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## A Case Study the "Al-Haq Leman Sabag" (Right Is for Someone Which Surpasses) Provisions Scope in Jurisprudence

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**Abstract:** *This rule is based on the orders which have been mentioned in the custom, and jurists have quoted it in different ways. Although this rule has long been the subject of the Imamiyeh jurisprudence, it has been based on various principles of jurisprudence, such as possession of unclaimed things and mosque rulings and trade practices. Also, in the book of Revitalization and accessories, a sample of petrification is cited. The general provisions of the rule are that anyone has to prioritize the use of the main arguments with common places, such as roads, mosques, and endowments, as long as he has not abandoned or abandoned it for a long time, and that no one can disturb him. In addition, the legal provisions are the rules of viability and the restitution of property, and the provisions of the rule on imprisonment have the right to prioritize ownership, while the provisions of the reason rule are the priority for profit. Therefore, although the subject matter of the law is united with the subject matter of the viability rules, rehabilitation and diversion, if someone treats the financial or prospective material, if he has consistently pursued his interests, he has the right to make a profit in the sense of giving priority to him. In short, it is the source for the legal order to exploit the commons.*

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### INTRODUCTION

This rule has been introduced as one of the means to creating the priority right in the assignment of objects and public places and permissible in jurisprudence. The rule essence is that anyone who surpasses something from the original ones or the commons, so is rightful than others about this object and others are not allowed to disturb him during use. According to jurisprudential documents, the basic rule of the law and the traditions it is clear that the legal nature of the surpassing right is a one-way and legal action and based on the intention which means unilateral obligation. This means that the creation of a priority right is depended to exploitation intention and as long as the leading person doesn't intending to exploitation, the above right will not be realized. Therefore, if a person in the public market does not intend to acquire, he will not be entitled. In cases of conflict, as to the existence of a right to exploitation, the court will act in appearance which the appearance means evidence and judicial orders. For example, a person in public market while possessing property in his hands shows a purpose for exploitation intent to earn and sitting in the mosque, is the emergence of the exploiting intention for worship.

### **Conceptualization of the Axiom:**

Preemption literally means precedence and overtaking. In jurisprudential terms, it means justifying the enjoyment of a right via surpassing with no intention of ownership and/or excelling others in taking advantage of public utilities such as roads, mosques and public endowments in which case the precedent person is deemed more superior in exploiting the thing or place and the others are not allowed to make any interference in his using of the thing because the precedent individual's preemption causes the creation of a certain right to him or her and the others have no right to prevent him from taking advantage thereof. Of course, such an act of preemption should be with no ownership intention (Mohaqqeq Damad, 2006, 286, 1).

### **Documents and Proofs of the Axiom's Justification:**

Reference will be made to the Holy Quran, tradition and consensus and the intellectual ways of conduct for proving the axiom.

- **Holy Quran:**

As it is ordered in the Holy Quran addressing His Highness Ebrahim (PBUH): meaning that "shout out amongst the people for the fulfilment of Haj so that the pilgrims come to you from any distant places on foot or riding on the back of any thin camel". The term in the AYA means any weak and thin animal that can be ridden. Therefore, the expression should be interpreted as meaning that the limited days of life are rehearsal and training days for the otherworld's match and pioneering in reaching the ranks of divine mercy (dictionary of holy Quran, 2004, 223, 3, 220).

"Al-Sabaq"

"wa Qadan Al-Sabaq"

The first possible interpretation that is more robust is that:

Morphological structure: singular and male, infinitive and concrete, infinitive in standard form of "Mofa'eleh" and rhyming with "Fa'aal" (Sabaqa, Yosabaqa, Mosabeqa/Sabaq) meaning racing, overtaking and preemption

- **Tradition**

- **Narration of Talhat Ibn Zaid:**

Muhammad Ibn Yahya quotes Ahmad Ibn Muhammad Ibn Isa narrating Muhammad Ibn Yahya quoting Yahya and Talhat Ibn Zaid who has heard Abi Abdullah that Amir Al-Mo'menin has ordered that "Muslims' bazar is like their mosque and he who preempts others in a place of the bazar is envisioned more superior than the others to that place and that nobody can occupy the houses in bazar with renting intention.

