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The Khilafah Appears on the Horizon

Throughout the Muslim World, the Ummah has rejected the Western secular ruling systems and demanding Islam. The Muslim World is restless as it awakens to its cause Islam and the peak of this renaissance is witnessed in Syria. Despite all manner of pressure upon the Muslims of Syria, including a siege to the point of starvation, bombings and target killings, there are no signs of abandoning the demand for the restoration of the Khilafah and abolition of secular democracy.

Clearly, the Western colonialist presence and influence in the Muslim World is in a fragile situation. And clearly that is alarming for the Western capitals. After all, secular democracy has always been the method by which Western laws and agendas in the Muslim World were implemented, for it firmly confines and restricts Islam's influence to the masjid and personal life. Secular democracy ensured that the dictates of the IMF and the World Bank laid waste to any hopes of a strong economy. Secular democracy reduced the Muslim armed forces' into a mercenary force for the US State Department and the select band of permanent members of the United Nations Security Council. Secular democracy turned the state security apparatus against its own people, suppressing their Islam using political witch-hunts, media gagging and judicial manipulation to secure the Western agenda. Were secular democracy to collapse in the Muslim World, so would Western hegemony there.

In a desperate situation, the West has resorted to desperate means to try and save secular democracy in the Muslim World. With its appeals to the Muslims of Syria clearly falling on deaf ears and the return of the Khilafah imminent at any time and any place in the Muslim World, America has hastily

abandoned any vestiges of unilateralism, with Obama declaring in his valedictory State of the Union Address his mobilizing "the world to work with us...that's why we built a global coalition." America can try and build whatever she likes, but the Muslims are clearly not going to participate in her plans. She can paint her plans with the colour of nationalism such as the National Action Plan being pursued by the Pakistani regime, or she can try to use the cover of Islam, such as the Saudi-led formation, but that will not make her agenda any more inviting for an Ummah that is more aware than ever before and is demanding Islam substantially, rather than merely cosmetically. That's why all that Washington has really succeeded in doing by mobilizing its always willing agents within the Muslim World for the building of its latest folly, is to increase her own and her agents alienation from the Muslim masses. Which, of course, makes the Western influence even more fragile than it is, because these agents are the only guarantors of Western influence left in the Muslim World.

As for the Ummah and the restoration of the Khilafah, there really is no other option. Yes, her enemies have increased their pace and ferocity as the Khilafah appears on the horizon. However, the West has no new grand plan to stop its return. Moreover, Western plans are only expediting the return of Islam because its agents in the Muslim World are more exposed than ever. It is upon the Muslims to surge forward over the little distance that is left and reclaim what has been lost for too long, the Khilafah on the Method of the Prophethood. A Khilafah which will release Islam from the prison of secular democracy, allowing it to manage all of the Muslim affairs and lead the Ummah back to her rightful position as the global leadership for humankind.

Tafseer Al-Baqarah: 130-134

Sheikh Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah:

﴿وَمَنْ يَرْغَبْ عَنْ مِلَّةِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِلَّا مِنْ سَفِهَةِ نَفْسِهِ وَلَقَدْ اصْطَفَيْنَاهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَإِنَّهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ لَمِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ﴾ (130) إِذْ قَالَ لَهُ رَبُّهُ أَسْلِمْ قَالَ أَسْلَمْتُ لِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ (131) وَوَصَّى بِهَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ بَنِيهِ وَيَعْقُوبُ يَا بَنِيَّ إِنَّ اللَّهَ اصْطَفَى لَكُمُ الدِّينَ فَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ (132) أَمْ كُنتُمْ شُهَدَاءَ إِذْ حَضَرَ يَعْقُوبَ الْمَوْتُ إِذْ قَالَ لِبَنِيهِ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ بَعْدِي قَالُوا نَعْبُدُ إِلَهَكَ وَإِلَهَ آبَائِكَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ إِلَهًُا وَاحِدًا وَنَحْنُ لَهُ مُسْلِمُونَ (133) تِلْكَ أُمَمَةٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَلَكُمْ مَا كَسَبْتُمْ وَلَا تُسْأَلُونَ عَمَّا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ (134)﴾

“And who turns away from the Millah of Ibrahim (i.e. Islamic Monotheism) except him who fools himself Truly, We chose him in this world and verily, in the Hereafter he will be among the righteous). (130) When his Lord said to him, "Submit (i.e. be a Muslim)!" He said, "I have submitted myself (as a Muslim) to the Lord of the `Alamin (mankind, Jinn and all that exists)." (131) And this (submission to Allah, Islam) was enjoined by Ibrahim (Abraham) upon his sons and by Ya`qub (Jacob) (saying), "O my sons! Allah has chosen for you the (true) Deen, then die not except as Muslims." (132) Or were you witnesses when death approached Ya`qub (Jacob) When he said unto his sons, "What will you worship after me" They said, "We shall worship your Allah (God) the Ilah of your fathers, Ibrahim (Abraham), Isma'il (Ishmael), Ishaaq (Isaac), One Ilah, and to Him we submit (in Islam))." (133) That was a Ummah who has passed away. They shall receive the reward of what they earned and you of what you earn. And you will not be asked of what they used to do (134).” [Surah al-Baqarah: 130-134]

Allah (swt) clarifies in these verses the following:

1. Indeed the one who hates and disbelieves in the Millah of Ibrahim has afflicted himself with

ignorance and foolishness, because Allah has chosen Ibrahim - peace be upon him - for Prophethood and Messengership in the world, and he peace be upon him is in the Hereafter from those witnessed for their steadfastness on integrity, goodness and righteousness.

“And who turns away from the Millah of Ibrahim” It is a condemning question, as to who from the wise could turn away from the clear truth which is the Millah of Ibrahim.

“Millah” in origin it is the Sunnah and the Method as Zujjaaj has said. Millah encompasses the Deen, Aqeedah (Creed) and Shariah (Legislation) and though it is the Aqeedah, i.e. Imaan, upon which Ibrahim was, because the Legislation of the previous Prophets was abrogated by the Message of Islam since the time that RasulAllah (saaw) was appointed.

﴿وَأَنْزَلْنَا إِلَيْكَ الْكِتَابَ بِالْحَقِّ مُصَدِّقًا لِمَا بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ مِنَ الْكِتَابِ وَمُهَيْمِنًا عَلَيْهِ فَاحْكُم بَيْنَهُمْ بِمَا أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ لِكُلِّ جَعَلْنَا مِنْكُمْ شِرْعَةً وَمِنْهَاجًا وَلَوْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَجَعَلَكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَلَكِنْ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ فِي مَا آتَاكُمْ فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَاتِ﴾ And ﴿إِلَى اللَّهِ مَرْجِعُكُمْ جَمِيعًا فَيُنَبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنتُمْ فِيهِ تَخْتَلِفُونَ﴾ We have sent down to you the Book (this Qur'an) in truth, confirming the Scripture that came before it and Muhayminan over it (old Scriptures). So judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and follow not their vain desires, diverging away from the truth that has come to you. To each among you, We have prescribed a law and a clear way. If Allah willed, He would have made you one nation, but that (He) may test you in what He has given you; so compete in good deeds. The return of you (all) is to Allah; then He will inform you about that in which you used to differ.” [Surah Al-Maaidah 5:48]:

“Muhayminan” i.e. Abrogating the Sharia (Legislation) of the previous Prophets. As for the Aqeedah (Creed) of the previous Prophets it is not abrogated because the abrogation occurred in the Ahkaam Sharieeyah (Legal Rulings) of the previous prophets,

except all that has been approved by Islam from their Legislations becomes a Hukm Shari (Legal Ruling) in Islam because Islam has approved it.

Accordingly, the one who disbelieves in the Millah of Ibrahim with respect to its Aqeedah (Creed), i.e. in the Tawheed (Oneness) of Allah (swt) and the rejection of Shirk (Partnership with Allah) and all that was asked in this of Ibrahim - peace be upon him, is Imaan. So indeed the one who hated it and disbelieved it has afflicted himself with foolishness, ignorance and disbelief in Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw).

(مَنْ سَفِهَ نَفْسَهُ) i.e. he has afflicted himself with foolishness, ignorance and disbelief.

(سَفِهَ) This is how it should be read i.e. by pronouncing the ف “F” in Kassrah كسرة form, becomes ف “Fi.”

2. All the Prophets - peace be upon them - were Muslims to Allah in the linguistic sense i.e. submitting subjects of Allah (swt), believing in all that Allah (swt) asked from them. In this sense Ibrahim - peace be upon him – was Hanif (upright) and Muslim i.e. without deviation from the truth but is sincerely, submitting subject to Allah (swt).

Therefore Allah (swt) responded to the Jews in their saying that Ibrahim was a Jew, and Allah (swt) also responded to the Christians in their saying that Ibrahim was a Christian. (مَا كَانَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ يَهُودِيًّا وَلَا نَصْرَانِيًّا وَلَكِنْ كَانَ حَنِيفًا مُسْلِمًا وَمَا كَانَ مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ) **“Ibrahim was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was a true Muslim Hanifa and he was not of the Mushrikin”** [Surah Aali-Imran 3:67]

Allah (swt) also replies similarly in the previous verse (وَمَنْ يَرْغَبْ عَنْ مِلَّةِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِلَّا مَنْ سَفِهَ نَفْسَهُ) **“And who turns away from the Millah of Ibrahim (i.e. Islamic Monotheism) except him who fools himself.”** So Jews and Christians hated that the Millah of Ibrahim be, Hanif (upright), a Muslim, and they say that he was a Jew or a Christian.

And Allah (swt) responded to them similarly over their claim by saying that the Torah and

the Bible were not revealed until after him. (يَا أَهْلَ الْكِتَابِ لِمَ تُحَاجُّونَ فِي إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَتْ التَّوْرَةُ وَالْإِنْجِيلُ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِهِ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ) **“O people of the Scripture! Why do you dispute about Ibrahim, while the Tawrah and the Injil were not revealed till after him Have you then no sense.”** [Surah Aali-Imran 3:65]

As for the benefit of the Millah of Ibrahim:

The Prophets and those who follow them are Muslims in this sense, in linguistic terms i.e. submissive and subject to Allah (swt), but Islam in the Shari (Legal) sense is that which was revealed by Allah (swt) to His Messenger, Muhammad (saaw) with his complete Aqeedah (Creed) - which encompasses the Aqeedah of the previous Prophets - and with his complete Shariah (Legislation) abrogating the legislations of the previous Prophets.

After the appointing of the Messenger of Allah (saaw) the Dawah (Call) become confined to the Dawah of Islam and Islam alone. (إِنَّ الدِّينَ) **“Indeed the only Deen before Allah is Islam”** [Surah Aali-Imran 3:19] (وَمَنْ يَبْتَغِ غَيْرَ الْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا فَلَنْ يُقْبَلَ مِنْهُ وَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ) **“And whoso seeks a religion other than Islam, it shall not be accepted from him, and in the life to come he shall be among the losers.”** [Surah Aali-Imran 3:86]

It is not correct to specifically Call to the Millah of any from the previous prophets, but it is mandatory to Call to the Islamic Aqeedah - and the Aqeedah of the previous Prophets is part of it - likewise, it is also mandatory to call to the Islamic Shariah (Legislation) that abrogated the Legislation of the previous prophets, except that which were approved by it and became part of the Ahkaam Shariyyah (Legal Rulings).

Summarizing what has been said:

i) As for the Millah of the previous prophets in terms of Aqeedah, we believe in it and it is part of the Islamic Aqeedah.

ii) As for the Millah of the previous prophets in terms of Shariah, it is abrogated by Islam and what is approved by Islam from it becomes part of Islam and is effective by it, because Islam brought it and not because it is Shara min

Qablina شرع من قبلنا "Legislation from Before Us (Previous Prophets)."

iii) Is not correct to specifically Call, after Islam, to any Millah from the Millahs of previous Prophets, rather the Call is only to Islam and what Islam approved of from the Millahs of previous prophets becomes a part of Islam.

3. Indeed Ibrahim (as) has complied with the order of Allah and submitted sincerely, submissively, to Allah and enjoined this upon his sons, and likewise Ya'qub (as) - peace be upon him - enjoined this upon his sons, that they be careful to adhere to their Deen that was chosen by Allah for them, that they continue upon that until Allah takes their life and they are Muslims submitting to Allah, obedient to him, that they must never falter in the endeavour of their obedience to Allah, their surrender and submission to him, because they do not know when they will die.

“Do not die except as Muslims” i.e. remain steadfast upon Islam until death overcomes you, i.e. let not death come upon you except that you are Muslims, the prohibition is in reality about being other than in the state of Islam when they die, and not a prohibition of them dying per se, just like saying do not make Salah (Prayer) until you are Khashia خاشع (Devout) does not prohibit Salah, rather it is about leaving devotion and here it is likewise, so the prohibition is not about death, but it is prohibited to leave Islam.

4. Indeed the Jews and the Christians invent a lie against Allah, so their every sect claims that the Prophets were on their Millah and they said that about Ibrahim - peace be upon him. So, Allah (swt) made clear the invalidity of their saying as we mentioned earlier, and they spoke about Ya'qub (as) so Allah (swt) invalidated their case because they were not present with Ya'qub (as) - peace be upon him - when death presented before him, even if they were present to know that Ya'qub (as) - peace be upon him - was a Muslim (submitted) to Allah (swt), an obedient subject and that and his sons after him vowed to him in his illness of death that they

would remain upon his Deen and the Deen of his fathers, Ibrahim, Ismaeel and Ishaaq, worshipping the one and only Allah and submitting to Him (swt) obediently, submissively, and not as the Jews and Christians that claim were on their altered and distorted Millah, changed and distorted and that what was revealed after them was distorted and altered.

“Or were you” (أَمْ كُنْتُمْ) “or” is a conjunction with the meaning بل “but” and a conjunction of denial i.e. بل أكنتم "but were you." The meaning of “but” is of denial of the previous speech - in the previous ayah - which is a statement of recommendation, thus moving on to resume a new topic, which is a rebuke of the Jews and the Christians for their claim by their Millah over Ya'qub (as) and his sons.

The Arabs ask a question using (أَمْ) in every question that is initiated after a statement has preceded it, in a manner such as that of the speech of the Almighty, تَنْزِيلَ الْكِتَابِ لَا رَيْبَ (الم - تنزيل الكتاب لا ريب فيه من رب العالمين - أَمْ يَقُولُونَ افترأه بل هو الحق من ربك Alif. لِنُنذِرَ قَوْمًا مَا أَتَاهُمْ مِنْ نَذِيرٍ مِنْ قَبْلِكَ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَهْتَدُونَ) **Lam Mim (1) The revelation of this book is, without any doubt, from the Lord of the Worlds (2) Do the people say that this man himself has forged it? Nay, but it is the Truth from your Lord so that you may warn a people to whom no warner has come before you. Maybe they are guided aright.** [Surah as-Sajdah 32: 1-3]

“witnesses” (شُهَدَاءَ) the plural of witness with the sense of being present i.e. you were not present when Ya'qub (as) - peace be upon him - was dying and his questioning of his sons asked about Deen, so why do you claim what you claim?!

“What will you worship after me” (مَا تَعْبُدُونَ مِنْ بَعْدِي) i.e. the what entity will you worship after my death. The use of مَا "what" in the question is to indicate that the answer of Ya'qub (as)'s sons of worshiping Allah alone was not based on imitation of or guidance from their father, but based on the intellectual conviction and sincere Imaan (Belief) in that, so it is as if they were asked about what they worship in

origin without having previous knowledge from anyone, so they answered about believing without imitation. The Arabs ask مَا "what" about every unknown matter, if it is known then the experts ask with مَنْ (who) when asking about something specific, and when asking about its description, it is said, what does Zaid know more than a doctor? So, the question مَا (مَا) "What will you worship after me" is to question them about their worshipping in origin, i.e. as if they did not know anything about what was asked to the extent that their answer is neither imitation or nor is it based on information that has no evidence for it, but it will be an answer on definitive knowledge and so it was.

