

## A State for Islam

The gulf between the Muslims and the current rulers is evident, regarding the plight of oppressed Muslims. The Islamic Ummah is restless over the oppression of the Uighur, Rohingya, the people of Palestine and Kashmir by relentless aggressors. The Ummah identifies with the oppressed as Muslims, part of a single brotherhood. However, the current rulers do not consider the oppressed Muslims as their foremost concern. They view the oppressed as foreigners, outside of the borders of their respective nation states. Moreover, they will not compromise economic dealings with the aggressor nations.

So, the Arab states will maintain economic ties with India, despite its atrocities in Occupied Kashmir. The rulers of Pakistan are now treating the issue of Kashmir as if it were an internal issue of India, protesting on international forums for better treatment of their minorities, whilst surreptitiously dropping all mention of Kashmir being our jugular vein. The rulers of Pakistan maintain economic ties with China, going so far as feigning complete ignorance over the plight of the Uighurs. The rulers of Pakistan maintain commitments to Myanmar (Burma) over the JF-17 war plane, despite the suffering of the Rohingya Muslims.

The gulf is evident and growing as the Ummah grows in its love, appreciation and awareness of its great Deen and the legacy that it has lost since the destruction of the Khilafah in 1924. The Ummah is leaving the current rulers behind who are stuck in the nation state, divide and rule policy of the colonialists. Whilst the Ummah talks about unity of the Muslims and a single state, the rulers are stuck in discussions of co-operation between Muslim nation states, which have clearly failed the Muslims for approaching a century.

Only the restoration of a state that is consistent with our great Deen will remedy our situation and close the gap between the rulers and the ruled. The identity of the Muslims is established on the Islamic creed, not on their language, ethnicity or race. Being based on the creed of Muslims, the Khilafah is a state for all Muslims wherever they maybe. Thus, it is in the era of the Khilafah that Islam alone determined our interests and causes, so the cries of oppressed Muslims were responded to wherever they were. Muhammad bin Qasim came from Persia with an army to end the atrocities upon the Muslim of the Indian Subcontinent. And Salahudin, of Kurdish ethnicity, came from Egypt with an army to liberate Al-Aqsa in ash-Sham.

InshaaAllah once the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood returns, the yawning gulf between Muslims and those who rule them will be a sad fact of history.

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