The narrative's implication in the justification of the right of a precedent individual is well-clear. Firstly, we deal with documentary discussion. Some individuals have doubted the authenticity of Talhat Ibn Zaid because he was an uneducated person and an explicit authentication of him does not exist but there are ways mentioned for his authentication:

- A. Mohaqqeq Khou'ei orders that Talheh's name has been mentioned in substantiated Kamel Al-Ziarat so he is to be considered as generally authenticated. Criticism: Mohaqqeq Kho'ei, as known to everyone, withdrew from the general solution of Kamel Al-Ziarat during the ending years of his life.
- B. Mohaqqeq Khou'ei has ordered that it is stated in Rijal books and the issue has also been customarily confirmed; however, the author of the book is reliable and a book can be trusted by the reliability of the author or in other ways which are not so much common such as when a book is presented to an Imam (PBUH) or his assistants and they have confirmed it. So, the customary appearance of the expression lies in the idea that the owner of the book is reliable.
- C. However, he is quoted in the following words: Safvan, Othman Ibn Isa and Abdullah Ibn Moqaireh are all fellows of consensus and the first is also a reliable sheikh.
- D. It can be stated that it is the narration is highly likely to be the same narrative mentioned in the book and trusted by the assistants. Of course, it has to be considered as a supportive not substantiating narration because Talheh might have had another book.

**E.** Mr. Sobhani has also ordered that Talhat Ibn Zaid has also been mentioned in the book “interpretation scholars” by Ali Ibn Ebrahim (Kolaini, 1986, 662, 8).

➤ **Narration by Asmar Ibn Mozres:**

The general issues have been narrated in Baihaghi’s traditions as follows: Asmar Ibn Mozres said that he has referred to the great apostle and expressed allegiance to him and his highness said that should anyone reach something that has not been reached before that by any Muslim s/he can possess that thing.

Document Investigation:

Although the narrative has been mentioned by general ways, it has been exercised by the assistors hence the document weakness is compensated.

Examining the Narrative’s Implication:

In terms of generality, the narrative is well-inclusive and it incorporates both spatial and other things but someone may say that the narrative bears possessory enjoyment of a thing and it does not prove the right to temporarily enjoy a thing but the fellows of decree have not given the possessory pronoun “Lah” a specific apparent meaning thus the narrative cannot be specific to the assistors unless it is said that preemption in possessing a thing is intended in which case acquisition of something is discerned from the narrative and this is not anymore specific to the assistors (Kolaini, 1986, 155, 8).

➤ **Narration by Ibn Abi Jomhour:**

“Should anyone get to something that has not been reached before that by any Muslim, s/he is more deserving thereof”. Ibn Abi Jomhour directly quotes the prophet that: “the prophet ordered that some have said that a great many of our jurisprudents like Sheikh, in Mabsout, and Ibn Borraj, in Mohzab, and Allameh, in Montaha and Tazkarah, and Fakhr Al-Mohaqqeqin, in Izah, have based their reasoning on this narrative thus a narrative’s being well-known makes up for its inherent weakness. But, the fame cannot be concluded solely for the narrative’s being used by four of the scholars. In terms of its implication, the narration is total (Sabzevari, 2015, 208, 6).

➤ **Narration by Ibn Abi ‘Amir:**

Ali Ibn Ebrahim quotes his father who has heard Ibn Abi ‘Amir narrating some of our assistors quoting Abi Abdullah (PBUH) that “Muslims’ bazar is like their mosque”. It means that should anyone preempt others in taking a position therein, that place is like a mosque for him.

The narrative is also free of flaw in terms of document because the narrations mentioned by Ibn Abi ‘Amir are all considered as substantiated but if this Rijali axiom is to be rejected, the Rijali axioms proposed by reliable sheikhs and fellows of consensus can be used.