(أَبَانِكَ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَإِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ) "your fathers, Ibrahim (Abraham), Isma'il (Ishmael), Ishaq (Isaac)" As for Ibrahim (as) and Ishaq (as) they are the respectively the grandfather and father of Ya'qub (as), which is evident in calling them "fathers". As for Ismail - peace be upon him - he is the uncle of Ya'qub and Arabs include "uncles" within the meaning of "fathers." Thus Messenger of Allah, (saaw) said, «عم الرجل صنو أبيه» "The uncle of the man synonymous with his father." And he (saaw) said about Al-Abaas "He is what remains of my fathers."

5. In the last Ayah is an address to the Jews and the Christians to leave the slander against Ibrahim, Ismail, Ishaq and Ya'qub and his sons as being Jews or Christians, so do not attach them to you or attach yourselves to them, thinking amongst yourselves that you will elevate your importance through them, it is otherwise, for they are a Ummah have passed away upon good deeds which they earned, whereas for you, you will be frustrated in the evil deed that you committed and you will never benefit of the good deeds of this righteous Ummah. So you are not going to be reckoned upon for their deeds, but for your own deeds, which will be placed on your balance on the Day of Reckoning. It is upon your deeds, so make sure that your deeds are in obedience to Allah (swt) so they benefit you on the Day of Reckoning, and as for you disobeying Allah

(swt) whilst depending on attachment to the Prophets with you, thinking amongst yourselves that their good deeds will benefit you and relieve you, this will never be.

Allah (swt) said, (تِلْكَ أُمَّةٌ قَدْ خَلَتْ لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَرَكُمْ) "That was an Ummah who has passed away. They shall receive the reward of what they earned and you of what you earn. And you will not be asked of what they used to do." (أُمَّةٌ) Ummah (Nation) is a homonym, a word of more than one meaning, which can become restricted to one, such as when it is restricted to Khair (Goodness) and for this matter (إِنَّ إِبْرَاهِيمَ كَانَ أُمَّةً) (Indeed, Abraham was a [comprehensive] leader, devoutly obedient to Allah, inclining toward truth, and he was not of those who associate others with Allah" [Surah an-Nahl 16:120] or it can be restricted to Deen and Millah (إِنَّا وَجَدْنَا) "Indeed, we found our fathers upon a religion." [Surah Zukhruf 43:23] Likewise, it is restricted to meaning a time period (وَادْكُرْ بَعْدَ أُمَّةٍ) "remembered after a time" [Surah Yousuf 12:45] and the Qareenah قرينة (Context) is that which clarifies the meaning. And it is also there with the meaning of a group from the people because it says of Ibrahim, Ismail, Ishaq and Ya'qub and his sons and about those who believe in them and follow them in the same sense of His (swt) saying, (وَلَتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ) "Let there be from amongst you a group" [Surah Aali Imran 3:104] and His (swt) saying (وَمِنْ قَوْمِ مُوسَى أُمَّةٌ يَهْدُونَ) "And among the people of Moses is a group which guides" [Surah Al-Araaf 7:159]

(خَلَتْ) "Passed away" i.e. passed away in death, and indeed it is said of the one who has died and passed away: that he departed in his departure from the world and of his separation from his family and of the subject of his moving on, in origin from the Arabs saying that a man departed when he leaves for a place that is delightful for him and he becomes alone from the people.

Iron Resolve is the Anvil upon which Tyranny is Smashed

Musab Umair

The iron resolve of the Muslims of Syria before extreme oppression is an inspiration. The tyrant of Syria, Bashar al-Assad, tried to break their will by arrests, torture and even rape of the women and kidnapping of children. Then when he failed to break the resolve of the Muslims, his masters in America mobilized their other agents in defense of the tyrant of Syria, with the rulers of Iran being foremost, to prevent the blessed revolution reaching its conclusion. Then when even this was not enough, America arranged for Russia to share in its crimes, by bombing the people with all manner of sophisticated weapons, to add to the barrel bombs that Bashar's forces had long been using. And then the enemies of the revolution resorted to using hunger as a weapon, besieging cities, forcing their inhabitants to hear the cries of starving children and eating leaves from trees, made wet with rain water.

Whilst this exemplary commitment to Islam has alarmed the major powers to the point that they are bent on suppressing the call to the Khilafah (Caliphate) on every front and in every place, from Kyrgyzstan to Jordan, it has inspired Muslims all over the world and in particular the advocates of Khilafah have quickened their steps in their march towards Islamic revival. Indeed such iron resolve is what strengthens the fearful and the fatigued and it is such iron will which will bring about the return of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood and raise this Ummah again as a witness before all humankind, raising the call for Islam.

It is this iron resolve which is essential for the era that will unfold soon, with the return of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood. The Muslims of Syria have awoken within Muslims the realization of the important lessons and messages that Allah

(swt) and His Messenger (saw) put before the Muslims in their address to them. Words that have been known before, read before, but were allowed to be dormant in their impact upon the weary soul and the tired limbs. It is these lessons that must be embraced wholeheartedly and sincerely. They must be acted upon to move us forwards to our actual station in this Dunya, witnesses before humankind of the Truth, victors over the tyrants.

Let us consider the People of the Ditch, which is an incident not unlike the calamity the people of the Syria face today. Ibn Ishaq explained that the people of Najran became believers after the brave boy who called them to submit, was murdered by the tyrant. He further said, "Then (the king) Dhu Nuwas came to them with his army and called them to Judaism. He gave them a choice to either accept Judaism or be killed, so they chose death. Thus, he had a ditch dug and burned (some of them) in the fire (in the ditch), while others he killed with the sword. He made an example of them (by slaughtering them) until he had killed almost twenty thousand of them. It was about Dhu Nuwas and his army that Allah revealed to His Messenger which is similar to what we see today in Syria.

As we pray for the Muslims of Syria in their suffering, let us reflect upon what Allah (swt) said of this incident, **﴿قُتِلَ أَصْحَابُ الْأُخْدُودِ * إِذْ هُمْ عَلَيْهَا قُعُودٌ * وَهُمْ عَلَىٰ مَا يَفْعَلُونَ النَّارَ ذَاتَ الْوَقُودِ * إِذْ هُمْ عَلَيْهَا قُعُودٌ * وَمَا نَقَمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَن يُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ * الَّذِي لَهُ مُلْكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ شَهِيدٌ﴾** **“Cursed were the People of the Ditch. Of fire fed with fuel. When they sat by it. And they witnessed what they were doing against the believers. And they had no fault except that they believed in Allah, the Almighty, Worthy of all praise! To Whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the**

earth! And Allah is Witness over everything.” [85: 4-8]

Thus Allah (swt) relates how the cursed companions of the Ukhdud, a group of people who were among the disbelievers, went after those among them who believed in Allah (swt) and they attempted to force them to give up their Deen. However, the believers refused to recant, so they dug a ditch for them in the ground, lighting a fierce fire in it with some fuel prepared in order to keep it ablaze. Then they tried to convince them (the believers) to apostatize from their religion, but they still refused, so they threw them into the fire.

As we weep for the Muslims of Syria, burnt today by exploding barrel bombs and missiles, let us remember that believers are punished by tyrants, simply because of their unrelenting commitment to Islam. Allah (swt) said, **وَمَا** **“نَقَمُوا مِنْهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْ يُؤْمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ الْعَزِيزِ الْحَمِيدِ”** **And they had no fault except that they believed in Allah, the Almighty, Worthy of all praise!”** meaning, they did not commit any sin according to these people, except for their faith in Allah the Almighty, Who does not treat unjustly those who desire to be with Him. He is the Most Mighty and Most Praiseworthy in all of His statements, actions, legislation and decrees. And we remember what happened to the believing servants of Allah at the hands of the disbelievers is in His knowledge- and He is the Most Mighty, the Most Praiseworthy - and that He (swt) is master of His affairs and will send His Victory to heal the hearts of the believers and confound the tyrants at the height of their arrogance and oppression.

No doubt, iron resolve is the anvil upon which tyranny is smashed and this is the lesson that we learn in the words of Allah (swt). And it is this lesson that RasulAllah (saaw) also conveyed to his Ummah when he informed us of the need for unyielding defiance in the heat of the confrontation with the tyrant and the good consequence of doing so. It is narrated from Khabab bin Aratt, may Allah be pleased with him, he said: **شكونا إلى رسول الله صلى الله عليه**

وسلم وهو يومئذ متوسد بردة في ظل الكعبة، فقلنا: ألا تستنصر لنا؟ ألا تدعونا؟ فقال: «قد كان الرجل فيمن كان قبلكم يؤخذ فيحفر له في الأرض، فيجاء بالمنشار على رأسه فيجعل بنصفين فما يصدده ذلك عن دينه، ويمشط بأمشاط الحديد ما دون عظمه من لحم وعصب فما يصدده ذلك، والله ليتمنَّ الله عز وجل هذا الأمر حتى يسير الراكب من صنعاء إلى حضرموت لا يخاف إلا الله تعالى، والذنب على غنمه، ولكنكم تستعجلون» **We complained to the Messenger of Allah, peace be upon him, while he was laying his head on a garment (Burdah) under the shadow of Ka'bah. We said: Don't you ask (Allah) for our assistance? Don't you pray for us? He (SAW) said: “The person from peoples before you used to be taken and a pit is dug for him in the ground; a chain saw used to be put on his head making him two halves, but this would not make him abandon his deen; and whatever beyond his bones of flesh and nerves used to be combed with iron combs; yet this would not divert him (from his deen). By Allah, He The Almighty will complete this matter (Islam) till the passenger would travel from San'aa to Hadramout, fearing nobody except Allah Ta'ala and the wolf for his sheep; but you are impatient”.** [narrated by Ahmad]. And the Messenger of Allah (saaw) said to his Companions (ra), the best of this Ummah, **«كونوا كحواريي عيسى بن مريم، رفعوا على الخشب وسمروا بالمسامير وطبخوا في القدور، وقطعت أيديهم وأرجلهم وسمّرت أعينهم، فكان ذلك البلاء والقتل في طاعة الله أحب إليهم من الحياة في معصية الله»** **“Be like the disciples of 'Eisa (Jesus) son of Mary: They were, raised on wood, fixed with nails, cooked in pots, and their hands and feet cut off and their eyes punched with nails; yet that scourge and murder in obedience to Allah was dearer to them from life in disobedience to Allah.”**

Let each and every one of us take these lessons and strive for Islam wherever we find ourselves with the same resolve that the Muslims of Syria have shown.

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Islam Alone Can Solve the Global Growing Crime Problem

Engineer Waqas

Wherever capitalism's ruling system, Democracy, is implemented, soaring crime rates are evident, and Pakistan is no exception. Ranging from target killings to kidnappings, and rapes to robberies, the media carries shocking news of crimes. What's worse is that in Pakistan, many criminals continue roaming free due to their influence or status. In fact many times the criminals seem to have the protection of the government itself. As a result justice is something very distant. However, before discussing how to deal with criminals, it's important to understand what pushes people towards crimes.

A factor that pushes people towards crimes is the non-fulfilment of their basic needs. A man is unable to fulfil his basic bread and butter for the family through legal means and the state does not care for him. So in frustration he succumbs to committing sin by adopting illegal and corrupt methods to fulfil them. Under a neglectful government that does not look after the needs of the people, crimes become a necessary act for some men. So in a country where poverty is widespread, and other basic needs are not provided, the tendency towards crimes arises. Moreover, when society is bombarded with materialistic ideas of greed in which wealth and fame are defined as symbols of status and success, some start competing for them, adopting illegal means in order to achieve the target is considered fine. Consequently, when the under the regime's close and continuous supervision, the media and education institutions promote people only on basis of material benefit, many more exert all efforts to achieve them. The ethical, spiritual and moral values are not given their due weight. So as witnessed in Pakistan, where extravagance and showing off are promoted on media, whilst simplicity and seriousness are

scorned upon, a people are only encouraged to adopt such lowly standards.

In order to control such crimes, states normally resort to the punishment system. However, despite having a judiciary, states, including the foremost champions of Democracy, continue to witness a growing crime rate. Furthermore, the failure of the judiciary in punishing criminals is evident when well-known criminals roam free and are left untouched. Recently, the mother of the murdered young man, Zain, in the well publicized case, gave a statement that "I have not forgiven the murderer but cannot fight the influential as I have two daughters." Earlier the case of Shahzaib Khan was a hot issue where once again the alleged killers got free, simply because they were powerful enough to influence the judiciary and threaten the victim's family. Even more shocking are the cases of missing persons, where the loved ones have been abducted by the state itself for years, while the family members run back and forth between useless hearings of courts, only to get new dates for even more hearings. Democracy really is the best revenge, punishing the people for allowing it to exist.

Injustice prevails because Democracy opens the door to it through allowing man-made laws. Firstly, the fact that rulers are free to make new laws and amend old ones allows the rulers to manipulate laws as per their will. Therefore, corrupt laws like Article 248 of the Pakistan constitution can be legalised, which gives immunity to the president and governors and prevents them from being called to court. Similarly, the NAP and POPA acts can be legalised which allows the detention and torture of suspects who hold the regime to account and yes its torture of suspects, not criminals, where even that is not allowed by Islam! All this is simply possible because the

government has the right to amend laws and thus any oppression can be legalised under the pretext of "waqt ka takaaaza hai" (Necessity of the time). Furthermore, according to this democratic constitution, if a criminal has been punished by death penalty, the president legally has the right to forgive him, which makes the president free to forgive whom he likes. In short, oppressive and unjust laws can be legalized when the parliament is given the free hand for making laws. The recent Criminal Prosecution Service Bill passed in Sindh assembly is just another example. So just like dictatorship, where the NRO and LFO can get legal backing to cover the crimes of the ruling elite, Democracy ensures injustice.

Furthermore, the judiciary in Pakistan allows the adversarial system rather than the inquisitorial. The adversarial system is the two-sided structure under which criminal trial courts operate that pits the prosecution against the defence and so is more dependent on lawyers, whereas the inquisitorial system is a legal system where the court or a part of the court is actively involved in investigating the facts of the case and so the judge is not a mere referee between two adversaries. In the adversarial system, justice is done, or more often than not merely seen to be done, when the most effective adversary is able to convince the judge or jury that his or her perspective on the case is the correct one. In an adversarial system, judges merely focus on the issue of the law and procedure and act as a referee in the contest between the defence and the prosecutor. Many legal cases in adversarial systems, and most in the United States, do not go to trial, which may lead to injustice when the defendant has an unskilled or overworked attorney, which is likely to be the case when the defendant is poor. Moreover, there are many appeals which prolong the judgement as the adversaries are given many forums in which to combat their case.

Deepening the misery of the common man are the expensive fees charged by the

lawyers. If one doesn't pay a heavy fee, the lawyer won't push the case ahead, one has to buy justice. Consequently, the common man is forced to either take loans or continue rotting behind bars, where a huge proportion of the prison population are not convicted criminals, but suspects denied bail through not being able to afford adequate legal representation. Let's not forget, this is not a problem of Pakistan alone. Rather, it's normal in many democratic countries including India and America. Moreover, the prisons have their own corrupt mechanisms, where the poor have a different section while the graduates or rich may avail the class B and class A barracks respectively. Just imagine being behind bars for years simply because someone "influential" registered an FIR against you and you don't have the money to ensure a bail. Yes, it's true, that if you are accused, you can be in jail, even though nothing is proven against you. That's why it's a common saying that if you want to succeed in Pakistan's judiciary, a man needs three things: the age of Nuh (as), the wealth of Qaroon and the patience of Ayub (as)! Besides, the torture that a poor prisoner encounters just adds to the horrors, and many a times such tortured people tend to become a real criminal once they are released from prison.

