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POLITICAL SYSTEM

INTRODUCTION:

Islam is a complete code of Life. It doesn't just focus on personal faith but also guides in different affairs of society including politics. It provides principles for political system according to Quran & Sunnah. An ideal political system protects human rights, ensures justice and promotes collective harmony among all people.

MEANING AND CONCEPT:

Political system is the framework through which a country organizes, distrutes & exercise power. It includes all the processes that determine how leaders are chosen, how laws are made and justice is maintained.

Islamic Political system is based on sovereignty of Allah (Allah is the ultimate law giver, no one can make law against him & Leaders are chosen to implement Allah's Laws), everyone is equal before law, decisions are to be taken through shura and the rulers are accountable for their actions.

SALIENT FEATURES OF POLITICAL SYSTEM:

1. CALIPHATE AS A LEGAL & MORAL SYSTEM:

- The Caliph (Leader) is not a dictator or king.
- He's bound by Quran & Sunnah
- People have the right to question him.

"The most beloved on the day of Judgement would be a just leader" (Tirmidhi)

"Stand firmly for justice even if it's against your Parents or relatives whether rich or poor" (Surah Nisa)

2. Everyone Equal Before Law:

Islam builds society on faith & values not on blood, tribe, race or wealth.

"O Mankind! We have made you of a male and female ...." (Surah Hujurat)

3. Four Duties Of The State:

Dr. Hamidullah in his book, "Introduction to Islam" explains that Islamic state has four main roles;

i) Executive Duty

- Responsible for maintaining law & order
- Defend against external threat
- Governors, officers run cities & villages

"Each one of you is a shepherd & each one of you would be asked about his herd" (Sahih Bukhari)

Examples:

- Hazrat Umar (R.A) appointed governors for provinces but kept them strictly accountable.

ii) Legislative Duty

- Main source of law is Quran & Sunnah, if silent new laws can be made through ijtihad (reasoning) & Ijma (consensus)

Examples:

Hazrat Umar (R.A) introduced welfare policies like stipends for poor families & organized police

iii) Judicial Duty

- It should be independent so justice is available to everyone
- Head of state can be taken to court if wrong

Example:
Hazrat Ali (R.A), the lion of Allah, lost case against Jewish man because he lacked witness.

"When you judge, judge with justice (Surah Nisa)

iv) Cultural Duty

- State should promote Islamic education, values & ethics
- Encourage science, knowledge & culture as long as they don't go against Islamic principles.

Example:
The Prophet (S.A.W.W) established first school in Medina where Muslims & non-Muslims learned together. Later Caliphs established libraries, schools & translation centers.

"Read in the name of your lord" (Surah Alaq)
first Revealed Surah

4. Elections Not Hereditary Rule

- The system of Caliphate was elective not based on family inheritance. The leader was chosen through consultation (Shura) & acceptance of community.
- Once chosen served for life but only if fulfills duty properly.

5. Shura (Consultation)

"... and whose affairs are decided by consultation among themselves"
(Sura Shura)

6. Flexibility In Governments

- Islam doesn't say that only one fixed system (like monarchy or democracy) must be followed
Any system is acceptable if;

- Follows Quran & Sunnah
- Protects HR
- Ensure justice & welfare

7. Justice For All (Muslims & Non-Muslims)

- Non-Muslims had right to use their own laws in family or religious matter
- Disputes of Muslims & Non-Muslims → Islamic law would be applied.

"Whoever kills Non-Muslim, shall be deprived of fragrance of parddise" (Sahih Bukhari)

Example: Misaq-e-Madina

8. War Ethics

- Only for defense or protecting opperessed
- Rules → Don't kill children, old people, women...
- Spoils of war → 4/5 to soldiers, 1/5 to state

9. International Relations

Surah Anfal: "If they incline towards peace then incline towards it also"

Surah Nahl explains → Honestly follows terms & agreements

Comparison of Islamic Political System with Moder Systems

IPS	Modern System
Rules Against Religion	
X	✓
Unjust Leader Rule	
X	✓
	Eg North Korea (Dictatorship)
Both acceptable Monarchy / Republic system put provide justice	Injustice is found
Changes in Human Rights	
X	✓
~~Remo~~ Independent Judiciary	
✓	X
War Ethics	
✓	X (power & revenge)
Minority Protection	
✓	Black lives matter Muslims attacked in US
Social Justice & Equality	
✓	X Nepotism, Favouritism
	Eg Zain Murder case 2015 son of politician was saved

11. Suggestions to Reform Pakistani Politics

Issues → Corruption, Frequent changes in Gov, weak Accountability, lack of true consultation, neglect of edu & morality, injustice & inequality. etc.

Solutions

① Ensure True Accountability (Auditing)
② Strengthen Shura (honesty & Capability not family dynasties)
③ Law Making with Quran & Sunnah (Active Review System)
④ Protect Judiciary ([redacted] live courts, change judges everytime, Online ruling etc)
⑤ Ende...