

## The role of Ummah in fighting corruption

- Reporting all suspected cases of corrupt practices.
- Upholding moral values.
- Electing morally upright religious leaders
- Continuously vetting and rooting out corrupt religious leaders
- Participating in anti-corruption awareness projects
- Advocating for corruption free society
- Educating each other on the negative impacts of corruption
- Assuming responsibility in the fight against corruption.
- To call upon communities members to uphold integrity and enjoy the performance of good deeds
- Inculcating values of integrity and moral uprightness in their children

## How to resist corruption

You may escape the legal system of your country, but you cannot escape from Allah on the Day of Judgment. If you want true success in this world and hereafter, stop this shameful act and become a true Muslim. Allah will definitely bless you.

"Truly, Allah does not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves." (Quran 13:11)



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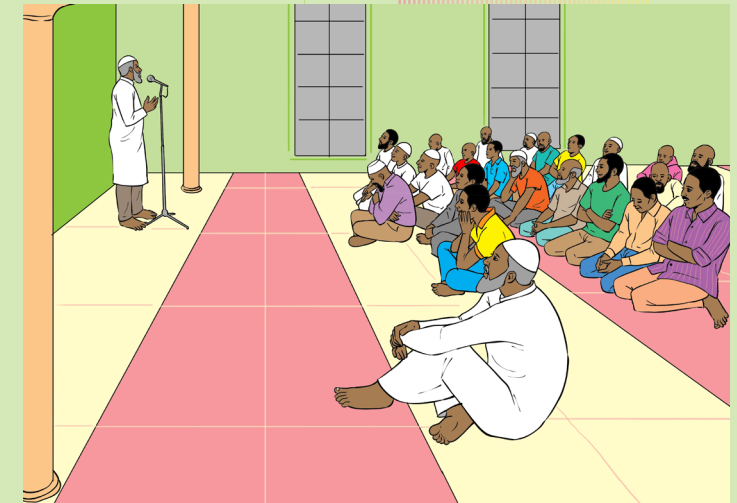
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## ISLAM AGAINST CORRUPTION

Corruption is a disease, Integrity is the cure



“Kullukum Ra’in Wa Kullukum Mas’ulun ‘An Ra’iyyatihi”

(All of you are guardians, in trust of something or someone, and are accountable for your flock – (Holy Prophet peace be upon Him and His Progeny – As Narrated by Abu Dawood.)

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## Introduction

It is important to understand and appreciate that war against corruption requires multi-faceted strategies bringing together all players including Government institutions, the private sector, non governmental organization, media, the religious sector and most importantly the general public. The partnership will serve as a building block for integrity in the society and support the efforts in the fight against corruption. Corruption is a sin in the society and is an evil. Islam is a complete way of life in that it has covered every facet of Muslim's life from the cradle to the grave. As such, Islam has a complete and institutionalized ethical system that serves to provide a guide and framework on issues pertaining to ethical and moral behavior for all Muslims. Allah says: "And do not eat up your property among yourselves for vanities, nor use it as a bait for the judges, with intent that ye may eat up wrongfully and knowingly a little of (other) people's property". (Q 2:188)

## The meaning of corruption

Corruption is the misuse of entrusted power, wealth and services for personal or private gain. Corruption is also said to be highly related to materialistic tendencies, which can be due to genuine needs caused by income or greed and the desire to live well beyond one's means. When this happens, it can easily lead to gross inefficiencies both financially and in productivity. Those involved will find ways and means of applying pressure on others whom they can prey upon, instead of providing genuine service to such victims.

## Causes of corruption

Greed "And [also] those who spend of their wealth to be seen by the people and believe not in Allah nor in the Last Day. And he to whom Satan is a companion - then evil is he as a companion." (Q 4:38)

Ignorance of Islamic teachings of the Sunnah & Holy Quran - Those who break Allah's Covenant after it is ratified, and who sunder what Allah Has ordered to be joined, and do mischief on earth: These cause loss (only) to themselves. (Q 2: 27)

Ego/Pride - And [mention, O Muhammad], when your Lord said to the angels, "Indeed, I will make upon the earth a successive authority." They said, "Will You place upon it one who causes corruption therein and sheds blood, while we declare Your praise and sanctify You?" Allah said, "Indeed, I know that which you do not know." (Q 2:30)

## Manifestation of corruption

- Abrupt richness
- Increase of crime rates
- Calamities affecting the community/ society
- Imbalance in wealth distribution
- Poor governance – (poor infrastructure, unemployment, poor resource distribution)
- Political tensions and Ethnic polarization

## Islamic leadership in the fight against corruption

- To give accurate and correct information on corruption from the Holy Books.
- To strengthen the capacity of local governance actors
- To enhance the awareness of local communities of the dangers of corruption
- To enhance coordination and synergy
- They should mainstream implementation of anti-corruption activities within the religious communities.
- They should provide leadership in naming and shaming of corrupt leaders.

## Consequences of corruption

Corruption is a sin which is punishable by Allah. The consequences of corruption are;

- Increased disunity in the community.
- Prayers will not be answered and lose of Allah's Mercy (Rahma).
- Food insecurity - Due to poor distribution of relief foods to disadvantaged families.
- Entrenched Impunity within the religious institutions.
- Reduction in investments
- Negative international image.
- Single Parenting - corruption attributes to more divorces.
- Erodes Faith in religious leadership and its institutions.
- Increased calamities - Diseases, Drought, Floods, infertility will increase.
- Social unrest
- Increased poverty
- Poor infrastructure
- Rising crime and insecurity

## Islamic structures for fighting corruption

- Advocacy: Using Islamic teachings.
- Lobbying legislators for strengthening appropriate laws.
- Naming and Shaming Corrupt Individuals
- Monitoring documentation and Reporting
- Massive civic education in places of worship.

## Channels for fighting corruption

- Traditional Media – (Radios Rahma, Salaam, IQRA)
- Print Media - Anti corruption through (Bulletins, Journals, pamphlets, fliers, brochures)
- Social Media – (Whatsapp groups, twitter, Facebook, instagram, linkedin, Imo, Youtube)
- Worship places – Mosques, Madrassas,
- Corruption awareness programmes and trainings