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The solution to all of Yemen's problems and its extraction from the grip of the British-American conflict that has strangled it lies exclusively in establishing the second Khilafah Rashidah (rightly-guided Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood, which applies Islam and manages the affairs of Muslims according to it, thereby safeguarding their blood, preventing domestic infighting and futile wars among them, and making governance for Allah alone. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, « ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَى مِنْهَاجِ النُّبُوَّةِ» "Then there will be a Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood."

Editorial

Causes of the Explosion in European Countries

By: Ustadh Hassan Hamdan

Protests and demonstrations erupted in a number of European countries—such as France, Belgium, and Spain—against the rising cost of living and budget cuts to schools and universities, with some protests marked by violence, destruction, and looting.

Subsequently, the wave of protests by school and university students spread across France, Belgium, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Greece, and Austria, even reaching Albania, while signs of unrest emerged in Germany, the Netherlands, Serbia, and Ireland. How did this wave of protests evolve, and what are the reasons for this explosion?

First: Since Trump came to power in his second term, he has pressured NATO member states to increase their military spending by escalating percentages, aiming for record levels (targeting 5% of GDP by 2035)—a threshold that no country within the alliance, including the United States (where military spending is 4.3% of GDP), has yet achieved.

Second: The Russian-Ukrainian war. Europe has been significantly affected by the war in Ukraine, and its economic and living repercussions have been felt across the continent. Among the most prominent repercussions are:

- The energy and heating crisis, caused by the disruption of Russian supplies, which led to soaring gas and electricity prices and severe financial inflation in most European countries.

- Rising costs of living and housing, coupled with market instability, prompting people to take to the streets to demand a dignified life, improved salaries, and the rejection of cuts to public spending, as seen in Spain, France, and Belgium.

- Europe's funding of the war with billions of dollars at the expense of the welfare state and domestic services (such as schools and healthcare). Europe shifted resources to defense spending—some sent directly to Ukraine, and some allocated to developing national military arsenals, such as Germany's allocation of one hundred billion dollars—all of which came at the expense of services for European citizens.

Newsweek magazine reported in a piece by writer Tom O'Connor that a renewed war on Iran could reduce Washington's ability to supply its European allies with weapons at a time when the continent needs to accelerate its rearmament. The newspaper quoted European experts stating that the problem lies not only in the volume of defense spending but in Europe's inability to build an independent industrial base, as its long-term reliance on America has left the continent vulnerable should the US become preoccupied with other conflicts.

Third: French President Macron stated that people have the right to be angry about rising fuel prices, noting that his country is experiencing direct repercussions from the crisis of closing the Strait of Hormuz.

According to data from the European Statistical Office, Eurostat, the European Union relies on external sources for 96% of its oil needs and 85% of its gas needs. Gas inventories in EU countries stand at approximately 71.5%, compared to a seasonal average of around 92%, according to the European Gas Infrastructure Organization.

Imports of liquefied natural gas from America constituted approximately 57% of Europe's total supplies, following a decline in supplies from Gulf countries after the outbreak of the conflict. The crisis is deepening with Europe's increasing reliance on liquefied natural gas after the decline in gas supplies from Russia since the start of its invasion of Ukraine. Compounding this is the crisis in the Strait of Hormuz, rising shipping costs, faltering supplies, and a dramatic surge in prices.

Additional reasons: It is important to note that there are many other reasons for these demonstrations, including:

- Deep domestic divisions and the complex history and geography between European countries.

- The rising influence of the far-right, as the political landscape has shifted in recent years. The far-right has returned to power in Italy under Giorgia Meloni, is nearing leadership in France through Marine Le Pen, and the Alternative for Germany party is making substantial gains. These conditions provide fertile ground for the far-right to exploit societal and economic discontent for political gain.

- Europe’s chronic economic weakness, the aging demographics of its populations, competition from China’s lower-cost and higher-quality industries, and the tariff policies and stance toward the European Union adopted by America’s President Trump.

- Rising debt deficits in European countries; France’s public debt reached approximately 3.6 trillion euros (around 3.9 trillion dollars) at the end of the second quarter of 2026, equivalent to 119% of its GDP.

The European Commission expects public debt in the eurozone to rise from 88.7% of GDP in 2025 to 90.2% in 2026, and to 91.2% in

2027, due to increasing deficits, interest costs, and weak growth. In its latest forecast issued on October 13, the International Monetary Fund lowered its growth forecast for the eurozone economy to 1.1% in 2026, expecting the French economy to grow by 0.4% compared to 2.5% for the Spanish economy.