As if this were all not enough, if one gets a verdict from a lower, sessions court it can be challenged in a High Court and eventually the Supreme Court. As a result justice keeps getting delayed, and simple cases like inheritance and corruption drag on for years, or even decades, prolonging the misery of the people. Besides, if your case is against an influential, the long duration allows the influential enough time to threaten or even kill the common victim or witnesses, and if he is "kind" enough he will only pressurise the victim and witnesses with threats to withdraw the case or abstain from bearing witness. Consequently, often witnesses succumb to the pressure. As an example is the case of Ayyan Ali where a simple case of money laundering was prolonged and during this time the customs

officer who knew the reality best was murdered. These problems are not just limited to Pakistan but are readily witnessed in other democratic countries, like India and America. So for instance the ordeal of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay or the sluggish and incompetent Indian judiciary that leaves the raped women in Delhi without justice are just a few of these examples. Looking at this situation many may suggest that if harsh punishments and quick justice was provided, the crime rates would fall drastically. Although this may reduce the crime rate, harsh punishment alone will not eliminate crimes and injustice.

Islam has a totally unique system to control crimes. In fact the focus of Islam is not merely on how to punish criminals, but rather it also promotes a society where crimes are prevented from taking place. Although many people portray the Islamic system to be a collection of punishments, this is not the only thing Islam features. In fact, In Islam punishments are the last resort. Prophet Muhammad (saw) said: «ادْرَأُوا الْحُدُودَ عَنِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ، فَإِنْ كَانَ لَهُ مَخْرَجٌ فَخَلُّوا سَبِيلَهُ، فَإِنَّ الْإِمَامَ أَنْ يَخْطِئَ فِي الْعَفْوِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَنْ يَخْطِئَ فِي الْعُقُوبَةِ» **“Ward off hudood as much as you can. If you find any way out for a Muslim then set him free. If the Imam makes a mistake in granting forgiveness it is better for him than that he should make a mistake in imposing punishment.”** [Tirmidhi, Ahmed] And RasulAllah (saaw) said: «ادْرَأُوا الْحُدُودَ عَنِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ، فَإِنْ كَانَ لَهُ مَخْرَجٌ فَخَلُّوا سَبِيلَهُ، فَإِنَّ الْإِمَامَ أَنْ يَخْطِئَ فِي الْعَفْوِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَنْ يَخْطِئَ فِي الْعُقُوبَةِ» **“Avert the hudud from Muslims as much as you can. So if there is a way out for him, let him off. For verily, it is better for the Imam to error in pardon than to error in punishment.”** [Al-Bayhaqi] In other words Islam does not punish a person simply on the basis of doubt. Before coming to the details of the Islamic punishment system, we need to understand how Islam addresses the problems of crime from its root.

Unlike the current society where wealth and fame are the criteria of success, basic needs are not fulfilled and the judiciary is for the privileged, Islam sets the standard of taqwa as the criteria of success. So by instilling taqwa amongst the masses, via its media and education system, individuals of society are encouraged to adopt the right path, even in cases where the state is not watching. This was seen consistently in the era of the Khilafah, where Umar (ra) heard a daughter reminding her mother gently that cheating through mixing water in milk is seen by Allah (swt) even if the Khalifah is not aware of it. In addition to this, what further prevents a man from moving towards crimes is the public opinion regarding criminal actions. These days wealth and fame are considered standards of success, thus we see people adopting illegal ways to become wealthy, and people appreciate them, even though they know their actions are criminal. Under the regime's close supervision, the media promotes corrupt politicians, usurping businessmen, immoral celebrities and mafias, while discouraging scientists, intellectuals and sincere people, resulting in people opting for corrupt professions readily. An influential politician or ruler is given a protocol while a scientist like Abdul Qadeer Khan would be placed under house arrest. So, naturally when fame and wealth are the sole criteria of success instead of taqwa, people would resort to bribes and corruption in order to meet their targets. However, when the criteria of right and wrong is the Hukm of Allah, the people would abhor any sinful act and would confine themselves to the halal options, further discouraging an individual from performing that sin and we see that even if they did, they would be so remorseful and regretting that they would present themselves before the court, seeking the Hudood of Allah (swt) as a means of repentance for RasulAllah (saaw) said, تَبَايَعُونِي... فَمَنْ وَفَى مِنْكُمْ فَأَجْرُهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ، وَمَنْ أَصَابَ «شَيْئًا مِنْ ذَلِكَ فَعُوقِبَ بِهِ فَهُوَ كَفَّارَةٌ لَهُ» **“Give me the oath (Bayah) Whoever amongst you fulfils his pledge, his reward will be with**

Allah, and whoever commits any of those sins and receives the legal punishment in this world for that sin then that punishment will be expiation for that sin.” [Muslim]

Moreover, if at state level the haraam is prohibited and the halal is facilitated through laws, crimes will naturally be reduced. So for instance if marriage is encouraged and facilitated while free mixing, seclusion between a man and a woman, uncovering of the awrah, and corrupt events like Valentine’s Day are barred, inevitably rapes and molestations will see a significant drop. Similarly, the non-fulfilment of basic needs is an important factor pushing many people towards crimes. As seen today, many areas like Thar and Baluchistan lack basic facilities, even though Pakistan is a resource rich land. However, poverty is just presented as a norm, and in the absence of true accountability, rulers simply portray it as an unsolvable issue. On the contrary, an Islamic ruler is bound to fulfil the basic needs of each and every individual and provide opportunities for them to avail luxuries. And it was only in the Islamic history that we witnessed periods where there were people paying zakat but no one in need of it, such as occurred in the era of Omar bin Abdul Aziz, where Yahya bin Saad went to Africa to collect Zakah and distribute it, but returned with the Zakah as there was none needy for it. Therefore, if the fear of Allah is instilled in individuals, if sincere people are promoted and criminals discouraged, if the public opinion is built on the Islamic standard of halal and haraam rather than greed and fame, and if the basic needs of people are being ensured along with facilitating people at state level in performing good deeds, then certainly crimes would reduce. Its only after all these factors, that if a person commits a crime, that the punishment system effectively plays its role in acting as a deterrent from crimes and providing justice to the victims. Besides this, it’s only punishments that are found in Islam that act as a Kaffarah for the sin of the crime on the Day of Judgment, which is not the case of the punishments introduced by man-made

laws. So punishment is not the first recourse in Islam, as is commonly presented, but rather it’s the last recourse in controlling crimes.

In Islam, the judge is not above law, so if he abuses his powers, he can also be accounted and will be punished, which is something not witnessed under Pakistan's current judiciary. He is confined to settle the disputes according to what Islam has determined as Halaal and Haraam. At-Tirmidhi has narrated from Kathir bin ‘Amr bin ‘Awf Al-Muzani narrated from his father, from his grandfather, that the Messenger of Allah (saaw) said: «الْصُّلْحُ جَائِزٌ بَيْنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، إِلَّا صُلِّحَ حَرَمٌ، أَوْ أَهْلٌ حَرَامًا، وَالْمُسْلِمُونَ عَلَى شُرُوطِهِمْ، إِلَّا شَرْطًا حَرَامًا» “**Reconciliation is allowed among the Muslims, except for reconciliation that makes the lawful unlawful, or the unlawful lawful. And the Muslims will be held to their conditions, except the conditions that make the lawful unlawful, or the unlawful lawful.**” This is a Hasan Sahih Hadith. And also, Ibn Hibban has narrated in his Sahih from Abi Hurairah that the Messenger of Allah (saaw) said: «الْمُسْلِمِينَ إِلَّا صُلِّحًا أَهْلًا حَرَامًا أَوْ حَرَمًا خَلَالًا» “**Reconciling between Muslims is permissible, except reconciliation that forbids something that is allowed, or allows something that is forbidden.**” Any violation will mean the judge will be referred to the courts himself. The judge is bound by the Islamic law, which of course is derived from the Quran and Sunnah, so the law is accessible to the common man and cannot be amended with new ordinances or bills like LFO, NRO and POPA. And as we all know the Islamic texts are from Allah (swt), who is the All Knower and Creator of every human, these laws will never be biased towards any segment of society. Allah (swt) said, (أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ (اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ) “**Should not He Who has created know And He is the Most Kind and Courteous, All-Aware.)**” [Surah al-Mulk 67:14]

With the culture of taqwa prevalent, even a judge would be encouraged to ensure quick justice as he knows he will be accountable on the Day of Accounting. It is not allowed for him to be swayed by any one of the disputing parties and his job is to understand the reality exactly and apply the legal rulings. So in the presence of the accountability factor, along with the fear of Allah (swt), a judge is more likely to ensure justice, rather than defer it for material gains as is witnessed today. Its the law of Allah that is implemented through the Islamic judiciary, where there is no favouritism or privilege based on power or status or any other matter. The rights of the weak are restored to them, regardless of their race, status, gender, school of thought or religion. When it was requested that a woman who committed theft be pardoned because she was from a noble family, RasulAllah (saaw) warned the Muslims by saying ... «إِنَّمَا أَهْلَكَ الدِّينَ»... «فَبَلَّغْتُمْ أَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا إِذَا سَرَقَ فِيهِمُ الشَّرِيفُ تَرْكُوهُ وَإِذَا سَرَقَ فِيهِمُ الضَّعِيفُ أَقَامُوا عَلَيْهِ الْحَدَّ وَآيُمُ اللَّهِ لَوْ أَنَّ فَاطِمَةَ بِنْتَ مُحَمَّدٍ سَرَقَتْ لَقَطَعْتُ يَدَهَا» **“The people before you were ruined because when a noble person amongst them committed theft, they would leave him, but if a weak person amongst them committed theft, they would execute the legal punishment on him. By Allah, were Fatimah, the daughter of Muhammad, to commit the theft, I would have cut off her hand.”** [Bukhari] Thus Abu Bakr as-Siddique (ra) affirmed to the people upon becoming the Khaleefah, “The weak amongst you is strong before me till I return to him his right, Allah willing, and the strong amongst you is weak before me till I take the right from him Allah willing.” And Khalifah Umar bin al-Khattab (RA) when he outlined the attributes a judge requires in an Islamic court, said, “The task of the judiciary is an undisputed obligation and a sunnah to be followed. Seek to comprehend when people have recourse to you, for it is no use to speak of a right if it is not put into effect. See that your face, your justice and your sitting are the same between people, such that the lord

does not hope for your partiality, nor the weak despair of your justice...”

Moreover, unlike Democracy, in Islam, the inquisitorial judicial process is followed. The task of studying the reality, bringing the relevant divine rulings and deriving a judgment falls upon the judge, a state employee. He is not merely a referee between a prosecution and a defence, but plays an active role in determining the truth. He will examine the reality of the case carefully and judge upon it using the laws derived from the Quran and Sunnah. So he will take care to understand the points of view of all the disputing parties, rather than advocating for one alone. RasulAllah (saaw) said, «إِذَا تَقَاضَى إِلَيْكَ رَجُلَانِ فَلَا تَقْضِ لِلأَوَّلِ حَتَّى تَسْمَعَ كَلَامَ الْآخَرِ فَسَوْفَ تَدْرِي كَيْفَ تَقْضِي» **“If two men come to you do not give a judgment for one of them until you have heard what the other has had to say, then you will be able to judge.”** [Tirmidhi and Ahmad] And RasulAllah (saaw) said, «مَنْ ابْتُلِيَ بِالْفَضَاءِ بَيْنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ فَلْيَعْدِلْ بَيْنَهُمْ فِي لَحْظِهِ وَإِسَارَتِهِ وَمَقْعَدِهِ وَلَا يَرْفَعْ صَوْتَهُ عَلَى أَحَدِ الْخَصْمَيْنِ» **“Whoever Allah tests by letting him become a judge, should not let one party of a dispute sit near him without bringing the other party to sit near him. And he should fear Allah by his sitting, his looking to both of them and his judging to them. He should be careful not to look down to one as if the other was higher, he should be careful not to shout to one and not the other, and he should be careful of both of them.”** [Baihaqi, Darqutni, Tabarani]. The judge, whether he is a man or women, Hanifi or Jafari, must be knowledgeable in Islam for he or she will judge by it. And the one who judges by other than Islam is in Hellfire, Rasullah (saaw) said, «الْقَضَاءُ ثَلَاثَةٌ: وَاحِدٌ فِي الْجَنَّةِ، وَآخَرَانِ فِي النَّارِ، فَأَمَّا الَّذِي فِي الْجَنَّةِ فَرَجُلٌ عَرَفَ الْحَقَّ فَقَضَى بِهِ، وَرَجُلٌ عَرَفَ الْحَقَّ فَجَارَ فِي الْحَكْمِ، فَهُوَ فِي النَّارِ، وَرَجُلٌ قَضَى لِلنَّاسِ عَلَى جَهْلٍ فَهُوَ فِي النَّارِ» **“The judges are of three types: one is in heaven, the other is in fire. As for the one who is Jannah, he is the man who knows the truth and judges by it, whereas the one who knows the truth and aggrieves it in judgment, he is in fire. And**

the man who judges for the people on ignorance is also in fire.” [Abu Daud] It was the application of this system that saw an extremely low crime rates under Islamic rule for centuries.

And it must be re-emphasized, if we try to apply punishments in isolation, it would not yield the desired results in full. Rather what is needed is a comprehensive replacing of the current system with an Islamic one, which would bring back peace and security as had been witnessed in the time of the Khilafah. So to achieve practical results, it is important that along with the punishment system, the economic system of Islam is implemented, which fulfils the basic economic needs of people. Similarly, the education policy and media policy of Islam is applied, which dissipates the Islamic thoughts and criteria to society, generating individuals who take Islam as their criteria and adopt halal means in all their actions and also generates a public opinion where people condemn and account anyone adopting Haraam. Also, in the ruling system, the law making is no longer in the hands of man, as opposed to Democracy where men make law to allow them the liberty to amend laws and provide legal covers for corrupt actions. And lastly, the social system of Islam must be applied to ensure a strong family values, where human dignity and relations are protected. In short, it's only a radical change that can address this issue comprehensively. So simply applying the Islamic punishments without addressing the other factors would not yield the proper results.

In the case where there is no authority that rules by the Hukm (legislation) of Allah, it is an obligation on all Muslims to work sincerely and diligently to establish the authority that rules by Islam because it is Fard (obligation). Allah (swt) said addressing the Messenger (saaw): **فَاَحْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ عَمَّا جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْحَقِّ** “So judge between them by what Allah has revealed and do not follow their inclinations away from what has

come to you of the truth.” [al-Ma'idah: 48] And He said: **وَأَن احْكُم بَيْنَهُم بِمَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعْ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ وَاحْذَرْهُمْ أَن يَفْتِنُوكَ عَن بَعْضِ مَا أَنزَلَ اللَّهُ إِلَيْكَ** “And judge, [O Muhammad], between them by what Allah has revealed and do not follow their inclinations and beware of them, lest they tempt you away from some of what Allah has revealed to you.” [Surah al-Ma'idah: 49]. The address to the Messenger (saaw) to judge between them by what Allah has revealed is an address to his Ummah (saaw), and its implication is to find a ruler after the Messenger of Allah (saaw) who judges between them by what Allah has revealed, and the command in the address notes the command; the subject of the address is an obligation (Fard), and this is an indication for the obligation as in Usul, and the judge who judges between Muslims by what Allah has revealed after the Messenger of Allah (saaw) is the Khaleefah and the individuals appointed as judges by him. The ruling system in Islam is the system of Khilafah. Moreover, establishing punishments and all other rulings is obligatory upon him and it is obligatory upon the Ummah to appoint him. So let us strive for the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood at a time when its cooling sight appears on the horizons.