It is the word of the narrator quoting Imam (PBUH) ... “meaning” flaw: it is apparently not the expression and it causes the invalidation of its following expression “meaning that” it cannot be stated that the expression always holds true because Tarta might be the same narrator who directly quotes Imam (PBUH) or another person such as the author of Wasa’el. It means that he might have narrated the word. It can be stated that he has had certain evidence “meaning that” if he is a direct narrator he has had such a perception of the expression meaning that his conjecturing of the narrative is closer to what he has felt and this can be a proof for us. But, the problem is that we do not know if the expression is presented by a direct or indirect narrator (Baihaghi, 1998, 151, 6).

➤ **Narration by Asbaq Ibn Nabateh:**

It has been generally narrated from Asbaq Ibn Nabateh that “his highness Ali (PBUH) went to the bazar one day and saw that they have built stores in there. His highness ordered to destroy and level them to the ground and said this is Muslims’ bazar so his highness ordered to destroy the stores. Then, his highness ordered that should anyone preempt overtake others in using a place, it belongs to him or her and said that this was the way we did business. A person would transact one day here and another day there”.

It is clear that the narration is flawed in terms of document and it is also specific in terms of the claim’s implication because it is only pertinent to bazar (Makarem Shirazi, 1990, 141, 2).

- **Consensus:**

Some contemporary scholars have stated that we do not have a jurisprudent who has reached a consensus over “the entire thing one has preempted others in using them” rather reaching a consensus has been claimed over the idea that “should anyone preempt others in using a place in a mosque, s/he is more deserving thereof” and “there is no fault in preempting others in using a place”. Saheb Jawaher has ordered that “the person sitting in the mosque is more deserving thereof. So, there is a possibility of consensus actualization and discussing the necessity of it”.

Of course, the jurisprudents’ consensus does not provide for a specific aspect of the issue meaning that one cannot say that reaching a consensus indicates a special aspect of the issue that has been clear to the precedents and has not been conveyed to us. The consensus or the narrations are substantiated based on the customs or the intellectuals’ ways of conduct.

Note: some say that in case there is a weak proof for proving a problem and there is reached a consensus along with it, the consensus is flawed because it is either perceived or thought to be perceived. So, consensus does not work in such cases. But, no jurisprudent disagrees to consensus over such cases and if a jurisprudent is found disagreeing with a compendium of a sort, he has either envisioned it as a minor premise or totally annulled by ordering that consensus cannot be objectified in that case and not that there is a possibility of summarization and we decree against it rather major premise and/or consensus are criticized in the science of principles and nobody dares to disagree with them in practice.

The other witness to the idea is that Sheikh Ansari accepts consensus as a component of the cause. He states that if there are two weak narrations along with consensus, they can be fruitfully summed up though each of them alone does not fit the canonical verdict and there is still the likelihood of a consensus being reached based on those two weak proofs (Sabzevari, 2015, 212, 6).

Thus, if there are two weak narrations along with consensus, they all grant reliability to a canonical verdict and this is the very probability account posited by Shahid Sadr (may Allah sanctify the honorable soil of his tomb).

- **Intellectuals’ Ways of Conduct:**

There is no doubt that the intellectuals hold that should anyone preempt others in using a primarily or commonly permitted thing, s/he is more deserving thereof and, of course, if s/he does not intend owning the thing rather s/he has to only intend making use of it such as taking advantage of mosque and deserts and waterless and waste deserts and mountains and waters and caravansaries and this way of conduct has also been taken for granted by the canonical ruler and it has not been refuted (Baihaghi, 1998, 150, 6).

The point worthy of being noted here is that is this conduct intellectual or canonical? Someone might say what difference does it make? It can be answered by saying that the intellectuals’ way of conduct needs endorsement but the canonical conducts need not to be approved.

Question: we know that there is an intellectual way of conduct, now, is it possible to have a canonical way of conduct by what they have canonized? It is quite possible that the intellectuals have founded something that is also founded by the canonical rulers by what they have canonized in such a way that they perform it as a religious teaching not as a customary thing. So, the mere intellectuals’ accompaniment of the canonical rulers does not lead to the statement that the canonical way of conduct is the very intellectuals’ way of conduct by what they have canonized.

