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53. What is the difference between Khums/Zakat and the taxes paid to the government?

Taxes paid to the government are used for the services of the nation. Roads and highways are built, security is provided, medical services and hospitals are provided for members of the society, schools and universities are built for education. That money is spent for the provision of the required services and is similar to that spent on one's own self and family on food, clothing and shelter.

Therefore, taxes paid to the government is to secure services to the community and for the general benefit of the nation, while finances for khums and zakat for the disadvantaged and the removal of their problems.

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