Obama Orders Islam's Eradication and Pakistan's Rulers Hear and Obey

After the San Bernadino and Paris attacks, the US President, Barack Obama, announced a global surge to change the beliefs and values of the Muslims, declaring on 6 December 2015, *“an extremist ideology has spread... Muslim leaders here and around the globe have to continue working with us to decisively and unequivocally reject ... those interpretations of Islam that are incompatible with the values of religious tolerance, mutual respect, and human dignity.”* Then, in response to Obama's order, the Raheel-Nawaz regime committed fully, including its military leadership in a meeting of 22 December 2015, after which the ISPR declared, *“All military leaders resolved to ... help government fight extremism.”*

The Raheel-Nawaz regime implements Obama's order, even though it is built on lies. Certainly, our Islam is not behind the killing of civilians, for Islam staunchly protects the civilian non-combatants from the scourge of war. Even during wars when meeting the enemy, the Messenger of Allah (saw) used to advise the Islamic Army, **«وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا امْرَأَةً، وَلَا وَلِيدًا، وَلَا شَيْخًا كَبِيرًا»** **“Do not kill a woman, or an infant, or an old man.”** As for the Khulafa'a Rashidoon, Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him, advised his army commander, **وَأَنْتُمْ سَتَجِدُونَ أَقْوَامًا قَدْ حَبَسُوا أَنْفُسَهُمْ فِي هَذِهِ الصَّوَامِعِ فَأَتَرُكُوهُمْ وَمَا حَبَسُوا لَهُ أَنْفُسَهُمْ... وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا كَبِيرًا هَرِمًا، وَلَا امْرَأَةً، وَلَا وَلِيدًا، وَلَا تَحْرِبُوا عُمَرَاءًا** **“You will find people who locked themselves up in temples, spare them and leave them for what they locked themselves up for... and do not kill the old, nor a woman, nor an infant, and do not destroy buildings.”** And Omar, may Allah be pleased with him, advised his army commander, **لَا تَغْلُوا، وَلَا تَغْدِرُوا، وَلَا تُمَثِّلُوا، وَلَا تَقْتُلُوا، وَلَا صَبِيًّا، وَلَا امْرَأَةً** **“Do not transgress, do not**

betray, do not mutilate, and do not kill a woman, or a child, or an elderly.” Moreover, such mercy on the battlefield is not found in the West, which accuses us in our Deen, for the West has always committed crimes against humanity, from which even the wild animals in the jungle would shy from.

However, despite Obama's lies and hypocrisy, the Raheel-Nawaz regime heard and obeyed. Using the “National Action Plan,” its thugs have been unleashed upon the sincere and aware Muslims, defaming, harassing and arresting Ulema, Islamic activists and other callers to Islam. The regime has threatened journalists to curb Islamic expression in the media and even intimidated the judiciary to stop it providing relief for Islamic politicians. And the regime has reserved some of its harshest brutality for the shebaab of Hizb ut Tahrir, advocates for the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood. The thugs of the regime violate the homes of the shebaab, not caring for the sanctity of their womenfolk, and waving weapons before the terrified children. They seize the shebaab and even their relatives, including the wife with the physically handicapped child. They severely torture the shebaab depriving them of sleep, beating them with bars and even subjecting them to electrical shocks. They throw the shebaab into dungeons, without trial or relief, including the doctor, the engineer, the teacher, the heart patient and the one with diseased, bleeding bowels. The crimes against the Hizb have become so numerous that they have become public knowledge and have now even spilled into the media, despite the regime enforcing a media blackout against the Hizb. And the regime continues its black deeds against the Hizb, even though RasulAllah

(saaw) praised and gave good tidings of the Khilafah's return, proclaiming, «ثُمَّ تَكُونُ مُلْكًا جَبْرِيَّةً فَتَكُونُ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ ثُمَّ يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَىٰ مِنْهَاجِ النَّبُوءَةِ ثُمَّ سَكَتَ» “Then there will be an oppressive rule, and things will be as Allah wishes them to be. Then Allah will end it when He wishes. Then there will be a Khilafah according to the method of Prophethood.” (Ahmad).

O Muslims of Pakistan!

Under the banner of the “National Action Plan,” our rulers have joined the West's crusade to eradicate Islam as a way of life, even though Allah (swt) warned, «وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مَلَّتَهُمْ قُلْ إِنْ هَدَىٰ اللَّهُ هُوَ الْهَدَىٰ وَلَئِنْ اتَّبَعْتَ أَهْوَاءَهُمْ بَعْدَ الَّذِي جَاءَكَ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ مَا لَكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ مِنْ وَلِيٍّ وَلَا نَصِيرٍ» “Never will the Jews nor the Christians be pleased with you till you follow their religion. Say: 'Verily, the Guidance of Allah is the only Guidance. And if you were to follow their desires after what you have received of Knowledge (the Qur'an), then you would have against Allah neither any Wali (protector or guardian) nor any helper” [Surah al-Baqarah 2: 120]. And they harm the caller to Islam even though RasulAllah (saaw) said, «ومن عادى أولياء الله فقد» “And whosoever shows hostility to the Awliya (ones close to Allah) of Allah will vie with Allah in belligerency.” (Hakim narrated as Sahih from Mu'aadh bin Jabal). As if this were not enough, the current rulers choose to fight our Islam in an era when the entire Ummah has returned to her cause and the return of the Khilafah appears on the horizon.

Be assured, that victory is near and one of its signs is the increased hardship, for Allah (swt) is with the Muslims and the tyrant is granted only a temporary reprieve, before being seized. And be clear that Allah (swt) will not cause the Khilafah to return from the skies

by itself, but will secure us victory as a reward for our defiance, efforts and sacrifices in front of these tyrants. RasulAllah (saaw) said, «كونوا كحواري عيسى بن مريم، رفعوا على الخشب وسمروا بالمسامير وطبخوا في القدور، وقطعت أيديهم وأرجلهم وسمرت أعينهم، فكان ذلك البلاء والقتل في طاعة الله أحب إليهم من الحياة في معصية الله» “Be like the disciples of 'Eisa (Jesus) son of Mary: They were, raised on wood, fixed with nails, cooked in pots, and their hands and feet cut off and their eyes punched with nails; yet that scourge and murder in obedience to Allah was dearer to them from life in disobedience to Allah.”

O Sincere Officers of Pakistan's Armed Forces!

A handful of traitors are exceeding all limits in their war against Islam. It is not enough for them to provide the American crusaders with intelligence and logistics, without which our enemy would be blind and immobile. It is not enough for them to turn Muslim against Muslim in a destructive war of Fitna in the tribal regions, over which only our enemies rejoice. It is not enough for them to herd the tribal Muslims into the maze of negotiations, leaving the battlefield against the occupying crusaders empty. No, all this grave sin was not enough. They now seek to smash the pillars of our Deen, in a land which was established in the name of Islam, whose soil is irrigated by the blood of those seeking martyrdom or victory.

Hizb ut Tahrir stands defiantly in front of the traitors and calls upon you to perform your own duty. You are the men of arms, whose predecessors, the noble Ansaar, may Allah (swt) be pleased with them, ended the era of tyranny by granting Nussrah for the establishment of Islam as a state. Thus, Hizb ut Tahrir calls upon you today to grant it the Nussrah for the return of the Khilafah

(Caliphate) upon the method of the Prophethood, making Pakistan truly a fortress of Islam, by whom the hearts of the believers will be healed, our enemies vanquished and our oppressors punished. Allah (swt) said, **وَسَيَعْلَمُ** (وَالَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا أَيَّ مُنْقَلَبٍ يَنْقَلِبُونَ) **“And those who do wrong will come to know by what overturning they will be overturned”** [Surah Ash-Shu'raa 26:227]

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Let us strive, assured of His promise to grant victory in this life and on the Day when the Witnesses shall come forth, that nothing He wills escapes His power and none can resist Him. Let us strive, assured that Allah affirms that He is Able to exact retribution from those who disbelieve in Him and deny Him. Let us march towards victory, knowing that our suffering is never wasted and Allah (swt) is with us against the tyrants, whose time draws to a close imminently.

Allah (swt) the Almighty said:

وَنُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اسْتُضِعُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَنَجْعَلَهُمْ أَئِمَّةً وَنَجْعَلَهُمُ الْوَارِثِينَ * وَنُفَعِّلَهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَنُرِي فِرْعَوْنَ وَهَامَانَ وَجُنُودَهُمَا مِنْهُمْ مَا كَانُوا يَحْذَرُونَ

“And We wished to be Gracious to those who were being depressed in the land, to make them leaders and make them heirs, to establish a firm place for them in the land, and to show Pharaoh, Haman, and their hosts, at their hands, the very things against which they were taking precautions.” [28: 5-6]

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Hizb ut-Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan wants to make it clear to the Muslims in general, and Pakistan's armed forces in particular, that the objective of America is to eliminate Islam from the world as a way of life. The Raheel-Nawaz regime assisting her Master, America, completely to achieve this evil objective in Pakistan. However, the regime can't do this by openly saying that now calling for Islam, Jihad and Khilafah is forbidden in Pakistan, rather they are working under the cover of fighting against “terrorism” and “extremism”. Therefore Pakistan cannot come out of this situation unless and until the traitors in the political and military leadership are uprooted and Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood is re-established because leader of Kuffar, America will never be satisfied with us until we abandon our Deem, Islam.

(وَلَنْ تَرْضَىٰ عَنْكَ الْيَهُودُ وَلَا النَّصَارَىٰ حَتَّىٰ تَتَّبِعَ مِلَّتَهُمْ)

“Never will the Jews nor the Christians be pleased with you till you follow their religion” [Al-Baqara: 120]

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America wants Turmoil to Prevail, so as to Suppress the Voice of Islam

On Wednesday, 20th January 2016, a brutal attack occurred on University in Charsadda, city of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, in which over twenty people were killed. **Hizb ut-Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan** condemns this brutal attack and its perpetrators because killing of innocent Muslims invites the wrath of Allah (swt) directly, as He (swt) said,

(وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُتَعَمِّدًا فَجَزَاؤُهُ جَهَنَّمُ خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَعَنَهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُ عَذَابًا عَظِيمًا)

“And whoever kills a believer intentionally, his recompense is Hell to abide therein, and the Wrath and the Curse of Allah are upon him, and a great punishment is prepared for him” [Al-Nisa: 93]. Hizb ut-Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan calls the Muslims to pray for the dead that Allah (swt) forgives their sins, raises them to the highest level of Jannah and gives strength to their relative to bear this colossal grief. Aameen.

Since the American invasion of Afghanistan, Muslims of Pakistan have regularly been facing tragedies like this. So far thousands of people have been killed. These attacks started to take place very frequently when the traitors in the political and military leadership of Pakistan saw that the people of Pakistan and their armed forces consider Jihad against American occupation in Afghanistan legitimate. So the Muslims supported Jihad against the American crusaders, as they supported Jihad against Soviet Union occupation of Afghanistan. The traitors in the political and military leadership of Pakistan failed to present political and intellectual arguments as to why Jihad against the American forces in Afghanistan is wrong. Therefore in order to prove that this war is not American, rather its Pakistan's war, they

allowed American intelligence, Blackwater and the Raymond Davis network, to work freely so they can ignite the war of Fitna, throughout the country. Then, continuous bomb blasts and killings started and shadowy criminal gangs, claimed the responsibility for these attacks, using the name of Islam and Jihad. The traitors in the political and military leadership then used their claim to force the people to accept this war as their war. Obama, the US President, himself indicated to this strategy in December 2009, in these words; “**In the past, there have been those in Pakistan who have argued that the struggle against extremism is not their fight...But in recent years, as innocents have been killed from Karachi to Islamabad...Public opinion has turned.**”

Now once again the same Obama said on 12th January 2016, in his State of Union speech that Pakistan would be among the countries that would continue to face instability and turmoil for decades and then, the tragedy of Charsadda struck. The Raheel-Nawaz regime previously used the Peshawar Army Public School massacre on 16th December 2014, as an excuse to make black laws like the Protection of Pakistan Act (PoPA) and military courts. It arrested thousands of political callers of Islam and declared the callers of Islam as “extremist,” and those who wage Jihad against America and India in Afghanistan and Kashmir respectively as “terrorist”. And the brutal attack in Charsadda will also be used to further suppress the voices of Islam, Jihad and Khilafah.

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National Action Plan and State Theory

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There is a fundamental problem with National Action Plan. It is neither related to its implementation nor to the conception of policy recommendations included within it, such as building an effective counter-narrative. The problem is deeper. It is related to the popular understanding of the relationship between the state and society, prevalent amongst our intellectual and political elites. It will serve us well to revisit state theory 101.

The question we need to ask ourselves is whether the people decide how the state looks like or the state decides how the people look like. In other words is the state an intellectual entity separate from the society or the masses? Can it think for itself and determine its own course? Is it possible for the state to have different ideals than that of the society? In the relationship between the state and society or the masses and the state who dominates whom? Who guides whom? And who has authority over whom?

It is very important to ask the right questions here so that we arrive at the correct conception of the idea of the state. The state is the executive authority or the power of implementation vested in a set of institutions. But what do these institutions implement? And who decides what these institutions will implement? If the state is an intellectual entity, what constitutes the mind of the state?

The widespread confusion about the relationship between state and society within Pakistan's political and intellectual elite arises from two factors. Both have to do with ideology. The first factor is the very powerful

influence of Western culture on Pakistan's political and intellectual elite. The idea of state as envisioned by Pakistan's current elites is the idea of state as envisioned by Western civilization.

Based on the Western paradigm, it is perceived by some sections of the Pakistani ruling elite, that there was an intellectual impact of the regime of General Zia ul Haq and that his state backed Islamization drive actually radically changed Pakistani society, where it wholeheartedly adopted the idea of Islam being a political ideology which must be in political authority. The Zia era and the rapid radicalization of the society under it, exaggerated for the Pakistani elites, the power of state and its ability to shape the minds of the people. Ever since the demise of the Islamist General, the Pakistani elites have been trying to imitate him. Entrenched within the Western paradigm of state and society, they assume that Zia was so successful in radically transforming the society, because he was dependent on state backed Islamization drive. They further assume the same transformation of society could

be achieved through state backed secularization drive. So for some sections of Pakistani elite, the Zia era was an example of the powerful role of state as an agent of change. For them it demonstrated that it is the state which decided what the people looked like. So the state is an intellectual entity, and it has a mind of its own. And it can shape the society in its own image. In the Zia era, it was the dictator himself who constituted the mind of the state. And this is why dictatorship is so dangerous, for in a dictatorial state the mind of the state is in fact the mind of the dictator and thus the

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The problem with some sections of the Pakistani ruling elite is the effect of Western culture on their view of the state. For them the natural state is a secular state. Any state model which deviates from the Western conception of a secular state is an anomaly or a deviation, from the natural state. So widespread and deep rooted is this belief among the Pakistani elites that it has even come to define their understanding of the relationship between state and society. Based on the Western paradigm, the state is something separate from the masses. It has its own ideals which can be different from the society. It has its own ideology and hence it is an intellectual entity with a mind of its own. It is secular in nature and is defined by secular ideals. Although the civilian political parties should constitute the mind of the state, they are also bound by the secular ideals which define the nature of the state and the role of all institutions within it. If the masses hold ideals different from the ideals of the state, it is the state's responsibility to shape the masses in the image of the state. It is the state which defines what the people look like.

The National Action Plan is the outcome of this erroneous conception of the state. It seeks to change the masses and the society in the image of the state and in particular the image of how the Pakistani elites believe the society should look like. This plan assumes that the state is an agent of change. In the relationship between the society and the state or the masses and the state, it is the state which dominates the relationship, it is the state which guides the society and it is the state which holds the ultimate authority over the masses.