Another noteworthy point is that even if it is the intellectuals’ way of conduct, it is to be enumerated amongst the decisive conducts. It can be stated in explanation that each conduct is composed of two predicates: firstly, the foundation has existed at the time of the canonical ruler and, secondly, it has not been rejected by the canonical ruler. Now, the second predicate is sometimes decisive and it can be sometimes relied. If the conduct is frequently applied and it has not been rejected in any single case, it has to be considered definite. Mohaqeq Khou’ei interprets it as “Low Kan Laban” but if the conduct is found not so much widely practiced, there would come about an intellectual confidence on its unlikelihood of its rejection and not that it is to be

definitely not rejected and such an intellectual confidence is envisioned as a proof. Now, one can say that the conduct is surely useful in the preemptive right thus such a right should not be seen as forged but as a decisive axiom (Najafi, 1983, 88, 38).

the other one is not aware thereof (Sabzevari, 2015, 6: 226).

- **Public Properties and Public Utilities: Tributes**

The collective properties of a nation are of two types: some are the properties that are directly and immediately devoted to the use by the general public such as the connective roads, parks and green spaces that are called public utilities. There are some other properties that are more of a private nature and similar to the properties of private individuals. The distinction between these two sets of properties dates back to the Roman laws. In this legal system, the second set of the properties belonged to the emperor (Ja'afari Langaroudi, 2009, 3: 57). In old French laws, as well, there was a group of properties that belonged under the same title to the royal position. The most important of these properties were jungles and rangelands that were transferred after the Great Revolution by the law enacted in 1790 to the general public and they became the properties commonly shared by the entire people. However, the blending of the public utilities and public properties in Iran's civil law has caused the offering of certain scales and criteria for distinguishing these groups of properties: one of these criteria is that whether they can be possessed privately or not.

Nowadays, it can be stated considering the popularization of the country's legal personality that the public properties incorporate the set the belonging of which to the nongovernmental legal persons (government here means country) is not verified and these properties are generally used as described in the following words: the country members assign the government, as the executive representative of the country, to the administration and exploitation of them so that the money earned from these properties can be summed up as a general budget to be used for public services. Secondly, the law texts know these properties belonging to the country's legal personality (Emami, 1997, 1: 132).

With the expansion of the state's governance and the legalization of all the social life areas, ownership as the legal origin of a proprietor's rights and duties indicating the fulfilment and veneration by the others should be documented and laid on a legal foundation. Additionally, based on general expediencies and interests as the sources of the enactment of a great many of the regulations, the legislator can cancel and render ineffective the ownership of individuals over the properties based on some lately approved rules.

Therefore, the general ownership of the country over the forests and pastures (national lands) is both intellectually and legally sourced and it can be stated that one case that has been explicitly stipulated in the laws pertains to these same jungles and rangelands (Emami, 1997, 1: 135).

Article 1 of the law on nationalization of the jungles, passed in 01/27/1962 is well-expressive in this regard: "since the date this enactment has been made, the sub- and superstructure of all the jungles and rangelands and natural parks and country's forest lands are to be considered as public properties and belonging to the government albeit occupied and before this date by some individuals who might even have acquired ownership deed for them. In the article, the term government necessarily points to the country and the government, meaning the executive branch, cannot be only intended. In more illustrative terms, government is the very legal manifestation of the country (Ansari, 1995, 1: 166).

**Various Regulations Regarding Tributes and Public Utilities:**

The executive regulations stipulated after the revolution in enforcing the act 45 of the constitution regarding the national lands are:

- 1) The law on transferring and reclamation of lands in the Islamic Republic of Iran's system, passed in 1980, by Revolution Council; in paragraph A of article 1 thereof, pastures have been mentioned amongst the intended lands.
- 2) The aforesaid law's procedure deals with the definition of the natural resources and prescribes the transferring of pastures in certain cases as ruled in articles 31 and 32.

