in the province.
- The border trade will be reviewed in view of local requirements.



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- Supremacy of the Quran and Sunnah will be paramount.
- Recommendations of Council of Islamic Ideology will be given special status
- Intra Party elections will be made mandatory.



CONSTITUTIONAL REFORMS

- Jamaat-e-Islamiwill, Inshaallah, bring the following constitutional reforms:
- Article 2 of the constitution will be amended to ensure supremacy of the Quran and Sunnah.
- Appointment of heads of all constitutional organizations, agencies and regulatory authorities (for example, Auditor General, Chairman Public Service Commission, Ombudsperson, Chairman NAB, Governor State Bank, FIA, IB, NEPRA, PTA, PEMRA, EPA, OGRA, PPRA, CCP, SECP) will be made after approval and clearance of relevant standing committees of the parliament.
- Article 6 will be amended to grant every citizen the right to seek 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 abetting 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 President's right of clemency in consonance with the Quran and Sunnah.
- Comprehensive legislation will be introduced for effective implementation of Articles 62, 63, and 113 of the constitution.
- Articles 73, 80, 81, 85 and 121 of the constitution will be amended to require approval of Finance Bill (Budget) by both the houses of the parliament and for compulsory debate on the budget of all institutions including the military establishment.
- Taxes will be levied only with the approval of the concerned assembly. This
 requires an end to the system of supplementary grants. Article 77 will be
 amended accordingly.
- An amendment will be made in the constitution to ensure that all recommendations of Council of Islamic Ideology are enacted into law within a given period of time, failing which the recommendations shall automatically become law of the land.
- The present system of excluding tribal areas from the law of the land will be abolished and these areas. Articles 246 and 247(b) will be amended. These changes will be brought about under the following guiding principles:
 - The consent of residents of the Federally Administrated Tribal Areas adjoining Khyber Pakhtunkhawa province will be sought through a

referendum held under Article 246(c) of the constitution and to either these areas will be evolved into a separate province or merged them into Khyber Pakhtunkhawa province.

- The areas ofKhyber Pakhtunkhawa province specified in Articles 246 (a) (I) (ii) (iii) (iv) and 246(b) will be merged into the Khyber Pakhtunkhawa province.
- All draconian laws, including FCR for tribal areas, shall be repealed. The
 constitution and the laws of the land will be enforced in the tribal areas. The
 fundamental rights granted in the constitution will be guaranteed to all citizens.
- All constitutional requirements will be fulfilled to adopt Urdu as the national language. Necessary legal and administrative steps will also be taken to promote provincial and regional languages like Punjabi, Sindhi, Baluchi, Pushtu, Brahavi and Siraiki.
- The constitution will be amended to create new provinces on administrative grounds with national consensus.
- A constitutional package will be announced to remedy the injustices done to the people of 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. The establishment of an independent and impartial Election Commission, reforms in the electoral system for enforcement of conditions laid down in articles 62 and 63, and for gradual introduction of the system of proportionate representation.
- Necessary facilities will be provided to women for participation in elections.



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