This view is deeply flawed and rather has turned state theory on its head. In its most simple definitions society can be defined as a group of people living together permanently. The permanence of living together means that individuals within the society develop relationships among them. These relationships

are what can be defined as the collective whole. Because these individuals live together permanently they have to have a collective agreement on how to manage the relationships which have developed among themselves. So the masses need to agree on ideas about the collective or ideas about relationships prevalent amongst them. These ideas will be the basis according to which the relationships within them would be managed. So ideas are required for economic relations within the society as well as how the social interaction between men and women would be conducted. Ideas are needed to decide as to what would be the role of men and women in the society? How would disputes be settled? What constitutes a crime against the individual and what constitutes a crime against the society? What should be the aim of education system? Who is the enemy and who is a friend? How does the society see itself among the comity of nations? How does it conduct its relationship with the outside world? Once the society adopts a set of ideals which form the basis for management of its economic, social, political, defense, education, judicial and foreign policy relationships it appoints a ruler which manages its relationships according to the ideals the society has agreed upon. This is the basis of the state and its ultimate legitimacy. Authority belongs to the people. They use their authority to appoint a ruler and a state apparatus which manages the relationships within the society according to the ideals already agreed by the society.

The state is not an intellectual entity. It does not have a mind of its own. Its legitimacy rests on the consent of the people appointing an authority and state apparatus to manage their affairs according to certain ideals. Here it is important to note the nature and basis of state authority. The authority of the state is conditional and not absolute. It is conditional to the ideals on which the society has agreed upon. This is why the state is referred to as a political authority. It is an entity which is bound to manage the affairs of the people

according to the convictions of the people. There can of course be unnatural states. Where the authority does not rule by the convictions or consent of the people. These would either be states where a foreign power has usurped authority by force or where a domestic group or individual has forcefully put himself in the position of authority and has taken control of the state. All unnatural states are unstable and eventually give way to stable states where authority is appointed by the consent of the people to rule them according to the ideals in which the people believe in.

Because the state is not an intellectual entity, rather a reflective or passive entity which is bound in its ruling by the ideals in which the people believe in, it cannot be an agent of change. The nature of political power is that it is consensual. So any agent of change which wants to reshape society according to certain ideals or which wants to challenge the existing ideals of the society and replace it with new ones must convince the masses on the new ideals. So we have a case where an entity holds some ideals which are not held by the society. That entity wants those ideals to be adopted by the society and the political authority to govern according to those ideals. The only way to do it is to convince the society to change its old ideals, adopt new ones, and accordingly appoint a political authority to govern by new ideals. Such an entity which has a mind of its own and which wants to reshape the society in its own image is not the state rather a political party. Political parties are the agents of change in the society if they chose to be. If they want, they can adopt some ideals and accordingly through convincing the public on those ideals, they, through the consensual support of the masses get those ideals implemented through the power of the state. This is in fact what happened in the Zia Era. It

was the Islamic political parties, not the state itself, that were able to convince the masses on Islam's political nature and the need for Islam to be in political authority. It was a consensual shift by the masses enabled by the state apparatus but achieved through the political forces operating at the time.

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The National Action Plan will fail because it assumes that the state is an agent of change when it is not. Moreover what is called as "extremism" by the Pakistani regime are ideals about political Islam held by the masses through conviction. And masses cannot be coerced in to leaving their convictions. That would be turning state theory on its head. As such the Raheel-Nawaz regime is doomed to failure and the Muslims must strive with Hizb ut Tahrir, the Islamic political party working for change, looking forwards to

the time when despite the attempts of the tyrants, Islam will prevail.

(قُلْ هَذِهِ سَبِيلِي أَدْعُو إِلَى اللَّهِ عَلَى بَصِيرَةٍ أَنَا وَمَنِ اتَّبَعَنِي
وَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ)

"Say this is my way, I call to Allah upon awareness, I and those who follow me and Glory be to Allah and I am not from the Mushrikeen." [Surah Yusuf 12:108]

Raheel follows Kayani and Musharraf in Treachery

Khalid Salahudin

It is now almost fifteen years since the 9/11 incident that galvanised the West under the leadership of the US war to prevent the return of Khilafah to Muslim lands. The so called US troop drawdown from Afghanistan signals the conclusion of the US strategic objectives for curtailing Pakistan. The Kashmir policy has been reversed, in order to support the rise of India as a regional hegemon. and on the Western border, the Pakistan army leadership has done a remarkable job for the US. It has:

1. Supported the US war to remove the Afghan Taliban from power,
2. And concurrently, establish the US military footprint in Afghanistan.
3. And finally is working hard to bring back the Afghan Taliban to the negotiating table, but under US hegemony.

So after fifteen years, and the loss of countless Muslim lives in Pakistan and across both Eastern and Western borders, the war on terror has left us weaker than ever before. A relationship of convenience exists between the rulers of Pakistan whereby the Political leadership relinquishes the right to take strategic decisions, and delegates it to the Military leadership. In return, the Military leadership turns a blind eye to the obscene looting of the country by the politicians.

All this has occurred under the leadership of the COAS of the Pakistan army, specifically Musharraf, Kayani and Raheel Sharif. All three are guilty of treachery against Muslims and the state of Pakistan. They have worked diligently to achieve US goals in the region and worked sincerely for their Western masters to deceive Muslims by presenting their treacherous

policies as a strategic victory for Pakistan and the army. In principle:

1. Musharraf's primary role was to lay the seeds for the reversal of Pakistan's India and Afghan policy. The war on terror would achieve this.
2. Kayani's role was to produce a shift in the Pakistani army's Military focus away from the Eastern border to the Western border.
3. Raheel Sharif's role is to bring the Afghan Taliban to the negotiating table so that a stable Afghanistan would support the US objective of containing China and supporting the rise of India.
4. All three military rulers of Pakistan worked strongly to suppress the struggle for re-establishment of Khilafah and Pakistan becoming its starting point.

Musharraf used the strategic word so often, yet he ignored the strategic context of 9/11. He was aware that the US alignment with India had already occurred, signalled by Bill Clinton's five day trip to New Delhi and five hour trip to Islamabad. He was aware that the US's need for Pakistan was critical to the Afghanistan war and for the US-India realignment. So why did Musharraf provide unconditional support to the US knowing what it meant for Pakistan? In his 19th September 2001 address, he stated the following four reasons for his inability to say no to the US:

1. The security of Pakistan and the external threat posed by US in case of a "No".
2. Revival of Pakistan's economy.
3. Security of Pakistan's nuclear and missile program.
4. The Kashmir cause.

All these reasons were no more than a disinformation strategy to gain public support for his decision to blindly follow US dictations. Colin Powell was surprised that Musharraf acceded to all of US demands, expecting him to agree to only some of them. Examples of blatant lying by the Musharraf regime was the quote about US bombing Pakistan back to the stone ages which was later refuted by Richard Armitage himself. Not only did Musharraf lie, he removed from office those who would disagree with him. Two of his top lieutenants, Generals Mahmood and Usmani supposedly resigned in disagreement with his policies, a clear indication that the military establishment was divided on Musharraf's policy choices. If this was not enough, Musharraf's Air Chief, Air Marshall Mushaf Mir, was placed under house arrest when he opposed giving the US control over Pakistani airbases, and then died in mysterious circumstances.

Kayani was the faithful heir to Musharraf's treachery and he continued it, both in subservience to the US as well as the policy of spreading disinformation to the Pakistani public. His primary role was to produce the shift in focus of the Pakistani army away from India to the contrived internal threat called terrorism. But to do this, he had to create the internal threat. When he became Chief of Army Staff, there had been two strikes by US drones in FATA till then, and by the time he stepped down, there had been short of 300 strikes, inevitably inflaming the tribal areas. The Raymond Davis network was allowed to roam freely in urban Pakistan, resulting in false flag attacks in Pakistan's urban centers to rile up public opinion in favor of army operations in FATA. Kayani then mobilized over 100,000 troops to Pakistan's Western border. He faithfully lied to the army over the drone attacks, publicly stating that he disagreed with them whilst privately demanding more drone strikes from the US. His ISI chief, Ahmed Shuja Pasha, whose original responsibility would be to apprehend terrorists like Davis, worked hard with Hussain Haqqani to provide

a safe exit to the CIA operative, but not his network. Hence, whilst Raymond Davis was gone, false flag attacks continued in Pakistan providing the military leadership with the excuse to pursue military operations in FATA consistent with US demands.

The inflamed tribal areas, fuelled by the drone attacks and the false flag attacks by the Raymond Davis network on military personnel and installations provided the cover of public opinion for Kayani to attempt at rewriting the Pakistan army's green book to define the internal threat (so-called "Terrorism") to be greater than external threat (India). And it was and is this focus that the US wishes the Pakistan army to pursue.

After two terms, Kayani retired allowing for Raheel Sharif to succeed him, both in position and deeds. Raheel Sharif was the architect of the green book rewrite, and so he was the perfect candidate for the US to replace his predecessors. The seeds laid by Musharraf had begun to take root under Kayani's period, and were now ready to blossom under Raheel Sharif's guidance. The US seeks to bring the Afghan Taliban to the peace table. So Raheel Sharif's mandate is clear, he will stabilize Afghanistan for the US and ensure continued US military and political presence there. But for this he needed to crush domestic sympathy and support for the Afghan Taliban and cut the historical ties between the Afghan and Pakistani societies which are strongly underwritten by the Islamic bond of brotherhood. So Raheel effectively mounted a soft coup to consolidate his power domestically and rollout his crush and silence policy against Islamic opposition. The army backed—especially the ISI — supported anti-Nawaz demonstrations orchestrated by Imran Khan in august 2014 were part of this strategy. The then president of the PTI, Javed Hashmi, confirmed that the former Director General of the ISI, Ahmed Shuja Pasha, had been instrumental in inciting Imran to weaken the civilian PM.

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Parallel to his attempts to consolidate power domestically, Raheel also began preparations for Zarb-e-Azb. The methodology adopted was the same as before. A false flag operation was required to justify the launch of the operation. The attack on Karachi airport on June 8/9 2014 was used by Raheel to launch the military operation in FATA for which troops had mobilized many months before.

When questions were asked from within the rank and file of the army as to why Raheel Sharif was so eager to undertake the North Waziristan operation demanded by the US whilst his predecessor, Kayani was not. The answer came in a statement from the retired DG ISPR, Athar Abbas.

“Gen Kayani thought he would be held accountable for sending troops into North Waziristan. and that is why he dilly-dallied on the operation due to which we wasted too much time and suffered losses,” he added. “The country, its people, the government and the armed forces had to pay a heavy price for Gen Kayani's hesitance.”
Express Tribune, July 1 2014.

Internal dissent with the army against the North Waziristan operation was silenced by declaring those who oppose it as traitors and the vilification campaign run against General Kayani served the same purpose. This was the double game being played by military leadership against its own rank and file

But Zarb-e-Azb was the first step in the effort to bring the Afghan Taliban to the negotiating table by adding military pressure on them. The requirement to move the military into North Waziristan was the basis was for the next step. US wants Raheel Sharif to bring the Afghan Taliban to the peace table. The US is also keen on Chinese involvement in the process. This would help provide international legitimacy to the peace process as well as share the costs of stabilizing Afghanistan with China.

The incentive for China is that it would have a greater role in the region. Further, the Chinese have a specific interest in Afghanistan due to their perceptions that the East Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM) was fomenting trouble in the Xinjiang region. If the Taliban were at the peace table, then the Chinese through them can try to influence ETIM and curtail its activities.

During the early part of 2014, there was a series of trips between officials from Afghanistan and China. The consequences of the meetings were indicated in the reconciliation proposal from China. A Reuter's article published on November 11, 2014 stated:

Documents seen by Reuters show that China put forward a proposal for a "peace and reconciliation forum" that afghan officials said would gather representatives from Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and the Taliban command.

The Chinese plan, discussed at a recent meeting of nations taking part in the "Istanbul Process" on Afghanistan's future, comes as U.S.-led combat troops prepare to withdraw from Afghanistan after 13 years of war.

The Istanbul Process meeting was held on the 31st of October, which means that China's role in Afghanistan was discussed in tandem with the US to arrive at some mutual agreement. On the 1st of December 2014, a BBC report stated the following:

Ambassador Sun said that China had already established several forums for discussion on how to bring in neighboring states and others to support reconciliation in Afghanistan.

"One tripod involves talks between China, Afghanistan and Pakistan, the second is a group of regional countries called 'six plus one', which involves US,

Russia, China, India, Pakistan and Iran and the one being Afghanistan. This group has already met twice," said Mr Sun.

Another 'tripod' group that Western diplomats say has held several meetings, but which the Chinese are reluctant to talk about, is China, US and Afghanistan.

Towards the end of November 2014, Raheel Sharif travelled to the US for two weeks. Whilst the exact details are not available, his trip was extended by a further week for a meeting with John Kerry. Raheel returned back to Pakistan and within 2 weeks, on December 16, 2014, the despicable and cowardly attack on the Army Public School (APS) took place. The death of so many army children created an immediate urge for solidarity with the military, and it facilitated Raheel Sharif's prioritization of the fight against the Afghan Taliban. The PTI halted its protests, an all party conference was called and the nation was coerced into accepting military courts. Ironically, of the first executions that were undertaken were those who were responsible for the attacks on Musharraf. This was a clear message to the army that it won't tolerate dissent within its ranks against any of the policies pursued by the military leadership. It however also indicated the presence of dissent in the army against the policies pursued by the top military leadership.

On December 17th, 2014, Nawaz Sharif made an official statement that there were no good Taliban and bad Taliban, but it was clear that this policy was driven by Raheel Sharif. For the first time in her history, the Pakistan army would be against the Afghan Taliban. In parallel and on the same day as Nawaz Sharif's statement, the US made a statement:

"And we've also said that we're not going to target Taliban simply by virtue of the fact that they're Taliban. So being a member of the Taliban doesn't --

doesn't mean that the United States is going to prosecute operations against you for that reason alone." December 17, 2014

The timing of the US statement was meant to state clearly that the US was willing to deal with the Afghan Taliban, consistent with the Istanbul Process, and let them participate in the new Afghan government. Further, as with the Karachi airport attack, the APS attack came at the perfect time for the US to push its Afghan policy through Pakistan.

While progress on the peace talks was slow, it was in July that the first sets of talks were formally arranged between the Afghan Government and the Afghan Taliban in the Pakistani hill side resort of Murree. An article published in Dawn newspaper on July 8th, 2015 stated:

The first round of talks brokered by Pakistan between representatives of the Afghan government and the Afghan Taliban concluded Wednesday in Murree, with both parties agreeing to meet again.

"As part of the commitment to facilitate an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process, Pakistan is hosting a meeting today between the representatives of the Afghan government and the Afghan Taliban," FO spokesman Qazi Khalilullah said in a short statement early Wednesday.

"The representatives from United States and China are attending as observers," Qazi said earlier.

The farcical nature of the whole process is illustrated by its description as an Afghan-led, Afghan-owned peace process, mediated by Pakistan, with representatives from the United States and China attending as observers.

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Interestingly, the second round of talks, to be held on the 31st July 2015 were postponed due to the leaking of the news about Mullah Omar's demise, and that too almost two years ago. A major leadership battle ensued between what appears to be those who wish to continue the fight against the US and those who wish to pursue peace. This fault line probably existed before, and was the reason why Raheel Sharif could not bring the Afghan Taliban to the peace table so easily. As of writing of this article, it appears that the Afghan Taliban have split. The Heart of Asia Meeting held in Islamabad concluded with the statement as reported in Dawn on 10/12/2015

"This was disclosed by Afghan Foreign Minister Salahuddin Rabbani. "at the trilateral and bilateral meetings we had this afternoon, the main discussion item has been the peace process in Afghanistan. Our allies agreed to work with us in this regard... to bring the reconcilable elements to the table," he said while talking to reporters on Wednesday."

The above article goes on further to quote the US Deputy Secretary of State,

Separately, Deputy Secretary of State Antony Blinken, talking to journalists at the US Embassy, said: "The governments of Afghanistan, Pakistan, China and US held a series of meetings today to reaffirm our collective commitment to enabling an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned process of reconciliation and cessation of violence."

