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Details:

Trump Intent on Pursuing ‘Muslim Ban’

Despite court suspensions of his ban on immigrants from seven Muslim countries, US President Donald Trump is proceeding ahead quickly to reinstate the ban. According to Politico:

"We will win that battle. The unfortunate part is that it takes time statutorily, but we will win that battle. We also have a lot of other options, including just filing a brand new order," Trump said during an exchange with pool reporters on board Air Force One.

The American disbelieving establishment know that the presence of large numbers of Muslims amongst their own citizens limits their ability to wage war on Islam. Previously in history, the West were only able to rally their populations to fight Islam in the crusades after fabricating untold lies about the nature of Muslims and Islam. But today, large numbers of common Western people are able to directly perceive the true reality of Muslims and sympathise with Muslims and realise the deceit of the political class.

Stopping Muslims from entering the West is against the West’s own stated principles and values. This is why they need someone like Trump, who does not care for political niceties, and is able to stoke and channel the anger of the American people in the directions required by the elite.

Russia and the Syrian regime giving Erdogan the town al-Bab in payment for Aleppo

According to a report on the BBC news website, Russia and the Syrian regime are cooperating with Erdogan to allow Turkish troops to take the town of al-Bab, just north-east of Aleppo. The report explains how Turkish and Russian-Syrian forces are active in different but adjacent areas, which indicates some prior tacit agreement between them over which areas to take control of:

Today, the city and its suburbs (Qabasin, Bizaa and Tadif) are almost surrounded. Operation Euphrates Shield forces, led by the Turkish army, are closing in from the north, while the Syrian army, which has quickly advanced over the last two weeks, moves in from the south.

The Russian air force has also bombed the IS positions south of al-Bab, leaving Turkish aviation to strike targets in the city itself. This suggests that rather than competition between the Syrian army and the Euphrates Shield forces for al-Bab, there is coordination and a shared area of influence.

In fact, al-Bab is payment to Erdogan for his role in the fall of Aleppo. Russia and the illegal Syrian regime, despite their overwhelming force at their disposal, were completely unable to defeat the mujahideen present in Eastern Aleppo without Turkey’s treacherous role in betraying them. The payment for this treachery was to limit the spread of Kurdish forces within Syria, as the BBC report goes on to explain:

The objective of the Turkish intervention in northern Syria is to prevent the linkage of the Kurdish cantons of Afrin and Kobane. After regaining the town of Manbij from IS in August, the Kurdish-backed Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) had planned to next seize al-Bab and thus unify their territories. A race towards al-Bab began between the SDF and the Turkish army. This was halted in December when Turkey bombed the SDF, sending a message that their advance needed to stop.

Neither the Syrian regime nor Turkey had any interest in the Kurds taking al-Bab. The agreement between Russia and Turkey, in August 2016, joined by the Iranians, came at the expense of Kurdish interests. In the deal, Turkey also ceased aiding rebels in exchange for Russian neutrality in Turkey's campaign against the Kurds.

East Aleppo was retaken by the regime soon after the conclusion of this agreement; al-Bab, it seems, will be left for the Turks.

Erdogan is typical of our deceitful and treacherous rulers who are always ready to betray us, cooperating with the disbelievers even when they are in conflict with other Muslims. The dispute between Erdogan and the Kurds is a dispute between Muslims. But Erdogan has seen fit to ally with the enemies of Muslims in order to win this dispute. And in doing so he has betrayed a most noble revolution in Syria, a revolution that Erdogan himself once saw truth in.

Trump loses first round to China's President Xi

The new US administration had carefully planned their first move with China even before inauguration by having President-elect Donald Trump take a phone call in December from the leader of Taiwan, and then had him questioning the 'One China' policy under which Taiwan is understood to be part of China. However, Trump has now had to withdraw from this position after facing the prospect of cold relations with China. According to the New York Times:

When President Trump took a phone call from the leader of Taiwan in December and asserted that the United States might no longer be bound by the "One China" policy, his defenders hailed it as a show of strength — the latest delicate issue on which Mr. Trump was willing to challenge decades of diplomatic orthodoxy.

On Thursday evening, Mr. Trump fell back into line. In a call with President Xi Jinping of China, he pledged fealty to One China, a 44-year-old policy under which the United States recognized a single Chinese government in Beijing and severed its diplomatic ties with Taiwan.

As the article further explains:

Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson, administration officials said, was among those who urged Mr. Trump to publicly endorse the One China policy as a way to defuse tensions with Mr. Xi. Before Thursday, the two leaders had not spoken since Nov. 14; administration officials said that the Chinese leader would not get on the phone with Mr. Trump without assurances from the administration that he would commit to the policy.

These events only prove that the nature of relations between great powers is largely determined by institutional factors that are far beyond any individual's particular convictions. Any incoming president within the US has to adjust himself to established policy frameworks and only has very limited ability to set his own course within those.

Such events should also give confidence to Muslims that, once their state is established, the Islamic Khilafah based on the method of the Prophet (saw), then the great powers will be forced to engage with it within the standard conventions of relations between powers.