

## Headlines:

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## Details:

### **Russian Foreign Minister Attacks US and the West at UN but then calls for Cooperation**

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov strikingly attacked the West and the US at the UN General Assembly but simply followed this up with calls for cooperation, according to *CBS News*:

*"We observe the offensive of belligerent revisionism against the modern system of international law," he said. Lavrov cited the violations of the U.N. Middle East agreements, the Iran nuclear deal also known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the World Trade Organization (WTO) framework and the climate agreement.*

*Western nations, Lavrov said, are substituting a "rules based order" for the "supremacy of law," and he attacked the "parochial, self-serving ambitions of a small group of countries."*

*At the press conference with reporters, after his General Assembly address, Lavrov said that U.S.-Russian relations "are bad and probably at their all-time low."*

*On the Middle East peace process, he "warned against unilateral approaches and attempts to monopolize this settlement process."*

*To NATO and Eastern Europe, he delivered a warning: "We are concerned about the desire to open yet another line of confrontation in Europe - this time in the Balkans. The states of the region are being insistently drawn into NATO."*

*Lavrov went on to list what he characterized as misguided U.S. policy in Iran, Syria, and Venezuela. On Syria, he confirmed that Russia has begun to deliver the air-defense systems known as the advanced S-300.*

*He accused the U.S. of "political blackmail, economic pressure and brute force."*

*At times, though, the tone shifted.*

*Lavrov called for cooperation between the U.S. and Russia on cybersecurity and on negotiations in the Middle East, in Iran and for the end-game in Syria.*

*Richard V. Gowan, senior fellow at U.N. University, saw the Lavrov speech as two-pronged. "He is maintaining criticism of Trump but fishing for opportunities," Gowan said.*

*"Moscow realizes they have overreached in the last couple of years and they would like to strike a more cooperative tone," Gowan said, because they want the West involved in Syria's reconstruction and because they want sanctions against Russia lifted.*

America's opponents, such as Russia and China, are well aware of the nature of American hegemony as America exploits every issue in the world for its own benefit. But at the same time, Russia and China both seek cooperation with America as a means to securing their own national interests. The scholar and thinker Sheikh Taqiuddin an-Nabahani (rh) explained more than fifty years ago in his book *Political Concepts* that the only secure way for a country to protect its interests is to challenge the leading state, and not cooperate with it. This is because, although cooperation can sometimes work, any country seeking cooperation with a more powerful state is in effect making itself dependent on that state. On the other hand, by challenging the leading state one is able to maintain one's own independence while at the same time forcing the leading state to make concessions to deflect the challenge against it.

Lavrov's immediate concern is the Syrian war, in which Russia has become entrapped in pursuit of cooperation with the American plan to defeat the Syrian revolution. Russia lusted for some benefits in return but now that America thinks the revolution is at an end, it has little further need for the Russian presence.

With Allah's permission, the revolution in Syria is far from over, and the world will soon see the re-established Islamic Khilafah (Caliphate) State on the method of the Prophet (saw) led by capable, indigenous, ideological leadership fully cognisant of how to secure the interests of the Ummah without attempting futile cooperation with other world powers.

## China Reaffirms its anti-Muslim Stance over Rohingya issue

Not content with imprisoning a million Muslims in its Xinjiang province, China is seeking to suppress the catastrophe of Rohingya Muslims also. According to *Reuters*:

*The Rohingya issue should not be complicated, expanded or “internationalized”, China’s top diplomat said, as the United Nations prepares to set up a body to prepare evidence of human rights abuses in Myanmar.*

*The U.N. Human Rights Council voted on Thursday to establish the body, which will also look into possible genocide in Myanmar’s western state of Rakhine.*

*China, the Philippines and Burundi voted against the move, whose backers said it was supported by more than 100 countries.*

*Over the last year, more than 700,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled the Buddhist-majority country to neighboring Bangladesh following a military response to attacks on security posts by Rohingya insurgents.*

*The United Nations has called Myanmar’s actions “ethnic cleansing”, a charge Myanmar rejects, blaming Rohingya “terrorists” for most accounts of atrocities.*

*China has close relations with Myanmar, and backs what Myanmar officials call a legitimate counter-insurgency operation in Rakhine. Beijing has helped to block a resolution on the crisis at the U.N. Security Council.*

It has become common amongst some Muslims to view China as a benevolent alternative to American imperialism, just as a previous generation used to view the Soviet Union as an alternate. But Allah (swt) says about the disbelievers: ﴿وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ﴾ **“And those who disbelieved are allies of one another.”** [Al-Anfal: 73]

The Muslim Ummah will never escape the calamities facing it until Muslims depend on Allah (swt) alone, obey Him, and implement fully the Deen revealed by Him through our master Mohammad (saw). The Ummah lacks nothing of abilities, lands and resources; all that is needed is its unification, which can only be achieved on the basis of the Islamic creed, after rejecting the Western creeds, thoughts and systems that have kept us divided and still subject to Western domination even after the end of formal colonialism.

## Iran Makes Idle Threat against America

Iran continues to present itself as opposed to America even though it has been fully cooperating with American objectives throughout the region. According to *Reuters*:

*A senior Iranian cleric said on Friday that U.S. regional bases would not remain secure if Washington sought confrontation with Tehran.*

*“If America does anything wrong, their bases around Iran would not remain secure,” Tehran Friday prayer leader Ayatollah Mohammadali Movahedi Kermani was quoted as saying by Mizan news agency.*

*He did not elaborate, but Tehran has warned Washington in the past against any military confrontation.*

How does Iran threaten US bases now, fifteen years after America began its wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, which both lie on Iran’s borders? Furthermore, Iran has cooperated fully with American objectives for supporting the brutal Assad regime in crushing the Syrian revolution. Sincere Muslims can never accept to involve disbelievers in their struggles. Even Amir Mu’awiyah, who was in rebellion against the righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) of Imam Ali (r.a.) refused to take the help of the then world superpower:

*From Caesar of the Romans to Muawiyah:*

*“We know what occurred between you and Ali, and we see that you are more worthy of the Khilafah, so if you order me, I will send you an army that will bring you the head of Ali.”*

*From Muawiyah to Heraql:*

*“Two brothers dispute and what is it to you to enter between them? If you are not silent, I will send you an army that starts with you and ends with me, that will bring me your head so I can gift it to Ali.”*