The declining superpower(US), the regional power(China), and two pivot states (Pakistan and Afghanistan) led by puppet rulers affirm their commitment to bringing the reconcilable elements of the Taliban to the peace table. If the US with all her military resources, supported by the resources of the

regional powers cannot defeat a rag tag and split Taliban movement, how will she confront the unified military and economic strength of the Muslim World when it gets united under the Khilafah State. US plan for South Asia depends upon using Pakistan's strength to protect her interests. The sincere elements in Pakistan's armed forces must realize their own worth and refuse to loan their strength to the US project. Instead the strength of the Muslim Armed forces of Pakistan should be used for protecting the interests of Islam and Muslims. This would only be achieved when the armed forces provide material support for the establishment of Khilafah in Pakistan which then becomes the starting point for the revival of Muslim might and glory at the international stage.

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And Raheel did not even dare to raise the issue of Afia Siddiqui, daughter of the Ummah, during his two official visits of America.

The army commanders of the coming Khilafah, inshaAllah, will not be remembered upon retirement for tenures in service of the open enemies of Muslims. Instead, they will be remembered as Khalid Bin Waleed (ra), Tariq Bin Ziyad and Muhammad Bin Qasim, over how many lands they opened to raise the word of Allah swt as the highest and their role in spreading the light of Islam, as a mercy for humankind.

وَلِلَّهِ الْعِزَّةُ وَلِرَسُولِهِ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَلَكِنَّ الْمُنَافِقِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

"But honour, power and glory belong to Allah, His Messenger (Muhammad ﷺ), and to the believers, but the hypocrites know not"(Al-Munafiqoon:08).

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Raheel Sharif's Tenure is one of Sacrificing the Interests of the Muslims of Pakistan to Ensure American Interests

On Monday, 25th January 2016, Lieutenant General Asim Bajwa, head of the public relations department of Pakistan's armed forces, announced via Twitter that General Raheel Sharif will not take extend his tenure, beyond the scheduled end of his tenure on November 2016. After this announcement for several days, mouthpieces and sycophants of the regime engaged in loud clamor and desk-thumping, appreciating Raheel's decision.

It is strange that Raheel Sharif has been praised for a decision which should be a routine matter, retirement at the end of a career. He should have been praised or criticized with regards his responsibilities. Judgment should have been over whether he protected the interests of the Muslims of Pakistan or followed the path of his predecessors, Kayani and Musharraf, who guarded the interests of America. General Raheel Sharif himself highlighted the most prominent aspect of his tenure as the so-called "war on terrorism," which is in fact war against those who are fighting against the American occupation in Afghanistan. Raheel Sharif exploited the Pakistani armed forces to accomplish tasks which America itself had not been able to do for the last fifteen years, despite having hundreds of thousands troops of American and NATO forces on its disposal. On 30 January 2016, the nominated commander of American and Nato forces in Afghanistan, Lt. General Nicholson, acknowledged Raheel Sharif's services in front of the US senate Armed Services Committee. He stated that Pakistan's military operations in FATA (Federally Administered Tribal Areas) were "critical to defeating insurgency." He further said that he acknowledged Pakistan's ongoing counter-

terrorism operation in FATA had reduced the militants' ability to use Pakistan territory as a safe haven for terrorism and a base of support for the insurgency in Afghanistan.

When traitors in the political and military leadership themselves accept that America allowed Pakistan's enemy, India, to establish her presence in Afghanistan, then why did Raheel Sharif fight those who are fighting against America? When traitors in the political and military leadership themselves accept that American policies have damaged Pakistan, then why did Raheel Sharif use the Pakistan army to facilitate the American presence at our door step, Afghanistan, even though America is an open enemy of Pakistan's nuclear capabilities? In fact, Raheel Sharif in his tenure followed in the footsteps of Washington's servants, Kayani and Musharraf. He secured American interests and sacrificed the interests of the Muslims of Pakistan and the region. During Raheel's tenure, the National Action Plan campaign to suppress the voice of Islam was launched, in which thousands have been put behind bars and hundreds been abducted, disappearing without a trace. During Raheel's tenure, a special committee comprising of military intelligence, inter-services intelligence, the intelligence bureau and police was established in the aftermath of the Pathankot attack, to formulate proposals to ensure the security of India. During Raheel's tenure, the policy of preventing Muslims waging Jihad against India in Kashmir was consolidated.

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The Sharp Fall in Oil Prices!

Question:

The oil prices have continued to drop to the point where the price of a barrel has fallen below \$40. Saudi has not reduced production in order for the prices to stabilize in the case since it is the biggest producer amongst the OPEC states. That was apparent in the OPEC meeting held on 04/12/2015. Similarly, America has increased its production instead of reducing it in order to confront the decreasing prices... So what are the reasons for the fall in the prices of oil?

Answer:

In order to make the picture clear it is necessary to review the oil prices throughout the last year in line with the timing of political events and a number of influencing and changing realities, so that we are capable of examining the causes of the increase of oil and its decrease within close periods of time:

1 – During the rule of Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz and a short time before his death the prices of oil fell sharply and this was understood to represent a British attempt through its agent Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz to strike at the American interests in relation to the America production of Shale (As was mentioned in the Answer to Question issued on 07/01/2015). The price of petrol remained low until the death of Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz and accession of the American agent Salman Bin Abdul Aziz to the rule on 23/01/2015. In spite of the announcement made by the Saudi Minister of Oil in respect to Saudi not changing its oil policy, the reality is that the price of oil began to gradually rise with the accession of Salman to the rule until it had surpassed the

margins of \$60 by the month of May. This is what had been expected in line with what had been mentioned in the answer to question of 25/01/2015 in which it was mentioned: “As a consequence of that, there will be a reduction of tension between the United States and Saudi Arabia, and this affects the reduction of the continuing decline in oil prices. This is because the former king, backed by the British wanted to reduce oil prices to derail America from benefiting from the oil shale”.

2 – At the end of June the price of oil began to gradually drop until it reached by mid-August around the margins of \$40. This period in which the fall took place was in line with the timing of the conclusion of the Iranian nuclear deal and it appears that America made effort to decrease the oil price during the negotiations period to aid its agents in Iran to be able to make the required

concessions needed to conclude the deal. That is because the reduced oil price puts pressure upon the Iranian economy which then provides the popular justification to make concessions under the shadow of economic constraints that the people were originally suffering from. Then following that the prices of oil began to rise again slightly until the end of September at the time of which it hit \$50.

3 – At the beginning of October 2015, the prices of oil began to fall again rapidly until they hit \$34 on 18/12/2015... This sharp fall in oil prices pose different reasons to those that existed previously and the elaboration of that is as follows:

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At the time of the occurrence of the American financial crisis in 2008, America adopted a policy of quantitative easing from that time in order to escape from the financial crisis that had struck it severely. So it began to pump huge quantities of Dollars in order to save the financial system and it weakened the dollar whilst it still remains committed to that. However, since the beginning of last year America noticed the presence of a matter that had an impact upon its quantitative easing (policy) and this matter is:

- The world nations were harmed by this policy and China in particular as the decreased (value) of the Dollar had impacted its huge Dollar reserves... As a result of that, calls began to appear to abandon the Dollar and to reframe a new monetary system. This call appeared strongly within Europe touted by the French Foreign Minister Michel Sapin in accordance to what was quoted in the Financial Times on 07/07/2015 under the heading: 'France hits out at the dollar's dominance'.

It was mentioned that Sapin said: "We the Europeans are making exchange amongst ourselves with Dollars like for example when we sell aircraft. Is this necessary? I don't believe so. I believe restoring balance is possible and necessary. Not just in respect to what relates to the Euro but also in respect to the other currencies of the rising states and which represent more and more of global trade..." And he said to the newspaper that he will instigate the need for an alternative for the Dollar with his colleagues, the Ministers of Finance of the Euro Zone, when they meet in Brussels on Monday. This is despite his refusal to delve into details about these currency steps that could appear). And China followed France so during an interview with Xinhua news agency, Kostin, the President of VTB Bank, the second biggest Russian bank for loans, said:

"The global financial system is still subservient to the dominance of the American dollar and it requires a mechanism that is more varied in order to reduce the dependence upon one single currency." And Kostin said that it is possible for China, in its consideration as the second largest economy in the world, to cooperate with a number of other states in order to build a new system and he added that Russia will support China's undertaking a leadership role in the global financial arena. (The People's Online Daily Newspaper, 01/11/2015).

Even though this is a sufficient enough reason for America to abandon the policy of devaluing the dollar it nevertheless remained arrogantly upon the same policy i.e. devaluing the dollar. Therefore, it was diligent in respect to raising the price of petrol because its rise will lead to the devaluing of the dollar as is well known. From there it continues to deal with the effects of the financial crisis that have not been erased until now. This is whilst at the same time it works to increase the price of petrol so as to make the production of shale oil worthwhile due to the rise of the price of petrol. It was for this reason that Kerry visited Saudi on 11/09/2014 and for his meeting with Abdullah whilst focusing upon decreasing production in order to increase the price of petrol as we have previously explained in our answer dated 07/01/2015.

- Despite that America has noticed in the latter months of this current year that this direction towards distancing from the dollar has begun to become a practical course. This has been by keeping away from the dollar as reserves and purchasing gold with it. China has undertaken the exchange of what it had in dollars with gold in the case where it had possessed an abundance in Dollars that amounted to close to 4 trillion. "The Chinese Central Bank is adding to its reserves on a monthly basis between 14

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and 19 tonnes of Gold” (Reuters, 1/12/2015). This is also in the case where unofficial information as reported by some Russian newspapers have indicated that China is seeking to increase its reserves of Gold in the Central Bank to reach in the coming period 10 thousand tonnes in order to supersede the US which is currently in first place possessing 8 thousand tonnes. China currently has come to possess approximately 1700 tonnes of gold reserves. Similarly, Russia has been buying gold and currently Russia owns 1275 tonnes, in the case where it bought 67 tonnes in the second half of 2015... This matter represents the sounding of alarm bells in respect to the dollar and represents a great danger to America. That is because the dollar represents one of the most important pillars and supports for its dominance over the world. It is therefore important to America for the dollar to remain the currency by which petrol is priced and the currency of financial settlements. That is because whoever owns the dollar has influence over the prices of petrol and global trade.

4 – Like this, America has adopted a policy that leads to the raising of the price of the dollar or reducing the price of oil by a number of processes:

a – Adopting the policy of increasing oil production by all means possible which include:

* America and Canada increased their production of oil from around 10.3 million barrels per day in 2005 to around 18 million barrels per day in the current year.

* The agents of America in OPEC and particularly Saudi, Iran and Iraq and have increased their oil production from:

- As for Saudi, Al-Jazeera.net published on 10/10/2015: “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has informed the organisation petrol exporting states, OPEC, that it has increased its oil production last September by 100 thousand barrels per day”. (Al-Arabi Al-Jadeed, 14/12/2015). Its production this year has reached 10.1 million barrels daily.

- As for Iran, then Reuters reported from a source in the oil field on Monday who had knowledge of the delivery timetable loads within the country that is a member of the countries exporting oil (OPEC) that: “Iran is on its way towards exporting 1.26 million barrels daily of crude oil daily this month. This principle figure is higher than its level merely two months previously by roughly a quarter” (Al-Arabi Al-Jadeed, 14/12/2015). And some

specialists anticipate that it will export more than that:

“The lifting of economic sanctions and allowing Iran to export its oil (Iran currently produces 3.7 million barrels a day in the case where its exports have reached approximately 1.7 million barrels per day) will add to the global production, as it is within the capability of Iran to increase its production in the region of 600 thousand barrels per day by the end of 2015. This is whilst noting that the supply estimates range between 1.5 to 2 million barrels per day” (Sabaah Al-Jadeed News site, 09/12/2015).

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- As for Iraq, the Fayad Hasan Ni'mah, the delegate of the Oil Ministry for Affairs of Extraction said: "The production of the Ramlah (oil) field has reached around 1 million and 350 thousand barrels per day." Adding that: "The ministry seeks to raise the level of production of the (oil) field by two million and 100 thousand barrels per day". And he added further: "That the oil production in the field currently represents 40% of the Iraqi oil production" ... Reuters news agency reported that Iraq has specified 3.017 million barrels daily from the crude of Basra to export in September representing an increase from the 2.52 million barrels per day of the previous month (Sabaah Al-Jadeed, 15/08/2015).

* Annulling the ban on exporting American oil abroad in the case where: 'The US House of Representatives approved a new process to lift the ban imposed upon crude oil exports which had been in place for forty years... and the American president, Barack Obama, signed the motion of Friday so that it became law' (BBC, 19/12/2015)... America dealt with the issue of shale oil, so that it did not stand in the way of its new policy in regards to raising the value of the dollar and decrease the price of oil. And so a number of companies that had invested in this field left and a number of big wells in which the cost of extraction exceeded the price of petrol halted work. This is whilst the companies which were capable of bearing the decrease in prices and which were technologically capable of utilising scientific styles to reduce the costs of production remained. They then multiplied their production capabilities until the American production of shale oil remained within acceptable levels. This had a big impact in respect to exporting after the annulment of the ban... It was mentioned in the American energy agency report according to what was stated in the site 'Market Realist': "That the US

production of crude oil for the week ending on the 11th of December is roughly steady (constant)..." In the current month it reached around 9.17 million barrels per day and this goes back to the fact that the cost of US shale oil extraction had decreased whilst the well production had increased that remained producing in spite of the closing of the non-worthwhile wells... Eric Lee, a commodities strategist of Citigroup said: "In North Dakota's Bakken formation, the break-even cost has fallen into the \$20s in some counties, the state's Department of Mineral Resources reported last month. Producing a barrel of oil would still be profitable at \$24 in Dunn County, down from \$29 last October." (Tom DiChristopher, CNBC 20/08/2015)".

Consequently, America and its agents have contributed to increasing the production in a manner that has brought about saturation within it. This in the case where some of the reports have indicated that: 'There is currently in the markets an oil surplus that is equal to approximately 4-5 million barrels per day' (cited from Alpha Beta Site, 15/12/2015). This is in addition to the global oil consumption that is regarded to represent the made motivator of demand has witnessed a noticeable reduction. This is as the expectations of the IMF indicate a reduction in growth in the world's total GDP from 3.4% to 3.3% in the context of a slowdown in the manufacturing economies in Europe and Japan and a receding growth in the developing economies and particularly in China which is the second biggest consumer of oil in the world. This is in the context of what the financial markets have witnessed in terms of uneasiness as a result of the devaluation of its currency; the Yen. Market forecasts as a result of that have mentioned that there is a receding demand for oil within this pivotal state. As such the large oil surplus has been accompanied by a powerful shrinkage in

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demand and all of that has led to a sharp decrease in the oil prices which has led to the rising price of the Dollar...

b – There is also another issue and that is the raising of the interest rate. In spite of the American economic indicators not indicating a real recovery for the American economy, the US Federal Reserve Council announced on 16/12/2015 the rise of the interest rate by half a point. The chair of the US Federal Reserve Janet Yellen announced on 03/12/2015 according to the Financial Times: The drag of the high dollar on US exports is one reason for the Federal Reserve to take a gradual approach to tightening monetary policy. It is worth noting that the interest rate in the US had reduced to nearly zero and to 0.25% to be exact. That was due to the global financial crisis that exploded in the US in 2008. And according to the capitalist economy, if the interest rate remains low, then that indicates that the crisis is still continuing and that the economy has not recovered; that there is a depression, market movement has subsided and slowed in terms of buying and selling, investment and activating work. That is because the capitalists depend upon the interest rate to reap profits. Raising the interest rate increases the profits of the banks and companies in addition to providing an incentive for people to deposit their money into the banks to invest and reap its profits. This then (in such a case) would provide the indication that the US has overcome, to a great extent, the fallout and consequences of the global financial crisis.

And as soon as the interest rate rise was announced, the oil prices decreased by 3%. Rising interest rates strengthens the confidence

in the US economy and gives the impression that it has overcome the fallout of the financial crisis in order to increase its global political influence. US share prices jumped in the Wall Street Stock Exchange by 1.28% immediately following the announcement of the interest rate rise by the Central Bank. The S&P (Standard and Poor's) index also jumped by 1.45% and the Nasdaq by 1.52%...