- 3) The reference law on the identification of wastelands passed in 1986 by the Islamic Consultative Assembly.
- 4) The law on the determination of the status of disputed lands as introduced in the subject of article 56 of the law on protection and exploitation of the jungles and pastures, passed in 09/29/1988 by the Islamic Consultative Assembly.
- 5) The law on appending two notes to article 32 regarding the procedures of a reformatory bill on the law of transferring and reclamation of lands in Islamic Republic of Iran, passed in 11/11/1989.
- 6) The law on separation of the responsibilities of agriculture and agricultural jihad ministries passed on 12/09/1990 by Islamic Consultative Assembly. Based thereon, the entire affairs pertaining to reclamation, expansion and exploitation of natural resources (jungles, pastures, fisheries and watershed management) are assigned to agricultural jihad. This way, the organization of country's jungles and pastures is isolated from ministry of agriculture and joined the agricultural jihad ministry.
- 7) The law on the formation of a national committee for the mitigation of the effects of natural disasters passed in 1991. This single article emphasizes on the role of agricultural jihad in reclamation of rangelands for fighting the drought. The responsibility of the ancillary committee of rangeland reclamation has also been assigned to this ministry in the specified procedures.
- 8) The law on the preservation and support of the natural resources and forest reservoirs passed in 10/12/1992 by the Islamic Consultative assembly. Article 2 of the law has replaced article 56 of the law on protection and exploitation of the jungles and pastures in regard of the position and formalities of national resources identification.
- 9) The law on the interpretation of the classification and separation of the duties of the agriculture and agricultural jihad ministries passed in 09/11/1993.
- 10) The amendment of the article 34 of the law on protection and exploitation enacted in 1994 by the national exigency council that has predicted and prescribed the final transferring of the national lands under certain conditions.

### **Fencing with Stone in Civil Law:**

There is no definition offered for fencing with stone in Iran's civil law. It is stipulated in article 142 of civil law that: reclamation begins with fencing with stone, digging wells and so on but these actions do not provide for ownership rather the person doing the fencing of the land is to be given a priority in reclamation. Article 160 of the civil law states that: should anyone dig an aqueduct or a well in his own land or in permitted lands with the intention of taking possession and reaches water extraction stage or find a spring of water, s/he can own the land; in case of the permitted lands, the person's fencing of the land gives him or her priority over the others as long as s/he has not found any water. Some interpreters of the civil law infer the following from the aforementioned articles: the civil law intends that an action should have been done in fencing with stone that is commonly done for commencing land reclamation such as laying foundation of a building or excavating the land for planting trees (Moqniyeh, 2016, 1: 166).

- **The Position of Enjoyment in Iran's Jurisprudence and Law:**

The enjoyment right has been defined in article 40 of civil law as follows: it is the right by way of which an individual can take advantage of a definite land that belongs to another person or has no specific owner. Thus, as opined by some, the enjoyment right is an objective right and its subject is a definite material object, including movable or immovable. The subject of enjoyment is also a property belonging to another person or no one (Safa'ei, 2007, 240).

"The enjoyment right is a branch and rank of ownership that is transferred to an individual by a contract. In some jurists' ideas, there are two owners of right in regard of the property subject of enjoyment:

- A. The beneficiary to whom the right to use and enjoy the definite property has been transferred.

- B. The landlord who owns a land and transfers a large share of his rights to a beneficiary through a contract. The enjoyment right is an objective right and its subject should be something of a material type (Katouziyan, 2005, 208).

According to the definition that is given in article 40 for enjoyment right, it was made clear that the enjoyment right, meanwhile being considered a rank of ownership in respect to the possessor of the right, is limited in proprietary occupation of a certain property in regard of the landlord of a definite property for which an enjoyment right has been specified. The subject of enjoyment right is the property the use of which does not cause the immediate depreciation or destruction of a definite property and the later enjoyment of the property or its persistence are possible.

The definition given in article 40 of civil law for enjoyment right cannot distinguish the contract that causes enjoyment right from the contract of rents because the tenant right can also be included by this definition and it is well clear that the tenant right is not at all equal to the enjoyment right. The tenant possesses the benefits of a property and s/he cannot be given the enjoyment right (Esfahani, 2009, 53).

