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## Details:

### **Trump Attacks Macron over European Plans for Joint Defence against even America**

According to CNN:

*President Donald Trump picked a fight with French President Emmanuel Macron over European defense just as Air Force One landed in France on Friday.*

*"President Macron of France has just suggested that Europe build its own military in order to protect itself from the U.S., China and Russia. Very insulting, but perhaps Europe should first pay its fair share of NATO, which the U.S. subsidizes greatly," Trump tweeted minutes after landing in France. He is set to spend the weekend in Paris to commemorate the centennial of the end of World War I.*

*Tuesday on Europe 1 radio, Macron called for a "real European army" within the European Union, according to AFP.*

*"We have to protect ourselves with respect to China, Russia and even the United States of America," Macron said.*

What France's President Emmanuel Macron has stated about his fear of America is old French thinking, seen for example in Charles de Gaulle's withdrawal from NATO in the sixties of the last century. And the response of US President Donald Trump represents old American thinking about the need to oppose any independent European defence initiative, as is evident in America's continuation of NATO despite the fall of the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact alliance at the end of the eighties of the last century.

The countries of the West, in particular America, Britain, France and Germany, always try to present themselves to their peoples and the world as part of a common heritage and civilisation, with shared interests and strong ties between each other. It is true that they have a common heritage and civilisation but this is based on the secular Capitalist ideology that relegates religion to private life only and builds worldly life on materialist values alone. These materialist values create in countries a powerful national interest that first drove them to colonise the world and then led their empires into world wars against each other. America claimed to reject empire building but has now achieved a far greater world empire by other means, with its overwhelming dominance of international politics and economics backed by nearly a thousand military bases distributed around the world.

The re-established righteous Islamic Khilafah (Caliphate) State on the method of the Prophet (saw), led by capable, sincere, politically aware, indigenous Muslim leadership, will not face difficulty in penetrating the existing international relations because it will understand how to navigate the mutual conflicts of the existing world powers, obstructing any attempts to build a common block against the Khilafah State.

### **America Succeeds in Reduced Oil Price but only after Iran Sanctions Compromise**

According to Forbes:

*So, U.S. sanctions on Iran were fully implemented on Monday, fully but not completely... Waivers were granted to eight major customers of Iran that will allow them to continue importing oil as long as they are phasing them out... And while many allied governments have said they won't accommodate U.S. sanctions, oil companies under their jurisdictions have indicated they will do not wish to risk legal problems and so will simply avoid doing business with Iran.*

*Earlier sanctions against Iran were relatively effective, with production declining by about 1 mb/d, but implied exports remained at roughly 1.5 mb/d. This was despite the participation of most of the major governments in the world, and highlights the limits of sanctions that are not enforced by military means...*

Despite several months of campaigning to block Iranian oil, US President Trump has failed to completely do so and was left with no other option but to ease the sanctions in order to prevent a global oil supply crisis.

Such events demonstrate the limits of the American superpower. Muslims in this age are fully capable to take control of their own affairs and abandon the colonial systems that continue to function in all their countries, including Iran, which cooperated with and facilitated America wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria and is only now facing an American backlash because Iranian ground forces are no longer needed there.

## **US Paranoid about Militarisation of the South China Sea**

Despite American claims that its trade war with China is a consequence of unfair Chinese economic policies, the real reason for America's confrontation of China is the South China Sea. According to *Reuters*:

*Standing side by side, top U.S. officials urged their Chinese counterparts on Friday to halt militarization of the disputed South China Sea, drawing a rebuke from the Chinese for sending U.S. warships close to islands claimed by Beijing.*

*During a round of high-level talks in Washington, the two sides aired in sometimes blunt terms many of their main differences, including a bitter trade dispute, freedom of navigation in Asia-Pacific waters, self-ruled Taiwan, and China's crackdown on its Muslim minority in Xinjiang.*

*Two visiting senior Chinese officials also seized the opportunity to warn publicly that a trade war between the world's two largest economies would end up hurting both sides and to call for keeping channels of communication open to resolve an issue that has unsettled global financial markets.*

America considers the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans to be its own private waters and part of its core interests. The Chinese militarisation of the South China Sea threatens deep sea Chinese naval projection into the Pacific Ocean that is unacceptable to the US. The engagement policies of previous administrations have failed to deliver results so America has now adopted a confrontational position, using trade, North Korea and even the Chinese crackdown on Muslims in Xinjiang.

By skilful differentiation between core and peripheral interests of the great powers, the Khilafah State will be able to successfully expand its spheres of control and influence with the minimal of international conflict.

## **Scotland Modifies Education Curriculum to Force Irreligious Values**

According to the *Guardian*:

*Scotland will become the first country in the world to embed the teaching of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex rights in the school curriculum, in what campaigners have described as a historic moment.*

*State schools will be required to teach pupils about the history of LGBTI equalities and movements, as well as tackling homophobia and transphobia and exploring LGBTI identity, after ministers accepted in full the recommendations of a working group led by the Time for Inclusive Education (TIE) campaign. There will be no exemptions or opt-outs to the policy, which will embed LGBTI inclusive education across the curriculum and across subjects and which the Scottish government believes is a world first.*

The West is increasingly proving the failure of the secular liberal compromise that was founded on the idea that public, worldly affairs would be managed according to material values without any interference in private religious practice. Like Islam, the Jewish and Christian texts also explicitly prohibit homosexual acts but Western liberals continue to aggressively promote their permissiveness, using fake baseless 'scientific' arguments of innate sexual identity. Of the LGBTI menu, only transgender and intersex rights have biological validity, though the liberal mentality wishes to make that also subject to the personal freedom of self-identification, allowing even young children to switch gender as they please.

The Western liberal idea of freedom universally forces a fixed mode of thinking on all peoples that crushes religious values. In contrast, Islam honours Christians and Jews in particular as 'people of the book' and, indeed, has a millennium-plus proven record of fostering tolerance for all religions, as evidenced by the large non-Muslim communities that continue to exist until today in Muslim lands. Western liberal secular materialism can never produce real religious tolerance as its promotion of the cult of man is in total contradiction to the creed of all religions, the ethos of which is man's submission to a higher order.