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Pakistan: Same body new face?

The Armed forces in Pakistan have made democracy accountable for corruption in Pakistan, Who will then account for the corruption carried out by the Armed forces?



Coup d'etat

Abu Hurairah reported that Rasool-Allah said:

"The Prophets ruled over the children of Israel. Whenever a Prophet died, another Prophet succeeded him, but there will be no Prophet after me. There will, soon be Khulafaa and they will number many. They asked 'What then do you order us?' He said: fulfill allegiance to them one by one. Give them their dues. Verily Allah will ask them about what He entrusted them with."

This Hadith simply sums up the nature of Islamic ruling. One after another a Khaleefah is appointed. The individual changes, the character changes, the style of addressing the people changes, in fact many of the superficialities of the office of Khaleefah may change. One thing remains constant though. That is, that ruling is always with reference to Allah's (swt) law. For centuries this system of serial Khulafaa has been maintained. Likewise, for centuries this system of ruling by the Book and the Sunnah has remained constant. This was the case until the dismantling of the Islamic State at the hands of the interfering forces of the Kuffar.

Kuffar interference

Today we have no remnants of this method of ruling. But, still the Kuffar continue to meddle in our affairs. These same colonialist forces that destroyed the Khilafah continue to manipulate the Islamic World. This interference comes in many guises. It may be by; direct occupation, indirect economical slavery, or through exerting mastery over those bungling incompetents that claim the role of ruling. These puppet rulers are changed at will by the external powers that have actual ascendancy in our lands. Serial changes in rulers becomes the norm in certain areas. The position of head of state is like a revolving door. Pakistan for example over the last two decades has seen a rotation between military and civilian governments. Similar examples have been seen in Nigeria, Turkey and Sudan. Nigeria since independence has seen a change in head of State on average every 3 years. Some countries are in a perpetual state of flux. Others, like Jordan and Tunisia, have had period with the same despotic dictator for decades. The reasons for either of these situations are complex. However, a key tool used in bringing about change and also strengthening the grip of the long term dictators is the military. The link between the military and government is a relationship worthy of close examination. The real power in countries such as; Turkey, Algeria, Pakistan, Sudan, Iraq and Syria lays with the Military. Even if the troops are sitting in their barracks they have the capacity to change a ruler and/or to bolster up the current ruler.

Loyalty to colonialist powers

Most, if not all, of the changes in loyalty of the Islamic countries to the different colonialist powers have been initiated by military coup d'etat. These serial shifts in alliances were seen in Syria throughout the 1950's. Thus demonstrating a ping-ponging of allegiances between Britain and the US. Similar successive changes were also seen in Iraq, Yemen and Sudan. A significant single change happened in Egypt in 1952. Some of these military coup's were merely a means of discharging the frustrations. The constant exposure of the people to corruption, inefficiency, and petty party politics that dominates leads to a pressure build up of anxiety. The pressure valve release that temporarily pacifies the people comes in the form of a change in head of state. However this realpolitik ignores the real interests of the people and the country. All of these coup's failed to make a significant difference in the actual situation of the Muslims, whether politically or economically. Military people do not normally have experience or an understanding of; the machinations of government, the complexities of economics or the cut throat world of international relations. There is usually a honeymoon period that follows such governmental changes. The nationwide scenes of jubilation that followed

General Musharraf's seizing of power epitomises this. The people of Pakistan were celebrating before the General announced any of his policies or described the type of government he would employ. This open show of their feelings was less to do with their approval of the man himself and more to do with expressing their aspirations and optimism combined with venting their frustrations at the failures of previous governments. This was merely an emotional response. It does not bode well in anyway for Musharraf's sustained support. This sentimental response to change has parallels with changes in governments in 'democratic' countries. The sweetness of the honeymoon is merely an illusion and is usually short lived. The promises of bright new dawns and hope just over the horizon are soon exposed as being hollow slogans. The saviour of the nation in military regalia and his dream team entourage soon turn out to be the deliverers of a nightmare. Horrendous acts of brutality have been meted out by the army against the very people they claimed to have liberated such as in; Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Libya and Algeria.

Monitoring the Armies

The Western countries closely monitor, through intelligence agencies, the armies in the Islamic world and have a huge officious interest in the military affairs of other nations. They have been seen to impose their own choices in the higher ranks of the armies of; Indonesia, Turkey and Pakistan. Despite this there remains a great hope that the army as a whole, would share with the people the feeling of humiliation and subjugation practised by the colonialist powers against their countries.

