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"I think it is not only permissible but also obligatory for Muslims to support CAIR and CAIR-CAN, since they are clearly supporting the Muslim community. Supporting such institutions clearly supports the interests of the Muslim community, and is in accordance with the teachings of the jurists of Islam, both of the past and the present."

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# What Does Surah 9, Verse 60 Say?

## The Meaning of

## THE HOLY QUR'ÂN

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... CAIR holds itself out to the Muslim Community as a Jihadi organization and qualifies itself for Zakat on that basis alone!

## The Meaning of THE HOLY QUR'ÂN

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9: Al Tawbah

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Does CAIR qualify to receive Zakat?

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Islamic scholar Sheikh Ahmad Kutty a senior lecturer and Islamic scholar at the Islamic Institute of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, states:

**"I think it is not only permissible, rather it is also imperative that we do give our zakah to organizations like CAIR and CAIR-CAN, since they are fulfilling a most timely and essential service for the healthy survival of the community. Supporting such institutions clearly falls under the legitimate objectives of zakah as expounded by authentic scholars and jurists of Islam, both of the past and the present.**

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A principle of jurisprudence states: if a thing which has been considered as obligatory cannot be fulfilled without fulfilling another, then fulfilling the latter also becomes obligatory. Thus since protecting the rights of Muslims and empowering Muslims cannot be achieved without such institutions, it is imperative that Muslims support and maintain such institutions.

Muslims should have no hesitation in giving part of their Zakah to CAIR or CAIR-CAN, which is providing a most timely and essential service for the cause of Islam and Muslims. They both have a reputation for professionalism, efficiency, commitment, and integrity. These are the most valuable assets of any Islamic organization worth supporting.

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## o9.0 JIHAD

(O: *Jihad* means to war against non-Muslims, and is etymologically derived from the word *mujahada*, signifying warfare to establish the religion. And it is the lesser jihad.)

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## BOOK H ZAKAT

### h8.4 Zakat

zakat to the imam (A: i.e. the caliph (o25) or his representative), and this is superior unless the imam is unjust, in which case it is better to distribute it oneself.

أفضل إلا أن يكون جائراً (غير عادل) فتفرقه بنفسه أفضل.

### THE PRAYER OF THE RECIPIENT FOR THE ZAKAT GIVER

دعاء الأخذ للمعطي

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h8.4 وَيُذْذِبُ الْفَقِيرَ (الأخذ للزكاة) إن فرق المسالك والساعي (ح) إن

## THE EIGHT CATEGORIES OF RECIPIENTS

h8.7 It is obligatory to distribute one's zakat among eight categories of recipients (O: meaning that zakat goes to none besides them), one-eighth of the zakat to each category.

(n: In the Hanafi school, it is valid for the giver to distribute his zakat to all of the categories, some of them, or to confine himself to just one of them (*al-Lubab fi sharh al-Kitab* (y88), 1.155).)

## THE EIGHT CATEGORIES OF RECIPIENTS

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### THE INTENTION OF THE GIVER

h8.5 Making the intention of zakat is a necessary condition for the validity of giving it. The intention is made by the owner or the one authorized to distribute it, and one must intend to give it as the zakat of one's property. (O: It is recommended to make the intention before paying zakat.) When the owner has made this intention, it is not necessary that the agent distributing it make an intention before giving it (O: because the owner's intention is sufficient, whether the agent is an ordinary individual or is the ruler. It is recommended for the owner to authorize an agent to make the intention and distribute the zakat).

### نية الزكاة

h8.5 ومن شرط الإجراء النية. فيُشَوِي عند الدفع إلى الفقير أو إلى الوكيل أن هذه زكاة مالي (ويجوز تقديم النية على دفع المال) فإذا نوى المالك لم تجب نية الوكيل عند الدفع (للفقراء) اكفاء بنية المالك سواء كان الوكيل من أحد الناس أو كان هو السلطان وإن وكله بالنية ويدفعه جاز.

h8.6 It is recommended that the imam dispatch a zakat worker, (O: to make this easier for them. Such an agent must be an upright Muslim (def: o24.4) who knows the rulings of zakat, and who is

h8.6 وَيُذْذِبُ لِإِمَامٍ أَنْ يَتِمَّتْ عَمَلًا زكاةً (ويجوز أن يأخذها من أربابها أي من وجبت عليه تسهيلات عليهم، ولا بد أن يكون العامل) مسلماً (حراً) عدلاً فيها في الزكاة غير هاشمي ومطلي.

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### أصناف المستحقين للزكاة

h8.7 ويجب صرف الزكاة إلى ثمانية أصناف (والمراد أن الزكاة لا

## THOSE FIGHTING FOR ALLAH

h8.17 The seventh category is *those fighting for Allah*, meaning people engaged in Islamic military operations for whom no salary has been allotted in the army roster (O: but who are volunteers for jihad without remuneration). They are given enough to suffice them for the operation, even if affluent; of weapons, mounts, clothing, and expenses (O: for the duration of the journey, round trip, and the time they spend there, even if prolonged. Though nothing has been mentioned here of the expense involved in supporting such people's families during this period, it seems clear that they should also be given it).

## في سبيل الله

h8.17 السابع في سبيل الله. وهم الغزاة الذين لا حق لهم في الديوان ((أي في دفتر العسكر بل هم متطوعون بالجهاد بلا مقابلة شيء)) فيعطون مع الغنى ما يكفيهم لغزوهم من سلاح وفرس وكسوة ونفقة (مدة الذهاب والإياب ومدة الإقامة وإن طال، وسكنوا عن نفقة عياله والظاهر أنه يعطاهم).

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## h1.0 WHO MUST PAY ZAKAT

(Muhammad Shirbini Khatib:) Lexically,

الزكاة

**must be payed**

In Sacred Law it is

the name for a particular amount of property that  
**must be payed**

and because it purifies its giver of sin and extolls  
him by testifying to the genuineness of his faith

لأن المال ينمو ببركة إخراجها ودعاء  
الزكاة

to certain kinds of recipients under

the conditions mentioned below.

**Already Covered**

h1.1 Zakat is obligatory:

h1.1 تَجِبُ الزَّكَاةُ عَلَى كُلِّ حُرٍّ

h1.1 Zakat is obligatory:

(a) for every free Muslim (O: male, female,  
adult, or child);

**ALL (free) Muslims  
Must Pay the Zakat!**

“Alms” (or related term) not used in the Islamic legal definition

# This means that CAIR's Shari'a Compliant Zakat is based in the Jihad mission

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And Allah is full of knowledge  
And wisdom.

According to Islamic law, All Muslims must pay the Zakat  
And 1/8 of Zakat Must Go to Jihad