

Erdogan, “A Cheese Ship doesn’t Sail with Talk.”

News:

Erdogan uttered strong words of condemnation against the Jewish entity and considers economic boycott and requests the OIC, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation to be united and reevaluate their ties with “Israel.”

Comment:

Didn’t we hear this before? Yes, it’s not the first time Erdogan presents himself as a neo Ottoman caretaker of the affairs of the Muslims. His emotional rhetorics and words of condemnation are appealing to some Muslims. However, I would like to remind him of a real Ottoman saying which goes as following: “a cheese ship doesn’t sail with talk.” Which in other words means; “words without action have no value.”

As one imam said; I love Erdogan and consider him my Khalifah, but I’m confused; I talk, he (Erdogan) talks. I have no power to enact my words, but Erdogan does as he is in a position of authority and power but he doesn’t act upon it.

The irony is that whilst he condemns the bloodshed committed by the Jewish entity against innocent protestors amongst which there were even children, and summons other Muslim countries to unite and re-evaluate their political and economic ties with the Jewish entity. His own party, the AKP rejects a motion of the opposition, that seeks a parliamentary evaluation to annulment of all political, economic and military agreements with Jewish entity and imposition of economic sanctions.

Moreover, the bilateral economic relations between Turkey under Erdogan with the Jewish entity has flourished more than ever before. The bilateral economic relations between these two countries has developed rapidly over the last 15 years, including the trade volume and not to forget the mutual interest in defence industry. Turkey became the sixth trade partner of the Jewish occupier with a volume of \$5.5 billion in 2014.

Even the Intelligence Minister, Israel Katz described Erdogan’s statements accusing “Israel” of war crimes as “acting as a frenemy.” Which means, a friend who acts as an enemy. He said “he attacks us a lot, and we respond, but this does not prevent him from channelling 25% of Turkey’s exports to the Gulf through Haifa’s port.”

“Erdogan sees himself as the global leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, and therefore feels the need to constantly attack Israel: “But the reality speaks for itself – Turkish Airlines is the largest international company operating in “Israel” ... [trade between the two countries] has only grown since the Marmara incident”.

The question arises who is more guilty of the ongoing crimes against the Ummah, the one who deceives or the one who allows himself to be deceived. Through this superficial look on things we as an Ummah are constantly being diverted from the real issue and the real solution.

As long as we as an Ummah don’t shape our way of thinking according the measures Islam outlined for us then we will be subjugated to the mercy of colonialist Kufr states, their allies and their agents.

As long as we think that someone who executes the plans of the US, the enemy of Islam the Muslims, advocates openly secularism and apposes openly against the establishment of an Islamic state, promotes democracy instead of Sharia, will bring back Islam then we have a problem with our thinking and the measures we are thinking with.

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