The Military's Duty

It is time for the sincere people in the military to stand for the duty obliged upon Muslims by Allah (swt) and take their countries out of this vicious cycle which we have been rotating within for more than fifty years. They are able to do it. They have to do it. Allah (swt) has placed in their hands power and influence. So far they have used this power to prevent their sincere brothers from fulfilling their duty in bringing the rule of Allah to the Islamic countries. They could easily be instrumental in putting Muslims back in the deserved seat of honour and dignity.

Leadership in ruling by Islam

Contrast this with the serial changes that occurred within Islamic rule, i.e. one Khaleefah after the death of another. These serial changes were a continuation of the work of the Anbiya (Prophets) in their capacity as rulers. Prophethood ceased with the final Prophet. However what must continue is leadership in ruling by Islam. This is an honourable office that is worthy of reward in this world and in the next. The corruption, large bank accounts, empty slogans and false promises that accompany ruling by Kufir have no position in this form of ruling. What remains constant in the Khilafah system is the continual reference to Islam.

MUSLIM COUNCIL OF BRITAIN & TONY BLAIR: SLEEPING WITH THE ENEMY !



The so-called "Muslim Council of Britain" have yet again shown us all that they do not have an Islamic scholar among them by going to the head of the snake Tony Blair, during May last year, and asking for his and the British Governments help over the crisis in Kosova, Palestine and Kashmir. Let us explore some of the clear-cut and unambiguous Divine commandments of Allah and the Messenger Muhammad (saw) that have been declared war against in this the MCB's latest kufir escapade and what the true Islamic response should be.

Firstly, it is prohibited to have friendship or to ask for protection from those who fight you or drive you out of your land or support those who drive you out of your land. Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an:

"Allah forbids you with regard to those who fight you for your faith, and drive you out of your homes, and support others in driving you out, from turning to them (for friendship and protection). It is such as turn to them (in these circumstances) that are Zhaalim (oppressors)." [EMQ 60:9]

Britain at the present time is still bombing innocent Muslims in Iraq, supporting the atrocities being committed by the pirate State of Israel and helping to drive out Muslims from their land both in Kosova and in Israel. Surely anyone with even partial sanity can appreciate that to therefore go to the Prime Minister of Britain and to share a platform with him or to ask for his

help is therefore an anathema to Allah and his Messenger and a slap in the face of all those Muslims who are sincerely struggling against the vehemently anti Islamic and fascist British government and its policies. The present government after all is the same one which decided to enact legislation criminalising the support of the mujahideen in Kashmir, Palestine and Kosova etc... from Britain's shores. Moreover to be friendly with tyrant rulers (Mukhalattat Al-Hukkaam Al-Zalamah) is prohibited as a matter known from Islam by necessity i.e. a matter agreed upon by the Sahabah, Tabein and Tabei-Tabein and the classical schools of thought together with their students, in other words, as stated by abu Hanifah (ra); 'a matter in which the Aalim and the Jahil are equal with regard to the knowledge of its prohibition or commanment.' Secondly, it is prohibited to co-operate with the Kuffar in any matter because Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an:

"Co-operate on the Birr and Taqwa and do not co-operate in sin and transgression and fear Allah for Allah is severe in punishment." [EMQ 5:2]

According to the classical scholars Birr is that which Allah (swt) has requested us to do and Taqwa is the fear of Allah (swt) which are both impossible for the Kuffar since whatever they do will be considered as disobedience of Allah and a sin as it is known by necessity that whatever is not done to please Allah will be rejected by Allah on the day of judgement. In addition to have an alliance with the disbelievers (Muwallat Al- Kuffar) against the Muslims such as helping them against groups such as Al-Ansar As-Shariah or Al-Muhajiroun and condemning the actions of fellow Muslims, even if you disagree with them, together with the Kuffar is also prohibited as a matter known from Islam by necessity.

For Allah (swt) says in the Qur'an:

"...those who love the disbelievers above the believers are oppressors" [EMQ 9:23] and "O ye who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians for friends and protectors: They are but friends and protectors to each other. And he amongst you that turns to them (for friendship) is one of them. Verily Allah guideth not a people who oppress" [EMQ 5:51].

