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US President Donald Trump's Palestine plan has been continually delayed because of Binyamin Netanyahu's continual failure to form a new government for the occupying Jewish entity. But now Trump is facing his own re-election and so cannot afford to delay any further. The plan is nothing other than formally conceding the entirety of Palestine to the Jewish entity and giving up on any idea of an independent Palestinian state, even one on a small portion of its land. This indeed was the West's plan from the very start and proves the gross error of accepting the Jewish entity on even a small portion of Muslim land. But even over this most audacious of proposals, Muslim rulers are failing to speak out against America and instead blaming each other, as Turkish President Erdogan decided to do, even though his is one of the few countries to actually have open relations with the Jewish entity. According to *Reuters*:

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan on Friday criticized Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab nations for not speaking out against the U.S. Middle East plan which he said endorsed the Israeli annexation of Palestinian lands.

Erdogan, who has positioned himself as a global champion for Muslim causes, said Arab nations' stance toward Palestinians was pitiable and countries that failed to speak out would be responsible for "grave results".

On Tuesday, U.S. President Donald Trump proposed creating a demilitarized Palestinian state with borders drawn to meet Israeli security needs, granting U.S. recognition of Israeli settlements on occupied West Bank land and of Jerusalem as Israel's indivisible capital.

Turkey dismissed the plan as an attempt to steal Palestinian lands and kill off prospects of establishing a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

Despite Palestinians' rejection of the plan and their boycott of Trump, three Gulf Arab states - Oman, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates - attended the White House gathering where Trump announced his plan.

"When we look at the stance of countries in the Muslim world toward this step and the announced text, I pity us. Saudi Arabia mostly, you are silent. When will you speak? The same goes for Oman, Bahrain, the Abu Dhabi leadership," Erdogan said in comments to members of his ruling party in Ankara.

"They even go and applaud it there. Shame on you," he added. "Some Arab countries supporting such a plan are betraying Jerusalem, their own peoples and most of all humanity."

Despite their historic support for Palestinians, some Arab powers have appeared to prioritize close ties with the United States and a shared hostility toward Iran over traditional Arab alliances.

Saudi Arabia expressed appreciation for Trump's efforts and support for direct peace negotiations under U.S. auspices, although state media reported that King Salman had called the Palestinian president to convey Riyadh's unwavering support.

Turkey's ties with Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates have been tense over a host of issues, from the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi consulate in Istanbul to rival policies in Libya.

Erdogan said it was "inexplicable" for Palestinians to be pressured into accepting the plan, adding that he would talk later on Friday to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and the leader of the Palestinian militant group, Ismail Haniyeh.

Abbas will speak at the United Nations Security Council about the plan.

Muslims will not regain the territories occupied by the disbelievers until they re-establish the righteous Islamic Khilafah (Caliphate) State on the method of the Prophet (saw) that shall comprehensively implement Islam, unify Muslim lands and eject the foreign disbeliever from all our lands.

Coronavirus: Chinese Communist Party Complicates Disease Management Again

Inevitably China is a key centre for new virus outbreaks, not because of its large population but because of its disbelieving polytheists' appalling food and hygiene practices. But what has made this crisis all the more complicated is the authoritarian response of the Chinese government and the Communist Party behind it whose first reaction in such disasters is to conceal them, as elaborated in an article in *Project Syndicate*:

An outbreak of a new coronavirus that began in the Chinese city of Wuhan has already infected over 4,000 people – mostly in China, but also in several other countries, from Thailand to France to the United States – and killed more than 100. Given China's history of disease outbreaks – including of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and African swine fever – and officials' apparent awareness of the need to strengthen their capacity to address "major risks," how could this happen?

It should be no surprise that history is repeating itself in China. To maintain its authority, the Communist Party of China must keep the public convinced that everything is going according to plan. That means carrying out systemic cover-ups of scandals and deficiencies that may reflect poorly upon the CPC's leadership, instead of doing what is necessary to respond.

This pathological secrecy hobbles the authorities' capacity to respond quickly to epidemics. The SARS epidemic of 2002-03 could have been contained much sooner had Chinese officials, including the health minister, not deliberately concealed information from the public. Once proper disease-control and prevention measures were implemented, SARS was contained within months.

Yet China seems not to have learned its lesson. Although there are important differences between today's coronavirus epidemic and the SARS outbreak – including far greater technological capacity to monitor disease – they may have the CPC's habit of cover-ups in common.

To be sure, at first glance, China's government has appeared to be more forthcoming about the latest outbreak. But, although the first case was reported on December 8, the Wuhan municipal health commission didn't issue an official notice until several weeks later. And, since then, Wuhan officials have downplayed the seriousness of the disease and deliberately sought to suppress news coverage.

That notice maintained that there was no evidence that the new illness could be transmitted among humans, and claimed that no health-care workers had been infected. The commission repeated these claims on January 5, though 59 cases had been confirmed by then. Even after the first death was reported on January 11, the commission continued to insist that there was no evidence that it could be transmitted among humans or that health-care workers had been affected.

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But perhaps the most tragic part of this story is that there is little reason to hope that next time will be different. The survival of the one-party state depends on secrecy, media suppression, and constraints on civil liberties. So, even as Chinese President Xi Jinping demands that the government increase its capacity to handle "major risks," China will continue to undermine its own – and the world's – safety, in order to bolster the CPC's authority.

When China's leaders finally declare victory against the current outbreak, they will undoubtedly credit the CPC's leadership. But the truth is just the opposite: the party is again responsible for this calamity.

Communism is a failed ideology and so brutal authoritarianism remains the only way for the Chinese Communist Party to retain control of the country. Muslim countries, instead of trying to seek China's friendship, should be denouncing its party and its practices, not least of the oppressed Muslims whose land of East Turkistan has been forcibly occupied by the Chinese Communist state.