

## The Jamal Khashoggi Murder: Competing in Hypocrisy

## **News:**

Khashoggi's fiancée speaks to a Turkish TV channel about her decline to Trump's offer to visit the White House and about the day when the Saudi journalist was killed.

Hatice Cengiz declined an offer to meet with Trump saying she didn't feel he was sincere in his condemnation.

"Yes Trump invited me to the United States during the first days of the investigation," she said. "But his statements were at very short intervals and they were contradictory." "I perceived it as a statement to win the sympathy of the public. That's how I understood it." (**Source:** https://ru.euronews.com/2018/10/24/trump-khashoggi-arabia-failed-critics)

## Comment:

Events that developed after the disappearance of Jamal Khashoggi in the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 once more showed to everyone the hypocrisy of Western country leaders and their protégé among so called Muslim rulers.

For instance, representatives of the two main US parties demanded to assume the measures against Riyadh, particularly cancelling big contracts of weapon delivery. But Trump said that these measures contradict the national interests of the US.

Chancellor of Germany, Angela Merkel, considers it impossible to export weapons to Saudi Arabia caused by details of Jamal Khashoggi death. But official decision was not approved yet.

It is worse to mention that a year ago, the European Parliament accepted a resolution that called to stop or limit export of arms to Saudi Arabia, which is involved in war in Yemen and indirectly in Syria.

All these positions of the West leaders once more show us their hypocrisy and careless treatment to the democratic values that they glorify. There are a lot of human rights reports that confirm that Saudi Arabia for several years violates rights of its citizens in and out of the country. Saudi Arabia crimes in Yemen are documented by all the humanity. But only after Khashoggi killing, we heard the treats to stop selling weapons to Saudi Arabia as if this is the sole and exclusive event. As for Trump, he openly said that it contradicts to national interests.

This sand of western country leaders is not new and all too known for Muslims. During past decades US, Britain, France and Germany supported such tyrants as Mubarak, Kaddafi, Ben Ali, Ali Abdullah Saleh, Assad family and many others to be able to colonize resources of Muslim countries and sell weapons to them. But when

the thrones of these tyrants started to reel as a result of Arabic Spring, Western countries spoke about human rights violation all through the Middle East.

Hypocrisy of the Western leaders and their feigned human rights tricks are well known for the Muslims. But here we should mention that hypocrisy of so-called Muslim rulers is more mean and insidious. Pretending to be leaders of Islamic Ummah, they show feigned concern about Muslims' fortune, while they continue to betray the interests of the Muslim Ummah in a hidden way, implementing will of their Western masters.

For instance, the Turkish president, Recep Erdogan, promised that he will reveal the truth about what happened with Khashoggi in the Saudi consulate. He also said: "Mr. Khashoggi is an old friend of mine, a journalist I have long known".

While expressing resolution in Khashoggi's death, investigation and punishment for murderers in fact Erdogan continues his betrayal of Muslim interests.

Let me show only one aspect of his many-sided treachery – the issue of refugees from Central Asia and China. It is well known that for many years Turkish authorities persecute refugees from Central Asia and China. On February 19th 2018, 82 Uyghur Muslims announced permanent hunger strike in Turkish refugee center.

Moreover, exactly in the days when Erdogan made his loud statements about Khashoggi's murder, there are 11 Muslims who are citizens of China and they are under arrest in Ataturk airport for more than 2 weeks. They arrived from Malaysia, since it refused to hand them to China despite enormous Chinese pressure.

What is the difference between Khashoggi and tens of Muslims from China and Central Asia, who were handed or to be handed to the hand of tyrants?

That is the peak of hypocrisy, that is more than hypocrisy of Trump and Merkel since they did not assure the Islamic Ummah in devotion to its interests.

The same hypocrisy is the stand of the Pakistan's prime-minister, Imran Khan, who promised to make Pakistan a state like Madina during electioneering. We witnessed his statement during his visit to investment forum in Saudi Arabia: "It is a shocking event, but we need money".

This is the peak of hypocrisy, these are the purposeless fools – Ruwaybidah, from whom we were warned by Prophet (saw.).

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: «سَنِيَأْتِي عَلَى النَّاسِ سَنْوَاتٌ خَدَّاعَاتُ يُصَدَّقُ فِيهَا الْكَاذِبُ وَيُكذَّبُ فِيهَا الصَّادِقُ وَيُؤْتَمَنُ فِيهَا الْخَائِنُ وَيُخَوَّنُ فِيهَا الْأَمِينُ وَيَنْطِقُ فِيهَا الرُّوَيْبِضَةُ». قِيلَ وَمَا الرُّوَيْبِضَةُ؟ قَالَ: «الرَّجُلُ التَّافِهُ فِي أَمْرِ الْعَامَّة».

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