(Beside the fact that the British government was at the forefront of destroying the Islamic State and therefore Muslim economic, military and political unity, at the hands of their stooge Mustapha Kamal on the 3rd of March 1924!)


We must therefore advise our Muslim brothers in the MCB not to openly disobey Allah and not to be naive or act in ignorance. Allah (swt) asks the believers to: "ask those who have knowledge if you don't know" not to follow our emotions, desires or rationality! Moreover, it has become abundantly clear to most Muslims that the bombing in the Balkans has only been carried out for the advantage of the Fascist US and British.[The same can be said for the recent Chechen war, where Russia is carrying out indiscriminant terror campaign by bombing innocent Muslim civilians.] It has been carried out only to establish and maintain their own interests.

O Muslims, we pledge that we will not rest until Kosova, Palestine, Chechnya and Kashmir are liberated, all Muslims are returned to their land, all Muslim life, honour and wealth is protected and the law of Allah (swt) is established.

O Muslims, remember that it is prohibited for us to allow the Kuffar to have authority over us or for us to ask those at war with us for protection or friendship and Allah has also prohibited us to have an alliance with the kuffar against Muslims. And these are matters known from Islam by necessity. Do not co-operate in sin and transgression rather help the Islamic movements to establish the Islamic State so that we may once again be strong and united militarily, politically and economically and so that we will once again have a Khalifah behind which we can fight and protect ourselves as stated by the Messenger Muhammad(saw).

O Muslims, do not feel ashamed to ask those with knowledge if you don't know for Allah (swt) does not ask us to worship him blindly but rather with full awareness!

May Allah guide us all to his straight path. Ameen.



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What should Muslims strive to do wherever they may be?

Did You Know

A Muslim should use his time and effort to learn about Islam from both an historical and political point of view. You may find individuals within society who say that they have no political views, but when they run their own affairs they are very pretentious about their own needs which in itself is a contradiction to their political rhetoric. Muslims are all political whether they like it or not, it would be correct to state that mankind is in search of its just and social order. Western concepts of freedom have brought about abominations that would make even animals hide in-shame. Democracy is shrouded in shades of darkneses and will never bring about a justice for all, only Islam can provide a solution to man-kinds wants and needs.

Muslim identity crisis

Muslims have one deen and that it the deen of Islam. Islam is unique in that Allah(swt) provided ambassadorship on earth not to the Jews, or the Christians but to those true Muslims who follow His commands found in the Qur'an and the Sunnah of our prophet Muhammad(saw). Muslims have a divine constitution that cannot be changed in any way or form, for all time and that is the Qur'an and the Sunnah. Any Muslim who tries to impliment other than the Qur'an and the Sunnah comprehensively are fighting against the rule of our creator on earth. In such a senario, Muslims must preform defensive Jihad if this threat comes from external powers or offensive Jihad if it is internal by a Muslim ruler. This is done to combat the threat as Allah(swt) commands in the Qur'an.

Muslims must understand that their flag is coloured black and in the foreground are the words of Lillah-illullah-Muhammad-dur-Rasoollulah in white. Their national anthem is the Adhan and their life long objective is to please Allah(swt) by carrying out their actions according to the Qur'an and the Sunnah at every occasion.



Today, we find Muslims worshiping other than Allah(swt) and they are oblivious to this fact. Western institutions have used the Audio/Video media to create idols in the form of pop stars, film stars, soap stars, programs such as Jerry Springer, coronation street, emeraldale, eastenders, brokeside are referred to more as a source than the Qur'an or the Sunnah(saw). What the west class as brain draining dogma, toilet humor is seen as a learning tool designed to equip individuals to live in western society, at best for governments to leave important social problems in the hands of television program makers. You could say that the media acts as a buffer, protecting the flaws in government, [Parliament, democracy, liberalisation, freedoms, etc.] failing to provide tangible solutions to societies problems. Western governments have been using the media, especially television soaps to portray issues within society and play them out for viewers to accept as social norms. Issues such as homosexuals (sodomists), incest and rape are a few examples. This clearly highlights the failure of western democracy as being unable to deal with such issues without compromising sections of society. Democracy afterall is based upon compromise, which has led to much friction between many peoples of within society. Freedom is seen to be the order of the day, but if we look closely and examine deeply we find a web of deceit and manipulation at a grand scale. The concept of Freedom and Democracy has given homosexuals a platform, damaged the earths ecosystems [Industrial revolution] and caused the deaths of so many civilian people [more people have been killed during the 20 century (CE) than in all centuries put together - for 1300 years, Islam protected the lives, property, honour and dignity of Muslims and non-Muslims]. Where people are measured by their ability to accumulate wealth, the survival of the fittest or strongest is the reason why poorer countries remain poor, where even a persons private body is up for sale [American constitution].

