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Political Principles

Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa [National Awakening Party]

1. The ideal of the proclamation of independence for Indonesia was the actualization of a nation that is independent, united, just, prosperous inwardly and outwardly, dignified and on equal standing with other nations in the world, and able to form a government of the Republic of Indonesia which protects the entire nation, achieves common welfare, the nation's intellectual life, social justice, ensures human rights, and participates in the establishment of the world order.
2. Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa aspires to form a nation whose people are guaranteed of their rights of humanity, embodying the values of honesty, truth, resolve and openness based on conscience (as-shidqu), trustworthiness, faithful and promising rightly with the ability to solve social problems faced in society (al-amanah wa al-wafa-u bi al-ahdli), just attitudes and actions in all circumstances (al-'adalah), helping others in policies (al-ta'awun), consistency in enforcing stipulations that have been agreed upon (al-istiqomah), deliberation in solving social problems (al-syuro), placing democracy as the main pillar and the equality of every citizen before the law (al-musawa) is a basic principle that should be upheld.
3. To achieve these aspirations, the main mission of the Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa is to form an ordered and civilized society with prosperity inwardly and outwardly, where every citizen is able to embody the values of humanity. This includes the maintenance of body and soul, the fulfillment of independence, the fulfillment of basic human rights such as food, clothing, and shelter, the right to livelihood/employment protection, the right to safety and freedom from persecution (hifdzu al-Nafs), the maintenance of religion and the prohibition of religious coercion (hifdzu al-din), the maintenance of reason and the guarantee of freedom of expression and thought (hifdzu al-Aql), the maintenance of descent guaranteeing the protection of future generations (hifdzu al-nasl), and the preservation of property (hifdzu al-mal). This mission will be pursued with the approach of amar ma'ruf nahi munkar [commanding good and forbidding evil], which is to use virtue to prevent any possibilities or realities of misguidance.

4. The realization of the envisioned society cannot, and must not, be achieved through involvement in public policy. Paths to power become important and are taken for the process of influencing public policy through the struggle to empower the weak, marginalized, and oppressed, give a sense of security, peace, and protection for the minority groups in society, and dismantle political, economic, legal and socio-cultural systems that shackle the sovereignty of the people. For Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa, attempts to articulate the political struggle in paths of power become necessary and justifiable.
5. Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa is aware and convinced that power truly belongs to God Almighty. Power found in humans is a deposit and a mandate of God entrusted to humans and can only be given by other parties who have the expertise and ability to carry and bear it. This requires the ability to apply honesty and fairness to strive for the principles mentioned.
6. With regards to life in society, the nation and the state, such power must be managed as well as possible in order to uphold religious values that can spread the grace, peace, and welfare of the universe. The manifestation of this power should be used as a struggle for empowering society, so that it can resolve issues with more benefits. Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa maintains that power is essentially a mandate that must be accounted for before God and must be controlled and managed by the people. Control of this power is only achievable when this power is not unlimited and concentrated in one hand, and located in mechanisms and systems that are institutionalized, not based on individualistic power, always open for competition, and balancing power as an area to hone ideas to improve the quality of the nation in a true sense. An understanding of this is not only applicable when looking at power in the order of the state, but is also reflected in the party's body.
7. Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa recognizes that as a pluralistic nation that comprises various cultures, religions and races, the order of the Indonesian nation's life must always be grounded in the values of God, a just and civilized humanity, the unity of Indonesia, democracy led by wisdom of deliberation/representation, and social justice for all Indonesian people. The implementation of these Pancasila values must be imbued with an attitude of developing kinship and relationships between fellow people bound by religious ties (ukhuwah diniyah), nationality (ukhuwah wathoniyah), and humanity (ukhuwah insaniyah), and always upholding the spirit of accommodation, cooperation, and integration, without dispute between one and the other.

8. Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa is characterized by religious humanism (insaniyah diniyah), and is concerned with human values that are religious, applying them within a national paradigm. Maintaining and preserving good traditions, and adopting new and useful practices, will be part of Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa's style of political struggle, pursued in a civilized manner with sacred morals. The party is a breeding ground to achieve the envisioned civilized society, and is also a means and vehicle for the leadership cadre of the nation. In this position, the party is willing to absorb, accommodate, formulate, deliver, and promote the aspirations of the people in order to enforce their rights and ensure the implementation of an honest, fair, and democratic constitution.
9. Partai Kebangkitan is a party open to understanding different religions, ethnicities, races, and factions, and these are manifest in the party's vision, mission, program for struggle, membership, and leadership. Partai Kebangkitan Bangsa is independent in rejecting all forms of power, of any party, which are contrary to the purposes of the party establishment.