- **Seas, Lakes and Large Rivers:**

Seas, lakes and large rivers like Tigris and Euphrates and Oxus are enumerated amongst the public properties and nobody has the right to claim ownership over them. All of the individuals have been allowed to exploit them and no one can prevent them from doing so. Sheikh Tusi has accepted absence of opposing claim in this regard.

Ibn Abbas quotes the great apostle (may Allah bestow him and his sacred progeny the best of His regards) ordering that “people share three things: fire (burnable materials), water and pastures” (Bojnourdi, 1998, 1: 189).

If the water floods and pours in a person’s land, s/he cannot own the land. The jurists have decreed that if rain and snow fall into one’s land and water piles up therein, or a bird or a deer enters a person’s land or a fish jumps into a ship, the owner cannot take possession of them rather anyone intending acquisition and occupying the water or the prey becomes the owner thereof. Sheikh Tusi and Saheb Jawaher have accepted the absence of opposing claim in these regards (Mohaqqeq Damad, 2006, 1: 303).

Since these waters are pervasive and satisfy the needs of the needful individuals in various uses, nobody is superior to the other in taking advantage of them. These waters are not possessed by anyone and everyone is equally authorized to use them.

The majority of the jurists have explicitly stated that water is to be enumerated amongst the public and permitted properties. This is very much similar to the expression cited from the Sheikh in Mabsout. Many jurists have remarked this idea but some of them know water as a type of tribute hence in possession of Imam.

- **Springs and Ditches:**

The ditches or springs the streams of which naturally flow with no acquisition like the sea and river water are amongst the public and permitted properties. The difference between them and the large rivers is clear. These waters cannot usually satisfy the needs of all the individuals. Therefore, saying that anyone can make use of them as needed would result in problem in practice (Hamiyyati Waqef, 2004, 1:102).

Article 155 of civil law states that: everyone has the right to irrigate lands using the permitted ditches or take tributary branches of them for land or mill as well as for other needs. The foresaid article targets the permitted ditches that are mostly utilized for agricultural irrigation while everyone can take advantage of the entire permitted waters, sea or rainfall or spring. The water can be permissibly exploited as long as it is in the river or sea and it is owned after it is poured into a ditch or pond or a container belonging to a certain person. This is why article 149 of the civil law states that: should anyone with the intention of acquiring permitted waters construct a ditch or conduit, s/he can own the permitted water entering the aforesaid ditch or the conduit and the water cannot be exploited by digging a separate ditch or used for irrigation of a land without the permission of the owner thereof (Musavi Khou’ei, 1997, 2: 150).

As it was mentioned, everybody has been permitted in the civil law to make a separate ditch of a permitted stream of water and irrigate his or her land. In case that some individuals have previously taken tributary streams from a river to irrigate their lands and another person wants to reclaim another land in the vicinity of the foresaid river, based on article 159 of the civil law, s/he can only do this if the river contains a large volume of water and it does not cause meagerness to the precedent owners of the lands otherwise the person is not authorized to make another tributary branch of the river. That is because the preceding owners of lands have preemptive rights for their earlier making of tributary streams and withdrawal of water from the river and this late-coming person cannot interfere with their use of their rights and the land's being positioned in the upstream side of the river or its being closer to the river does not provide him or her with a superior right. In case that the water of the river increases in certain occasions of the year such as in spring or fall in such a manner that there is left an amount unused and wasted after the irrigation of the precedent lands, the other individuals can make separate tributary streams and take advantage of the wasted water in redundancy occasions and these latter individuals are granted a superiority right over the use of the wasted water and no other person can interfere with their use of the wasted water. This is why a person is granted a privacy right in case of digging wells or aqueducts in wastelands and permitted lands and finds water because, after withdrawing the groundwater, the person gains himself a superiority right over the water no other person can cause deficiency of the water in well or aqueduct by digging new wells or aqueducts and this has been safeguarded based on the law on privacy preservation, articles 136 and 139 (Emami, 1997, 1: 218).