Muslims in Britain should reject anything which resembles democracy since it is a man made ideology that opposes all that Allah(swt) has reveled in the Qur'an. A misconception that many Muslims hold today is that there are ONLY 5 Pillars of ISLAM - Namaz, Haj, Fasting, Zakah, and Shahdah. However, completely unaware that Muhammad(saw) did not mention just five, but included an important foundation that supported the pillars above, this is Jihad (offensive and defensive), a system of life that includes the economic, social, political, penal and judicial system that embodies a way of life known as ISLAM. Islam ran the affairs of Muslims in the international arena for more than 1300 years and was a shield for the muslims throughout the world. Imagine what would happen if the foundations below which support the pillars above where to become weak, the whole structure would collapse. This is indeed what we are seeing today throughout the Mus-

lim Uhmah. The Sahabas, Khaleefs of the past worked hard so that future generations would hold firm to the commands of Allah(swt), to become true Muslim believers, they paid with there lives to spread Islam throughout much of the Muslim world today. But alas, Muslims began to forget their Islamic heritage and left Allah(swt) by taking on others to Him. Ironically, still oblivious to what lies before them, they began to accept secular idols like Ali Jannah, Sadaam, Nawaz, Musharif, Gadafi, Assad, Mubarak, UN, IMF, World Bank, Israel to name but a few. They left their Muslim homeland and traveled to non-Muslim lands and began to settle permanently, erasing from their minds that Muhammad(saw) had stated that a Muslim must return to daral-Islam [the land where Allah(swt) authority exists], living in daral-kufr [land which has not yet been liberated by the Muslim Army, where Allah(swt) laws have yet to be implemented, examples are USA, Britain, Western Europe, etc.] on a permanent basis is forbidden. To utter the words that "Britain is a place where we shall live all our lives peacefully, in contrast to the plight of the Muslim world and raise our children in the non-muslim lands" is very dangerous, and constitutes punishment in the hereafter. This may sound very controversial but it makes allot of sense if you take a long term view, the outcome is not a pretty picture. Let us examine further and see whether Muslims will lead a prosperous, peaceful future while living in the west? Firstly, lets start by saying that Muslims must follow the commands of Allah(swt) in everything they do, every action must be in accordance to the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the prophet(saw). By living in daral-kufir a Muslim is subjected to compromising there deen while living in the cesspool of western society. Such degradation occurs over a number of generations, eventually culminating in the complete erosion of Islam from their children minds. Muslim parents can try as hard as they can, but there efforts will be temporary, as soon as there son or daughter walks out of the house they are in the world of daral-kufr and if there Imaa'n is weak they will begin to drink alcohol in pubs with mates from work, eat forbidden foods, start to celebrate christmas, daughters will marry non-Muslim men, may bare a child out of wedlock or at worse become lesbians, sons will marry outside of that which is allowed in Islam as marriage partners - even to become homosexuals!

Living in the land of daral-kufr because of a good job, making more money, getting DSS benefit, Income support are not valid reasons to stay in a country like Britain permanently. If we look back at our parents, they originally came to Britain for financial reasons. The thought of propagating Islam in the form of Daw'a to non-Muslims was far from their minds, at the very least given a very low priority. It is very important that the present generation understands that Allah(swt) looks to a Muslims intentions and passes judgement on whether the decision is made using Asoul-ul Fiqh - the Islamic method of deciding whether any act being carried out is Islamically alloud. Any decision which is based upon other than Fiqh constitutes contradicting the Qur'an and the Sunnah(saw) and thus leading to kufr - a punishable act. It is also well know by believing Muslims that Muhammad(saw) had stated that one-third of punishments carried out on earth will be dealt to the individual while they are alive, the remaining balance will be endured after death.

So what should Muslims do to get back on track before its too late?

In the next issue we shall be looking at ways we can reach our ultimate goal, that is to be true believing Muslims by following the commands of Allah(swt), our prophet(saw) and ways in which we can propagate our deen effectively.