5 – From that America achieved the suitable conditions for the increase of the price (or value) of the Dollar and raising the interest rate... This is whilst noting that raising the interest rates raises the cost of retaining gold

America achieved the suitable conditions for the increase of the price of the Dollar... it leads to a decrease in the price of gold and brings harm to nations that seek to depend upon gold

due to the rise in the value of the dollar. Therefore, it leads to a decrease in the price of gold and brings harm to nations that seek to depend upon gold reserves instead of the Dollar. As such, America wants to preserve the Dollar as the global currency that it dealt with and as the money reserve for states instead of gold and to make dealing with gold unprofitable and keeping it as reserves not being worthwhile. It doesn't want a return to gold and it does not

want the world to return to this system that causes major harms to it. That is because, with its paper currency that is not equal to the ink that is printed upon buys the resources (treasures) of the world and funds its war machine and armies externally. It purchases guarantees and states by its extension through what it calls aid whilst it strikes the economies of other states and makes its economy dominate through the controlling dominance of the Dollar over all states, international financial institutions and financial markets.

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6 – In this way we are able to say that the most likely or preponderant reason for the fall in oil prices is related to the internal and external policy of the US that aims to:

a – Raise the interest rate value internally. This issue has become an issue resembling a vital issue for it. And this is to provide the indication that the US has rid itself from the consequences and fallout of the financial crisis and that its economy is strong. That is so that confidence grows and increases in it and its political influence increases over the (other world) states.

b – Strengthening the confidence in the dollar to stand in the face of competition to it, to preserve dealing with the dollar, to make it the (source of) money reserves of the world's states, to make them continuously tie their currencies to it, to strike at dependence upon gold and making it the basis of reserves instead of the dollar. This is particular in regards to China and Russia as they are moving towards getting rid of the dominant control of the dollar and making their currency reserves reliant upon gold to a greater degree.

7 – Therefore, by this America controls the international economic situation and particularly the influential commodities like oil. All of that is because its currency, the dollar, is the measure in buying and selling this commodity... Leaving the dealings to proceed by the dollar and leaving it to specify the prices of petrol and other minerals and all important commodities is an evidence of direct or indirect international subservience to America. That is because their prices fall or rise in accordance to its Dollar and the interest rate that its Central Bank sets. As a result, if the American economy slumps then it afflicts all of the economies in the world as a result. What is necessary (in this situation) is to cease tying local (national) currencies to the dollar and for

the states to abandon using it for their monetary reserves. And from there their dependence should be upon gold, with silver alongside it, and making them the currencies of exchange, buying and selling, of products, evaluating wages and basing monetary reserves upon. This major step cannot be traversed in the absence of the Islamic Khilafah State in which Allah (swt) has legislated gold and silver as the monetary unit alone. At that time the dollar will return to being just a piece of paper which is all that it is in origin.

(إِنَّهُمْ يَرَوْنَهُ بَعِيدًا * وَنَرَاهُ قَرِيبًا)

“Verily they see it as far off. And we see it as near” [Al-Ma’aarij: 6-7].

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Corresponding to 23/12/2015 CE

The Reality of the Disputes between the Agent States of a Major State

Question:

Can agent states or satellite (orbiting) states be in conflict with each other? If this is possible, then how can we explain this, if they follow the same major state? Wouldn't this conflict affect the interests of the major state that they follow? If there is no such conflict taking place, then how can we explain, for example, what is going on between Iraq and Turkey, or between Iran and Saudi Arabia, or between Turkey and Iran? Thank you.

Answer:

Wa Alaikum As-Salaam Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuhu

The broad outline of the subject is as follows:

1. It is inconceivable that the agent states to the major states will undertake an action that would harm those major states, because following the major states in foreign policy means following the plans drawn by the major states for them or in the policies they implement in every detail. Therefore their external actions are subject to the will of the major states and they cannot carry out any action without consulting the major states and following their orders, like Jordan with Britain: Jordan's rulers carry out the orders of Britain in foreign policy only after consulting with it. Unless the policy is well-known and was followed previously, it can take an action within that policy such as when

Jordan contacts Qatar, which also follows Britain, to undertake an action that serves the British policy.

2. As for the follower state to a major state "i.e. revolves in its orbit", they are linked to major state based on interest and not subordination, it may leave the "orbit" in one aspect of the foreign policy because it is looking for its interest, while it revolves in the orbit of the major state, and this depends on the influence exercised by the major state in the arrival of the rulers of those state to power, as stated in the answer to a question on 30/7/2013: "...it should be noted that there are factors of

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influence and pressure used by the major state, which prevent the orbiting state from partially exiting its orbit. The strength or weakness of this prohibition depends on the extent of the impact that the major state has stretched out on the ruling class in the orbiting state. If the impact of the major state is strong, then even the partial detachment of the orbiting state is extremely difficult. The smaller the impact of the major state on the orbiting state is, the

more the latter will be able to detach from the foreign policy of the major state be it in one fraction or more." For example, Canada revolves in the orbit of America as well as the orbit of Britain according to its benefit. However, Canada announced on 29/9/2015 that Iran is a state that harbors terrorism, and it closed down the Iranian embassy in Canada. It even considered Iran to "pose the most danger

to global peace and security in the world today”, as mentioned by its Foreign Minister John Baird.

This took place after the nuclear deal orchestrated by America to engage with Iran openly in the so-called attainment of peace and security in the region. This action by Canada that revolves in the orbit of America disagrees with America in this aspect of the policy and it is not supportive of the US policy. It is America's interest that Canada accepts Iran as a country seeking peace and security, and not to cut relations with it and declare it a terrorist state that threaten international peace and security. Thus the follower state that revolve in the orbit of a major state can disagree in some parts of the policies with the major state, if there was no influence of the major state on the rulers coming to power.

As for Turkey, it is stated in the answer to the question mentioned on 30/7/2013: “America's influence on bringing the ruling class to power is strong, so Erdogan feels that he cannot reach power and reinforce his authority internally except with America's help, so he sees that his fate is tied to America which has great control in Turkey so that it is able to command the government, rulers, judges, economy, army and security forces... And therefore America's influence on the government in Turkey is strong, and consequently Turkey's stepping out of line of any American foreign policy is extremely difficult”. The conclusion to the answer to the question was: “i.e., Turkey currently revolves in America's orbit, and the impact of America in Turkey's affairs is strong, so if the situation continues as it is now of Turkey's strong links with America, Turkey would then become closer to the full subordination to America and it revolving in its orbit would then become questionable!”

Therefore, Turkey is not at the level of Canada, but the United States' influence on it is very strong to the point that Turkey has not been able to depart in any part from American policy, but it worked to bolster its relations with America and agreed with it in every major and minor issue, when Turkey said in the words of Assistant Turkish Foreign Minister, Feridun Snarli Oglu to (CNN, the American channel) on 11/8/2015: "The two countries (Turkey and the United States) have agreed to the establishment of a safe area with a length of about 100 kilometers and width of about 50 kilometers." And the Turkish Foreign Ministry statement that "the Syrian opposition forces will take control of this region, while America and Turkey will provide air cover." The United States denied that through the words of US State Department spokesman, Mark Toner on the next day, i.e. 12/8/2015, when he said: "there is no agreement on a safe area, and that he had not seen the Turkish statements and cannot comment on it." He also said, "We were clear from this podium and on several other occasions, that there will be no safe area ..."

Turkey has not been able to depart from America in this part, and when it wanted to establish the safe areas, it stated that it had agreed with the United States, i.e. it cannot undertake any action in foreign policy before coordination with America and its approval, and if there is no approval then the action will not be taken. The moderate opposition's training, for example, which began a year ago by the United States and approved by Turkey without objection, as well as the opening of the US base that serves American interests. The Turkish Foreign Ministry has announced on 29/7/2015 the signing of an agreement with the United States of America of opening the Incirlik Air Base to the US to carry out attacks in Syria; and there are many other incidents.

Therefore, it is difficult to imagine that Turkey under Erdogan will break away from the American policy in any area. Its actions in foreign policy shows full subordination to the United States, and did not disagree with it since the arrival of Erdogan to power 13 years ago. Erdogan has recently visited King Salman in Saudi Arabia, which is an American agent state, and announced on 30/12/2015 the establishment of a 'strategic cooperation council' for closer ties between them. Turkey has agreed with Saudi Arabia to establish a military alliance to fight terrorism, as was announced by the second Saudi Crown Prince, Muhammad the son of King Salman.

3. As for Iran, it is revolving in the orbit of America and did not depart from any part; it has almost reached the point of becoming a subordinate state, especially at the time of the current President Hassan Rouhani and his team at the Foreign Ministry, headed by Javad Zarif, who is an American agent. Iran has coordinated with Turkey on the issue of Syria, the spokesman for the Turkish Foreign Ministry Levent Jamrkaji revealed on 28/11/2013 the existence of "full agreement on the development of bilateral relations between the two countries" and for having "positive talks on Syria", and "full agreement on commitment of Cooperation between the two countries to resolve the crisis in Syria and stop the bloodshed in it." Erdogan visited Iran on 7/4/2015 to strengthen relations between their two countries; this means that the ideological difference between them did not prevent their agreement in foreign policy and

following the US line. Turkey supported Iran's nuclear program negotiations.

4. A conflict in the sense of the conflict between the states or countries that are subordinate or revolving the orbit of a state, if they follow the same major state, is unlikely, because the major state is the one that run the foreign policy in general, and this policy is usually what controls the conflict ... this is in terms of the conflict. But in terms of having a dispute while not being in a conflict with each other - it is clearly explained in the case of the follower states (revolving the orbit of major states) - it is possible in three cases:

...it is unlikely that a conflict in the sense of an actual conflict will take place between the agent countries or follower countries that revolve in the orbit of the same major state...

The first case: If it is through the distribution of roles to serve the interests of major state.

The second case: If the dispute was due to an internal motive without external influences affecting the major state's foreign policy, which these countries revolve in its orbit.

The third case: if it is a matter of supporting one of the agents by "stirring up" an event- if he "was calm"- between him and another agent, and then the calm returns after the end of the requirements of the support.

An example of the first case:

Turkey and Iran are implementing US policy in the Kurdistan region of Iraq, but in different roles, on the surface it seems in contradiction, but the reality is different, each of them plays a role for the benefit of America that fits both of them:

- Iran is supporting the American agents in this region. Massoud Barzani is one of the

British agents, so Iran supports the American agents there against him, including the Gorran movement, a secular political party that is active in the Kurdistan region. It was founded by the Kurdish politician, Nuchiran Mustafa, in 2009, after his resignation from the Kurdish National Union Party, loyal to America after the weakness of this party in Kurdistan, since its President and Founder Jalal Talabani became president of Iraq. The party became involved in acts of corruption along the lines of Barzani's party, so America saw a need to establish another party with a new look, and so the party of Gorran's movement emerged, to raise the slogan of the fight against corruption and became active in the opposition against Barzani and works to weaken him or topple him. The Party demanded elections for the presidency of the region by a parliament and not by popular vote, and demanded to reduce the powers of the President of the region and give them to the parliament, It participated in parliamentary in elections held in the region in 2013 and won 24 seats out of 111 seats, and it became the second largest party after Barzani's party, which won 38 seats. Meanwhile, Talabani's Party slipped to third place with 18 seats.

- As for Turkey, it is working to make Barzani under its influence and wants to contain him in favor of America, by establishing many economic projects in the region, and at the same time working to pressure him to cut any support for British agents within the PKK, who are based in Mount Qandil in northern Iraq and not to carry out military acts against Turkey. The Turkish planes bombs them in that region without Barzani's objection, because he is in need of Turkey, which receives him as head of state and has set up a consulate for the region in Turkey, and buys oil from him.

Thus they appear to be contradicting each other, but they are working harmoniously within US policy.

An example of the second case:

- The recent tension that took place between Saudi Arabia and Iran as a result of the execution of Al-Nimr. Al-Nimr have been sentenced to death over a year ago in 16/10/2014 at the time of the former King Abdullah who is loyal to Britain, but the king died before the implementation of the death penalty ... and that Sheikh Al-Nimr was calling for the separation of Qatif and al-Ahsa to annex them back to Bahrain to form a single independent province. And it is well known that Iran claims that Bahrain belongs to it, and it considers it as its fourteenth province. Not carrying out the execution may cause embarrassment internally for the current King Salman, who is loyal to America. Therefore he announced the execution of 46 people other than Al-Nimr, including 43 people that the regime considered as Kharijites, Takfiris and those belonging to terrorist organizations.

This is from Saudi Arabia's side, as for Iran, its sectarian and religious reality forces it to protest against the killing of such a Sheikh because of the internal situation that is sectarian and religiously charged.

But this tension does not affect the implementation by the two parties to the American plans, and America has moved to defuse the tension. The US State Department spokesman John Kirby said, "We believe that diplomatic dialogue and direct talks remain essential tools to resolve differences and we will continue to urge the leaders of the region to take positive steps to calm the tensions." (Al-Quds Al-Arabi, 04/01/2016). US Secretary of State John Kerry contacted his Iranian counterpart Javad Zarif and discussed with him

the situation, afterwards Kerry said, "We want to tamper tensions and establish a dialogue between them to reach a peaceful and diplomatic solution between them." (CNN 4-1/2016) ... then Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia Adel al-Jubeir told Reuters 04/01/2016, "Tehran must act as a normal state for the severed diplomatic relations to return."

Abdullah Al-Mu'almi, the Saudi delegate in the United Nations said, "The crisis with Iran will have no impact on the peace efforts in Syria and Yemen. We will participate in the upcoming talks on Syria, scheduled in principle as of January 25th in Geneva under the sponsorship of the United Nations "... and the international envoy to Syria de Mistura, after his visit to Saudi Arabia and his meeting with Foreign Minister Jubeir, said: "Saudi Arabia confirmed that tensions with Iran will not impede the talks on the political process in Syria scheduled in Geneva this month" (Al-Jazeera, 05/1/2016). This means that these tensions between the two countries in internal issues do not affect the operation of the two countries for the implementation of the US project to end the Syrian Revolution and aborting its Islamic project and the preservation of the criminal secular regime in Syria.

Thus, the internal motivations may show a temporary dispute; until the removal of those motives or calming them down, but the dispute is within control and does not affect the interests of America.

An example of the third case:

- The objection of Abadi on the presence of Turkish troops. He wanted to reinforce his position and the position of his government, whose credibility is degenerated to the lowest level, so America wanted to polish the image of its agent Abadi and his government by raising

this issue to support him morally, and make him appear as the guardian of the country! Turkey has replied that it has entered Iraq based on his request a year ago to train his troops. Turkey responded to him, and carried out a partial withdrawal and redeployment of its troops, and then the Arab League issued a statement supporting the demands of the Government of Abadi and calling on Turkey to withdraw. It is known that the Arab League is controlled by America. Thus the matter was settled without a conflict!

Note that America not only supports Abadi morally, but on top of that, it does not want the government of Abadi to fall in these circumstances, and in particular after Abadi has appeared shaken after he promised the liberalization of Ramadi, but was incapable to deliver, so he needed a dose of support provided by American, so it launched sustained air strikes in Ramadi amounting to 630 raids, as was announced by the White House, on 30/12/2015, and then it announced that the Iraqi army is in control of the government complex in Ramadi.

In conclusion, it is unlikely that a conflict in the sense of an actual conflict will take place between the agent countries or follower countries that revolve in the orbit of the same major state, but a calculated dispute may occur, which falls under the distribution of roles, or internal motives or to support an agent, and in all cases it will not harm the interests of the followed major state.

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Two Prevalent Evils Bound Together "Truces" inside Syria and Saudi Negotiations Abroad!