- **Regulations Pertinent to Water Ownership:**

The regulations so far enacted on the water ownership are:

The civil law: articles 27, 29, 96, 100, 134, 147, 148, 149, 150 and 594 passed in 05/18/1928 along with their amendments and attachments; the law on aqueducts: articles 3 and 4 passed in 09/09/1930

The law on completion of aqueduct regulations: a single article passed in 09/13/1934

The law on authorization of establishing an irrigation foundation, passed in 05/29/1953

The law on the amendment of establishing a foundation for country's irrigation and related affairs, passed in 08/11/1955

The law on establishment of water and electricity ministry, paragraph C, article 1, passed in 03/26/1963

The law on preservation and protection of the country's groundwater resources, passed in 06/01/1966

The law on water and its nationalization method, passed in 07/27/1968

Islamic Republic of Iran's Constitution, passed in 12/11/1969

The law on fair distribution of water, passed in 03/16/1962

The other part of the imperative regulations pertain to the ownership of water resources and they are enacted by the legal authorities of the board of ministers or based on delegation of authority to the government in enacting executive rules to take effect in discussions on water resources ownership. The general policy of these procedures, enactments or the circulars issued by the cabinet substantially follows the imperative rules of the enforcement time and there are not many regulations the procedures of which are enacted beyond the rules inserted in the general body of the law.

- 1) The procedures of the landed property registration, passed in 1938
- 2) The procedures of water and electricity organization, Khouzestan Division, 06/11/1960
- 3) The procedures of discovery and exploitation of country's mineral waters passed in 01/16/1967
- 4) The executive procedures of water and its nationalization method, passed in 1969 and their amendments in 1970 and 1974
- 5) The procedures of delimitation of the basin and limit of rivers, ditches, channels and irrigation and drainage networks, passed in 05/08/1973
- 6) The executive procedures of fair water distribution law passed in 1984, 1986, 1990 and 1993
- 7) The procedures of demarcation of the basin and limit of the rivers, ditches, water channels and bogs and natural lakes passed in 07/12/1991

- 8) The procedures of the limits of the water reservoirs and installations and public channels of water direction for irrigation and drainage systems, passed in 07/24/1992
- 9) The procedures of the note to article 34 of the fair water distribution law passed in 03/15/1993

- **Mine:**

As for the mines and their inclusion by the tribute law, there is a discrepancy between the jurists. There are three opinions in this regard. The majority of the jurists decree the permissibility of the mines and their lack of being included by the laws on tribute. Of course, some of the individuals expressing the aforesaid notion believe in the inclusion of the mines situated in the unpossessed lands by the tribute law. Some other jurists know mines as tributes in absolute terms and consider all the apparent and internal mines as tributes and properties of Imam. The third idea makes a distinction between the apparent and internal mines. The individuals expressing this latter opinion state that apparent mines are amongst the permitted properties and belong to the general public and the internal mines can be possessed via reclamation and authorization (Kan'ani, 2009, 1: 94).

In some jurists' mind, mines, the government can make laws for the fair distribution of wealth regarding the excavation and exploitation of mines, whether being belonging to Imam or the general public. That is because, assuming their being belonging to Imam, the Islamic government is the deputy of Imam according to the constitution. In case of their being belonging to the general public, the government, representing the people, has the right to make rules for the best way of administrating the affairs related to the mines because the intellectuals' confirmation of the issue is per se regarded as a source of canonization. According to intellectuals, people's free use of mines with no legal permit causes chaos and destruction of mines or possession of them by a few numbers of the people. Thus, the enacted rules imply the natural and preliminary right of the individuals in taking possession of the governments' mines meaning that the mine regulations do not contradict the jurisprudential rules and regulations on land reclamation rather, in cases that the individuals' possession is limited or prohibited, the relationship of this secondary verdicts with the preliminary verdicts becomes of the government and entry type and not of the nullifier and obsolete (Kan'ani, 2009, 1: 95).

According to civil law perspectives, if a mine is found in wasted and permitted lands, it is to be owned by a person who has first had his hands thereon and it is by this virtue that the mines can be considered as permitted lands in some of the cases. But, the enactment of the mine law has alternated the status and none of the mines are enumerated as permitted properties as ruled by the current laws.

