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Details:

America Plans Peace in Aleppo to Support War Gains

As eastern Aleppo is suffering perhaps the worst bombardment in five years of war, America is already making plans for its closing stages.

According to an AP report, published in the *New York Times*, citing the UN special envoy for Syria on an upcoming meeting between America and Russia in Geneva on Saturday:

Staffan de Mistura said in an interview with The Associated Press on Friday that "the writing on the wall looks as if eastern Aleppo's battle is virtually over," and he hopes the meeting in Geneva will lead to an alternative to the bloodshed that would surely come with the last part of the battle for the city.

Clearly Obama is out of time, with his presidency ending in just over a month, and has authorised Russia to undertake inhumanely massive bombardment of eastern Aleppo in order to be assured of concluding this battle before he leaves office. However, at the same time, America is watching developments very closely and wants to intervene with so-called 'peace negotiations' at exactly the right time to achieve the result on the ground that it wishes.

According to a report in RT, citing US Secretary of State John Kerry:

When asked whether he is certain of an agreement being reached, Kerry said: "We have to wait for certain feedback and input, but we are working on something."

And later in the same report in RT:

"They have withdrawn their document and have a new one. Our initial impression is that this new document backtracks, and is an attempt to buy time for the militants, allow them to catch their breath and resupply," the Russian foreign minister said on Tuesday.

Even in Obama's last days in office, America is trying to micromanage the conflict from afar, sometimes allowing Russia to proceed and sometimes making it stop so that it can control exactly the result that it wishes.

It is this deep mistrust between the non-Muslim powers and manoeuvring against each other that will provide Muslims with the opportunity to gain success over them. All that is needed is that Muslims stand firm against the disbelievers and do not lose hope in the mercy of Allah (swt), the Lord of the worlds.

Carter Organising Anti-Russian Settlement in Eastern Syria

Meanwhile, US Defence Secretary Ashton Carter is in the Gulf working on an anti-Russian and anti-Iranian solution for eastern Syria. According to an AP report in the *New York Times*:

U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Saturday that as many as 200 more American troops are being sent to Syria to help Kurdish and Arab fighters capture the Islamic State group's key stronghold of Raqqa.

The extra troops will include special operations forces and are in addition to 300 U.S. troops already authorized for the effort to recruit, organize, train and advise local Syrian forces to combat IS.

Addressing a security conference in Bahrain, Carter said the extra troops will help the local forces in their anticipated push to retake Raqqa, the de facto capital of the extremist group's self-styled caliphate, and to deny sanctuary to IS after Raqqa is captured.

America is choosing different solutions for each region of Syria, just as it has developed different geographic solutions for Iraq. The Shia-supported Alawi will take one part of Syria, the Kurd another and the Sunni a third, in the same manner that Iraq has been divided between Shia, Kurd and Sunni.

Muslims must reject all attempts by the foreign disbelievers to divide us along sectarian or ethnic lines. The Muslim Ummah must stand as one and protect the non-Muslims who live amongst us as **Ahl-Dhimma** under our leadership, as was the case for more than a millennium of Islamic rule, thereby rejecting the imperialism of the foreign disbeliever.

But No Progress for America in Afghanistan

Although Ashton Carter also visited Afghanistan on Friday, one day before arriving in the Gulf, it is quite evident that America doesn't have any solution for the conflict there. As an AP report in the New York Times notes:

Afghanistan has fallen so far from Americans' consciousness that some may have forgotten it's called the forgotten war.

It also is America's longest war. Now in its 16th year and showing little sign of ending, it will soon be the responsibility of Donald Trump, two presidents removed from the October 2001 invasion.

During the presidential campaign, neither Trump nor Democrat Hillary Clinton offered new ideas for breaking the battlefield stalemate. They hardly mentioned the country, let alone a strategy.

And yet, the war President George W. Bush began as America's response to 9/11 grinds on as nearly 10,000 U.S. troops train and advise the Afghan army and police, hopeful that at some point the Afghans can stand on their own against the Taliban — or better, that peace talks will end the insurgency.

The same report recalls incoming US national security adviser Flynn writing in his book published this year:

"Let's face it: Right now we're losing, and I'm talking about a very big war, not just Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. We're in a world war against a messianic mass movement of evil people, most of them inspired by a totalitarian ideology: radical Islam."

America knows well that despite all its efforts to maintain its imperialistic hegemony over the Muslim Ummah, it is facing a losing war and will soon, inshaAllah, be ejected from our entire region with the return of the true and righteous Khilafah established on the method of the Prophet (saw).