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Muslim and Gallant Nation, Peace Be Upon You!

The Rights and Justice Party (RJP), began its political activities in 1390 (2011), in accordance with the Constitution and law of political parties, as an inclusive political party, committed to democracy, equality and balance economic and social development in the country. For Afghans with a craving for the welfare of the nation and country and hopeful for the realization of democracy under the guidance of holy Islam, creation of the party was considered a historic and amenable novelty. Staff and activists of the party proved their commitment and loyalty to the values in practice; to the extent that the UN Security Council, in one of its sessions, acknowledged the RJP for its commitment to democratic values, as one of the significant achievements of the people of Afghanistan.

The recent reprehensible eventualities, looming over the politics, economy and culture in the country, prompted the people of Afghanistan, including socio-political institutions, to thoroughly assess the surrounding circumstances and fulfill their responsibilities within their means. In this regard, the RJP is, once again, sharing its political and patriotic stand with the nation:

The last presidential election was one of the consequential political events that coincided with the critical stage of RJP's early development. In view of the principles inscribed in its charter, the Rights and Justice Party selected to be a founding party in forming the "Change and Progression" team in the last presidential election. RJP played an essential role in bringing to power Mohammad Ashraf Ghani - a role that included all stages from his initial running through solidifying the team and facilitating a success campaign.

Due to the poor management of the country's election apparatus as well as preference of individual and group interests over national interests, instead of emerging from a peaceful transfer of power to the winning candidate in the second round, the country spiraled into turmoil. Although the creation of the Government of National Unity may have prevented a catastrophe from happening, the way it was installed eroded the trust of the people regarding the value of their vote.

A government, whose creation and structure is incompatible with the constitution of the country, is de facto powerless to disentangle the problems and difficulties this oppressed nation faces. Hence, despite the labor of the leadership of the government of national unity, the ability to address and eradicate national afflictions such as corruption, nepotism, impunity of those preying on public assets is minimal compared to initial expectations by the populace.

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Almost three years of the five-year term of the government have elapsed, yet the country's election system still remains vulnerable to political vagaries. A significant tool for ensuring transparency in election is issuance of electronic national identification card. The delay in issuing electronic national ID cards by itself is a questionable issue, which once again, creates a situation whereby lack of proper identification can impact the destiny of the peoples' ability to vote in national elections. This failure will pave the way for a situation where seats in the parliament, district councils and even the next presidential power will be brokered between bullies and those with stolen wealth.

In view of the aforementioned, the Rights and Justice Party promulgates reinitiating its activities anew in the midst of the prevailing circumstances in the country. We will work along with and in close cooperation with likeminded patriots and stakeholders, whether in or outside of government service, and will focus our proactive, targeted efforts toward the following salient issues:

1. The constitution of the country is the sole guarantor of national unity and realization of democracy; the structure of government is specified in it. We believe in the timely amendment of the constitution and government structure to improve the efficiency and realization of democracy, in compliance with the constitution. However, until the current turmoil is restrained, maintaining the government structure as is will be imperative in order to avoid having the country spiral into further instability. Therefore, supporting the constitution and the government structure is one of party's principle working objectives at this juncture.
2. Transparent and free elections guarantee the success for institutionalization of the republic and democracy. The culture of accepting the majority rule, even with a small percentage, is the foundation for sustainability of the system and fundamentals of a functioning democracy. Culture of demands by losing candidates to impose for incorporation into the winning teams' administration will obliterate the system. We, in collaboration and cooperation with political parties, civil society and likeminded stakeholders will stand united against and resist obstacles that interfere with a legitimate, transparent election.
3. The last close to three year function of the national unity government proved that the government with its blend of cabinet members and other senior positions is unsuccessful. The leaders of the national unity government have not been successful in forging a united working team out of a split team. The split prevailed the extent that it extended to the lower levels of administration. Nurturing essential principles such as transparency in appointments, equal treatment of citizens before the law, and fulfilling the monumental tasks the country is in need of, cannot be achieved with a split administration. However, RJP remains committed to pursuing this goal during the remaining term of the national unity government. To this end, we encourage the leaders of this government to compromise in their positions based on the supreme interests of the country and overhaul the administration in accordance with best leadership and management practices in the modern world. In this regard, we appeal to all concerned to assert pressure on the leaders of the government to implement an action agenda to promote transparent, accountable governance to advance the country.
4. The nation is tired of the sluggishness in bringing to justice the looters of public assets, bribery sharks and other swaggers including those pilfering minerals and running narcotic businesses. In particular, some of these elements, taking advantage of being in the shadow of the split administration, manage to hold high-ranking positions in the government. In some cases through stolen wealth, they have been able to buy their status and impunity. This is the axis of ongoing corruption, including illicit drug trade and plundering national resources. Countering these reprehensible activities and situations are among the fundamental principles of the Charter of Rights and Justice Party.

With regards,
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