Corresponding to the law passed in 28<sup>th</sup> of May, 1957, the mineral materials are divided into three sets:

The first set includes the minerals that are used in construction and related industries such as gypsum ore and limestone and marble and clay and sand and others of the like.

The second set incorporates the metal minerals like iron, copper and lead as well as solid fuels like coal; mineral water and edible salt and nitrates and phosphates, red soil and sulfur and refractory cotton and granite and others of the like; and, precious stones like diamond and emerald and sapphire and others of the like.

The third set encompasses all the petroleum materials, bitumen, natural gases and radioactive materials like radium, uranium and all of the other cases used for the creation of atomic force.

In compliance with the regulations of the same law, the mines containing the first set of materials belong to the owner of the land wherein they are found but their exploitation should take place by the permission of the general office of mines. The mines situated in the lands having no specific owner belong to the government. Discover and exploitation of the second set of mines is carried out either directly by the government or via licensing other individuals and institutions. The mines of the third set are also in possession of the

government and the land wherein a mine is found or the land that is required for the extraction of the ores is sold to the government (article 2 of the same law).

## Conclusion

1. In summarizing the discussion on preemptive right, it can be stated that it is drawn on the way of conduct practiced by intellectuals and fellows of tradition and it is, of course, endorsed by the canonical ruler and no contradictory proof has been offered, as well. Preemption axiom means that shall any Muslim overtake others in a using a thing of the primarily or commonly permitted properties, like mosque, roads and streets, s/he would be more deserving thereof. Of course, some narrations state that the preemption axiom only pertains to bazar and mosque. Based on the characteristics, the preemptive right can also be generalized to other public properties as ruled by the verdicts and the subject of the axiom and as determined in the mores.
2. The narrations that can be used regarding preemption axiom are typically weak. There are some narrations that have document problems and they are bound and limited and it is stated that “preemption right is to be used for bazar or mosque”. If preemption is to be generalized to other things, in terms of enjoyment and in regard of the multiplicity of the narrations based on Shiites’ way of conduct and customary ways of conduct, the common thing is preemption in using a public and common place albeit the commonality is envisioned total in respect to some properties and partial in respect to others. The vivid example of preemption takes place in mosque, bazar, street and caravansary.
3. As for the lands conquered by force that are considered as the properties of the Muslims and in regard of the wastelands and forests that are considered as tributes hence in possession of Imam Zaman (may Allah hasten his honorable reappearance) and according to the prophet who orders “should anyone reconstruct these lands with the permission of the landlord, s/he can own the land”, there is raised the question as to whether the verdicts pertinent to the common properties and utilities can be generalized to them or not? The answer is yes. Based on decisive ways of conduct practiced by Muslims, these lands are empty stretches of land and they can be entered and passed through. For instance, in tributes that belong to Imam Zaman, a person can occupy these lands even with no intention to reconstruct them. Thus, according to the axiom of distress and hardship, these empty lands, in case of being impermissible for occupation, should be joined to the public and common properties.
4. So, should any one acquire a thing of the permitted properties or reclaimed a wasteland, s/he can own it without him or her being required to express possession intention. Corresponding to the second approach, to wit the non-originality of the acquirer, partnership in acquisition is not a precondition therefore it is believed that the acquisition of the permitted properties is amongst the legal actions and, based on the general legal principles, the aforesaid actions can be done through a vice or deputy hence the acquisition of the permitted properties can be performed by an appointed deputy. Thus, the third hypothesis indicating that “according to the fact that acquisition is a voluntary (legal) action and a function of intention, it can be done through a vice” is resultantly confirmed. Thus, although the subject of preemption is sometimes unified with the subjects of acquisition, reclamation and fencing, such as when a person overtakes others in using a permitted property or a wasteland, the sole preemption does not suffice ownership and the acquisition or reclamation do not hold as long as the person has not intended ownership (in acquisition of permitted properties) or reclamation (in acquisition of wastelands). Also, it should not be envisaged as fencing with stone as long as stone walls are not laid with the intention of setting the ground for reclamation. According to the idea that

everyone has the right to take advantage of primary permitted things, a person is proved of his or her enjoyment right in case that s/he is found preempting others with only enjoyment intention.

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