THE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE GULF



"Saddam Hussein deserves a high American decoration one day. Look what he did: He gave the US an opportunity to use some old ammunition in the gulf war; to test some new equipment; to establish a permanent military presence in a sensitive area; to make Arab nationalities buy weapons they don't need; to keep oil prices down; to open the way for the Middle East peace process.... The US moved into the gulf and basically took it over" - a former US diplomat writing in a Los Angeles paper last year.

The Washington Post Newspaper published in November 1995 a report about the military relationship between the US and the Gulf States; where it mentioned that the military presence in the Gulf has taken on unprecedented dimensions in terms of quality and size. According to the statistics of the American Ministry of Defence, the States of the Gulf Co-op-

eration Council signed, since 1990, military contracts with Washington that had a value of over 72 billion dollars. This value represents arms sales and the building of military bases and utilities. The American Officials and strategic experts agree that the arms, which the Gulf States bought lately, exceed their needs and are beyond the capacity of their armed forces.

David Mack, the previous official for "Arab Peninsula affairs" in the American Foreign Office said "In order that the American Government justify this huge military massing, it resorted to exaggerate the danger of Iraq and Iran. And under the cover of implementing the banning of Iraqi flights over the South of Iraq, there exists for the US 170 planes (of differing types), following the Air Force of the Marines; most of these planes are spread over air bases in Saudi Arabia, isolated from the residential centers, and without being officially recognised by the US or Saudi Arabia."

There are different estimates for the number of American soldiers in Saudi Arabia and in the whole area of the Gulf. The Washington Post mentioned that there are 9,000 soldiers in the area inside land bases, mainly in Saudi Arabia.

The strategic expert "Michel Don" who edits a periodical report about strategic affairs in the Middle East and East Asia, considers it difficult to define the number of American soldiers, particularly because of "continuous military exercises". But Michel Don added in an interview with the Arab Newspaper "As-Safeer" that the American presence in the area through treaties for weapons storage and accumulation, those treaties which assume the presence of American forces to maintain and operate these weapons and for other special tasks, together with the continuous exercises, all have made this presence, practically permanent, though officially it is not.

And according to the Washington Post, it is expected that the number of military exercises, which the US carried out and will carry out this year with her allies in the Middle East, will reach 60, in which 50,000 American soldiers would participate.

Michel Don further points out that the number of American Warships in the Gulf area peaked at 43 in September 1995 after the flight of Hussein Kamal from Iraq to Jordan, the highest since the Gulf War. Don describes the American presence in Saudi Arabia and being "large, but with a low profile". This is contrary to the American presence in Iran at the time of the Shah. Don continued to say that: "You can't see the American soldiers in the streets of Riyadh, but they are in Dhahran, and in air bases far from the residential centres, to avoid creating cultural and political sensitivities, and so that their presence does not become a tool in the hands of the Islamic opposition".

Besides the military land presence, the US has more than 15,000 marines, in a new frame it has called this year as "The fifth Navy". This is the first time Washington has organised a new navy since the 2nd World War. Though this naming was not necessarily accompanied by an increase in the number of Warships, but it is a clear indication that this large marine presence in the Gulf since the Gulf War will continue for a long time, and will become a permanent part of the American military presence in the area.

The American ships carry additional equipment to arm 10,000 soldiers in emergency cases. And since the end of the Gulf war, Washington has hastened to conclude many military pacts with the Gulf States, the most prominent of which are pacts with Kuwait and Qatar to store heavy military equipment, enough to arm an American division in each of the two countries. It also arrived in principle to an agreement with the United Arab Emirates similar to that concluded with Qatar and Kuwait. David Mack says that the equipment stored in the territories of these States and on the American ships is enough to supply any American division anywhere in the world.

Though America did not sign a similar pact with Saudi Arabia, the military arrangements, and measures between the two countries are much deeper and wider. And as Don says, that which America carries out in Saudi Arabia is the building of a fighting air presence of far reaching importance, as it concentrates on storing the various supporting land equipment required for a huge air force. And according to a copy of the American pact with Qatar, which the Washington Post obtained, the agreement gives the US a totally free access to Qatar International Airports and to its Sea Ports and Military bases. It also gives the American forces the right of entry to Qatar without the need of passports.

Allah (swt) has commanded us in the Quran: **"O you who believe: do not ally with my enemy and your enemy, do not grant them your gratitude because they rejected the truth you believe in" ... [EMQ 60:1]**

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