Question 377) - What is the status of Zakah in Islaam?

A: It is a Fard amongst that which Allaah has made Fard. It is a Pillar of Islaam*. Most Fuqaha list Zakah before Fasting in following the sequence in the Quran and because it is the most virtuous act of worship after Salah. Allaah salah and give zakah." He who denies it being Fard is a Kafir and has left the pale of Islaam. Allaah has commanded it in His Book, "And establish Salah and give Zakah.? He who deneis it being Fard is a Kafir and has left the pale of Islaam.

*Most fuqaha list Zakah before Fasting in following the sequence in the Quran and because it is the most virtuous act of worship after Salah. Allah has linked Zakah with Salah 32 times in His Honourable Book. [Roddul Muhtar]

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