Hundreds of opposition fighters and civilians exited on Wednesday from the neighborhood of Al-Waar, the last of their control points in the city of Homs in central Syria, in implementation of the agreement that was concluded last week with representatives of the government under the supervision of the United Nations, according to what was confirmed by an AFP reporter... and their buses were accompanied by ten Syrian Red Crescent ambulances and ten SUV vehicles of the United Nations, in addition to the Syrian army machinery according to an AFP correspondent. The agreement reached under the supervision of the United Nations between the opposition fighters and the Syrian regime in the first of December states the departure of two thousand fighters and civilian families from the neighborhood of Al-Waar... The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights' Director, Rami Abdel Rahman told AFP that the buses will travel to the city of Homs and from there to Castle of Al-Madiaq in the province of Hama, then towards Idlib province controlled by factions of the Jaish Al-Fath [Army of Conquest], most notably Al-Nusra Front since last summer. (Monte Carlo Doualiya, 09/12/2015)

During those same days, the opposition conference was held in Riyadh to find the "manufacture" of a delegation to negotiate with the regime on a transitional rule for a civil secular state in Ash-Sham the Abode of Islam! "The Syrian political and military opposition meetings began today in Riyadh in order to reach a unified position, in the presence of the Saudi Foreign Minister Adel Al-Jubair. Participants seek to reach a consensus on the principles of a political solution and to form a delegation to participate in possible

negotiations with the regime which the major countries wish to hold amongst them by the first of January. On Tuesday, a number of the opposition held preliminary informal meetings, part of which was attended by Western and Russian diplomats in the Intercontinental Hotel in Riyadh." (Al Arabiya.net, 09/12/2015)

The meetings continued on Wednesday and Thursday (9-10/12/2015) where the final statement was declared, stating "In response to an invitation from the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the forces of the revolution and the Syrian opposition held a lengthy meeting in the city of Riyadh on Thursday... in order to unite the ranks, and reach a shared vision regarding a negotiated political solution to the Syrian issue based on the Statement of Geneva 1... The participants expressed their adherence to the Syrian territory unity, and their belief in the Syrian civil state; the participants also expressed their commitment to the democratic mechanism, and vowed to work to preserve the institutions of the Syrian state... The participants agreed that the goal of a political settlement is to establish a state based on the principle of citizenship, in the absence of Bashar al-Assad and the pillars and symbols of his regime in any future political arrangements... The participants expressed their willingness to enter into negotiations with the Syrian regime's representatives, based on the Geneva 1 statement issued on June 30, 2012 and the relevant international resolutions, and that Bashar al-Assad and the pillars and symbols of his rule must step down at the beginning of the transitional period." (24 SPA, 10/12/2015)

"At a press conference held on Thursday evening, President of the Gulf Research Center Abdul Aziz As-Saqer - who chaired the

conference - said that a delegation from the opposition will meet with a delegation from the regime in the first ten days of next January. In a related context, As-Saqer confirmed that the final statement was signed by all participants, including Ahrar Ash-Sham movement linked to the armed opposition, represented by the leader in the movement Labib An-Nahas. This was after the movement announced on Twitter that it had decided to withdraw from the conference... The agreement states the formation of the Supreme Council made up of 32 members, that include ten members from the factions and nine members from the coalition and five members from the coordinating body and eight independent members.” (Al Jazeera.net, 11/12/2015)

One who scrutinizes the developments of the truces and negotiations finds that they are a product of malevolent malicious schemes against Ash-Sham, the Abode of Islam, whose threads are weaved by the countries of the East and West, led by America who is spiteful against Islam and Muslims, and those who provide them with those threads are the agents and tools from the tyrant regime and its collaborators and the agent rulers in the neighboring countries, and some of the political and military opposition spectra that hide under the cover of resistance to the tyrant so they compromise with him, and hide under the cover of opposition while they negotiate with him, as if the blood spilled, and the violated sanctities have been forgotten, and have become insignificant in exchange for a bunch of dirty money or a structure for a broken chair [in government]! These truces and the Riyadh Conference of the opposition emanate from one niche against Ash-Sham and its people

* As for truces, they are the surrendering of the country and the people to the tyrant. We wish that they are in exchange for the security of those signatories to remain in their safe places, but instead they are relocated to where they congregate them in an easily specified

place to strike them with various weapons from every side and angle... They had demanded in the Zabadani truce that the signatories must go to the north towards Idlib, also in Al-Waar truce they were told to head to the north towards Idlib! Every sane person knows that it is easier for the regime to break its agreements than the blink of an eye! Previously the regime signed a number of truces since 2011, and revoked them whenever it appeared to be contradicting with one of its interests; there was the truce of Kofi Annan in 10/4/2012, and the Lakhdar Brahimi's truce during Eid al-Adha in the period 18/10/2012, and the truce of Barza neighborhood in January 2014, and the truce of Qaboun neighborhood in September 2014, and the truce in the towns of Kefraya and Al-Foah in northern Idlib countryside, and in the towns of Zabadani and Madaya in rural Damascus in 20/9/2015. The Zabadani agreement stipulated the removal of all militants and willing civilians of the Zabadani region towards Idlib! Now it is the truce of Al-Waar neighbourhood December 2015, and also the agreement stipulates the exit of the opposition gunmen from the neighborhood towards the countryside of Idlib... With the start of the implementation of Al-Waar agreement, all districts of the city of Homs, which was known in the past as the "capital of the revolution" after the outbreak of protests against the regime in 2011, it is now to become under the control of the Syrian army ... and so a truce dragging another truce until the revolution against the tyrant dwindles. **كَأَنَّيْ** **نَقَضَتْ عَزْلَهَا مِنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ أَنْكَاثًا** **“And do not be like she who untwisted her spun thread after it was strong”** [Al-Nahl: 92]

The ongoing truces is one of the means to prolong the lifespan of the regime, and the extension of its power after having receded, and so quietly the conditions are set for its replacement, which is what is being prepared in the Riyadh Conference with the supervision of America and its followers. This is why the US president has blessed the Al-Waar truce and

called for more expansion of truces (and the fighters are transferred with their families to the areas controlled by the armed opposition in the northwest near the Turkish border under the agreement, which is a model for truce agreements applied in certain areas. Obama said that it can be implemented in Syria at a greater rate.” (Reuters, 9 December 2015)

We warn those who chase after the truce, especially those movements that attest that there is no god but Allah and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, we warn them that the truce is a trap in which they are being gathered to be exterminated, let alone gradually removing them from their places so that the regime can spread out there, and we advise them not to surrender themselves and their families to the regime, it does not keep its covenants and this has happened more than once as mentioned above. And as the Prophet (saw) said: «لَا يُلْدَغُ الْمُؤْمِنُ مِنْ جُحْرٍ وَاحِدٍ مَرَّتَيْنِ» “**A believer is not bitten from the same hole twice**” (Narrated by Bukhari), what about those who are bitten many times over?

* It is clear that the Riyadh Conference from its statement that it is forming a delegation from the opposition to negotiate with the regime and that Bashar shall remain during the negotiations stage, after they had rejected this before! And it calls for the establishment of a secular civil state with a democratic mechanism... and that the basis of its solution is Geneva 1, i.e. the establishment of a transitional governing body. And the transitional ruling body exercises full executive powers. Moreover, it includes members of the current government and the opposition and other groups formed on the basis of mutual consent ... with the continuation of governmental institutions ... and this council will establish a pluralistic democratic state ... this is the highlight of the conference statement.

Looking deeply into the conference’s backgrounds and reasons to take place, it turns out that after the United States has failed to

make its creations from the moderate or modified coalition and factions find acceptance from the people of Syria, so that it finds an alternative agent that will succeed the current agent, it proceeded to seek the help of the tyrant in the pure land, thinking that he could succeed in that which it has failed in, because he has the funding and deception. This is why John Kerry praised the Conference: In Paris, John Kerry said, "The talks, led by Saudi Arabia to unify the Syrian opposition has made progress in an important step on the road to push the political negotiations aimed at ending the Syrian conflict." (Reuters Arabic, 10/12/2015) This is so because America thinks that if the Saudi King calls for a civil state, while dressed in the dress of Muslims it will be accepted from him more than it would be accepted from the Kaffir colonists, this thinking is incorrect, as the truth is clear and its people cannot be deceived by a Kaffir or a hypocrite.

The Riyadh Conference carries its failure within itself whether it is in terms of the participants, or in terms of what they declare, the men of Ash-Sham are not those huddled in the Intercontinental Hotel for the money and misguidance... The men of Ash-Sham are its lions that are known in the Ummah for their honesty and dedication, and they know that the good will always be in the Ummah until the Day of Resurrection. They are the ones who shouted with their hearts and their voices ‘It is for Allah, It is for Allah’. They are the ones who want for Ash-Sham that which Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw) loves for it to be: «عَفْرُ دَارِ الْإِسْلَامِ بِالشَّامِ» “**The abode of Islam is in Ash-Sham**” (Narrated by Tabarani in Al-Kabeer on the authority of Salamah ibn Nafeel). They are not deceivers who say they will negotiate with the regime and at the same time they say that there is no place for the head of the regime; those who do not accept a place for him, do not negotiate with his regime! And they are not the ones who the (secular civil state) is dictated to, and lower their heads in approval while they claim to be Islamic! They

are not the ones who call for democracy that permits and forbids and call for the legislation of man instead of the rule of the Lord of mankind. Allah All Knowing Most Wise says: (إِنَّ الْحُكْمَ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ) **"The rule is for none but Allah"** [Yusuf: 40]

The King of Saudi Arabia and his master and commander and who is joined from the rulers will fail, and they will realize that they cannot defeat Ash-Sham. It will defeat their secularism, and their civil state, and even if they have won the battle due to the inattentiveness of the people of Syria, they will not settle no matter how much their tyranny and criminality prevails, as the Most High Most Powerful says: (سَيُصِيبُ الَّذِينَ أَجْرَمُوا صَغَارٌ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ) **"There will afflict those who committed crimes debasement before Allah and severe punishment for what they used to conspire"** [Al-An'am: 124]

As we warn those truce signatories with the tyrant, we warn the people of the Riyadh Conference and their representatives in negotiations with the regime, and those calling for the civil state, we warn them that the land of Ash-Sham is a pure land that will not accept conspirators against it, it will reject them and dispose of their filth even if after a while, and then they will be surrounded with the loss of the world and the Hereafter. Unquestionably, that is the manifest loss.

We address you, the conferees, now that your conference has ended and you have taken off the Abaya of the King of Saudi Arabia and are now far away from his stick, be ready to face the consequences. Without a doubt, you know that negotiation with the regime is a betrayal after all the crimes it has perpetrated and affected humans, trees, and stones, and you also know that the call for a secular civil state is a crime. You are Muslims, and Islam imposes the rule of Allah, and the Islamic

system of government is the righteous Khilafah, which is imminent, Allah willing, by the hands of the faithful as promised by Allah and the glad-tiding of His Messenger (saw)... Therefore return to your senses and know that returning to the truth is a virtue, and the one who repents from a sin is like the one who has no sin. Is there a wise man amongst you who rejects the truce with the regime and rejects the shameful humiliating conference? Is there anyone? (أَلَيْسَ مِنْكُمْ رَجُلٌ رَشِيدٌ) **"Is there not among you a man of reason?"** [Hud: 78]

O the honest and faithful in the land of Ash-Sham, do not despair of the mercy of Allah ... Stand firm on the truth that you are on, the falsehood can win rounds and the truth can win rounds, your revolution is truly revealing, exposing scandals. It has revealed the conspirators and exposed the hypocrites, and all of them are out in the open. No one will be fooled by them except the tactless and no one will feel safe from their scheming except the ignorant.

Hizb ut Tahrir, is a leader that does not lie to his people, working night and day with you and amongst you to thwart the enemies of Islam and Muslims' schemes, and to resume the Islamic way of life to establish the righteous Khilafah, so support it and stand behind it to witness the dawn of the Khilafah together. (وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ * بَنَصْرَ اللَّهِ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ) **"And that day the believers will rejoice. In the victory of Allah. He gives victory to whom He wills, and He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful"** [Ar-Rum: 4-5]

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Hizb ut Tahrir

Indian Media Publish Slander and Lies against Hizb ut-Tahrir

Several Indian media outlets (including India Today, Times of India, International Business Times and the Indian Express) published articles and news reports on the 20th January 2016 that alleged that Hizb ut Tahrir is planning terror attacks in India.

The published news claimed that the said alleged alerts about Hizb ut Tahrir had been issued by the Indian Intelligence agency which subsequently declared a nation wide alert. News broadcasts and articles contained a number of inaccuracies and misleading statements which we wish to clarify.

Hizb ut Tahrir is a global Islamic political party that seeks to re-establish the righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the method of the Prophethood in the Muslim world through intellectual and political discourse. Hizb ut Tahrir was established in 1953 in Jerusalem, and now works in over 40 countries in the West, Middle East, Africa and Asia. Despite provocation, censorship, extra judicial arrests and torture suffered by its Shabaab sometimes leading to martyrdom, it is well documented that there has not been a single incident where the Hizb has wavered from its non-violent political path.

With regard to the alleged link between Hizb ut Tahrir and the Indian Mujahideen, Lashkar e Taiba and Jaish E Mohammad, we categorically deny that there has ever been any association between these organisations, either within India or in any other country. Similarly the statement included in the Times

of India report: “The alert hints at growing strength of HuT's armed wing called Harakat ul-Muhojirin fi Britaniya that trains its cadres in chemical, bacteriological, and biological warfare.” Comments like these do not have any shred of fact or truth to it. Rather they are totally absurd and blatant lies. We never had, and never will have a so-called “armed wing”, and we do not have any link with the Harakat ul-Muhojirin fi Britaniya.

These statements by the media agencies are the pure outcome of hallucination of a sick mind, or a criminal mind.

We reiterate, in over 60 years since the Hizb's formation, we have abided by our political non-violent approach. To us this is not a matter of expediency, but rather an obligation since we strictly follow the methodology of the Prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him).

We demand from the concerned media outlets to respect its professional integrity and credibility by issuing an immediate correction, an open apology and publishing this press release. As well we reserve our full legal rights in taking all legal measures against any media outlet that insist on defaming the party in publishing lies and wrong information concerning us. At the same time we express our willingness to answer their enquiry.

Osman Bakhach, Director of the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir

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Banners Displayed to Expose Regimes War on Islamic Political Expression

Hizb ut-Tahrir / Wilayah Pakistan displayed large banners over important roads of Karachi, Pakistan's largest city, home to over twenty million. The banners declared, "The American Sponsored Nation Action Plan is a Plot to Suppress Voices for Islam".

As the National Action Plan is progressing slowly but steadily, people are becoming more and more aware that it is a US plan to suppress the voices for Islam in Pakistan. To achieve this objective, sincere Ulema and politicians have been abducted and arrested all over country. The rulers are trying to frighten the Muslims of Pakistan, so they abandon their love for Islam and desire for its implementation.

An atmosphere of fear has been created, so that the media does not give air-time or print space to sincere politicians and Ulema. Nor does the media dare to report the oppression of the regime committed against the voices for Islam. Now making yet another step in this direction, the rulers have started declaring openly that the future of this country is linked with Kufr liberalism, even though the Muslims of this country want Islam as a rule and authority.

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InshaAllah Hizb ut-Tahrir / Wilayah Pakistan will continue to expose the treacheries committed by the rulers and the coming Khilafah will destroy this American sponsored National Action Plan. And then these rulers will not find anyone who would save them from the wrath of the Ummah when they are brought to trial before the courts of the Khilafah. And the Wrath of Allah (swt) is most severe!

(مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا مِنْ دُونِ اللَّهِ أَوْلِيَاءَ كَمَثَلِ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ اتَّخَذَتْ بَيْتًا وَإِنَّ أَوْهَنَ الْبُيُوتِ لَبَيْتُ الْعَنْكَبُوتِ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ)

"The example of those who take allies other than Allah is like that of the spider who takes a home. And indeed, the weakest of homes is the home of the spider, if they only knew". [Al Ankabut: 41]

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