In conclusion, the real crisis is not merely one of governance in European countries—though they do suffer from mismanagement and corruption—but is in fact a crisis of ideology and civilization that has proven its failure. It carries the seeds of its own destruction and is in its death throes. The solution will not be found, as is their habit, through patchwork fixes and changing governments and individuals, but through a comprehensive civilizational and ideological change. This can only be achieved through the great ideology of Islam. Allah ﷻ said, ﴿**وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَنْ ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنكاً**﴾ **"And whoever turns away from My remembrance—indeed, he will have a miserable life"** [TMQ Surah Taha 124].

Feature Article

Is Ruling by All That Allah ﷻ Has Revealed in Our Era: A Raised Slogan or an Achievable Project?

By: Ustadh Salem Abu Sbitan

Is ruling by all that Allah has revealed a slogan raised by Islamic groups for popular consumption, to stir emotions and rally followers, or is it a practical project capable of implementation?

Ruling by all that Allah ﷻ has revealed is a comprehensive ideology for a project with complete foundations; it is precisely defined in its ʻAqeedah (creed), constitution, and systems—economic, social, security, educational, political, judicial, and institutional. It is not a product of human intellect; rather, it is a divine ʻAqeedah (creed) and set of Shariah rulings revealed to our noble Messenger ﷺ to convey to all of humanity. It is specifically for those who carry it, act upon its requirements, implement it practically, and embody it in a tangible project: the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood, for the believers. This is due to the saying of Allah ﷻ Who said: ﴿هُوَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ﴾ **"It is He who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the Deen truth to manifest it over all ways other ways of life, even if the mushrikun (polytheists) dislike it"** [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah: 33]. It is that which absolves their responsibility before Allah ﷻ on the Day they are presented to Him ﷻ, when nothing hidden will be concealed.

Ruling by all that Allah ﷻ has revealed is both an idea (fikrah) and a method (tareeqah). These two pillars cannot be an empty

slogan unless they constitute a complete project, which is what the Greatest Messenger ﷺ accomplished after the Pledge of al-'Aqabah al-Kubra. Following its conclusion between him and the Ansar, he embodied this project in reality in Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah. This system was then passed on to his noble Companions (ra), and it was named the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate). Later, authority became Al-Mulk al-'Adud (the dynastic rule), which was abolished in 1924 CE by the criminal Mustafa Kemal and traitors amongst the Arabs and Turks with him—may they receive from Allah ﷻ what they deserve.

This project was embodied for approximately thirteen centuries, realizing the finest and most beautiful experience humanity—not Muslims alone—has ever known, due to its embodiment of the concept of true, just sovereignty, where the ruler and the ruled, and the Muslim and the dhimmi (non-Muslim citizen), are equal before the Shariah rulings of Allah ﷻ.

This slogan is neither hollow nor for organizational consumption and material gain—except for one who raises it without grasping its meaning, envisioning it, or for whom understanding its Shariah texts and rulings is difficult. This is the pitfall into which Islamic groups fell, making reality the source of thought and a severe constraint on their thinking, instead of launching into the vast expanse of Islam. This caused their reality to push them to restrict the Shariah texts or twist their meanings to align with the reality they had become captive to. It is not only the groups that fell into this trap; rather, many, or most, of the Muslim scholarly community throughout the past century were ensnared by it, in fulfillment of the saying of our Messenger ﷺ who said: **«فَوَاللَّهِ مَا الدُّنْيَا كَمَا بُسِطَتْ عَلَى مَنْ كَانَ الْفَقْرَ أَخْشَى عَلَيْكُمْ، وَلَكِنِّي أَخْشَى أَنْ تُبْسَطَ عَلَيْكُمْ قَبْلَكُمْ، فَتَنَافَسُوهَا كَمَا تَنَافَسُوهَا، وَتُهْلِكَكُمْ كَمَا أَهْلَكَتْهُمْ» "By Allah ﷻ, it is**

not poverty that I fear for you, but I fear that the world will be spread out before you as it was spread out for those before you, and you will compete for it as they competed for it, and it will destroy you as it destroyed them"—meaning, that you would manipulate the Shariah texts and rulings as those before you did, and thus be destroyed by it.

Therefore, Sheikh Taqiuddin An-Nabhani, may Allah ﷻ have mercy on him, took up this great idea and embodied it in the project of the Islamic State: the vessel of salvation for this Ummah and for all of humanity from the overwhelming chaos that strikes mankind, trees, and stones, and corrupts the human fitrah (natural disposition). This is the chaos which Allah ﷻ warned against in His ﷻ saying: ﴿وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا﴾ **"And cause not corruption upon the earth after its reformation"** [TMQ Surah Al-A'raf: 56]. In its absence, humanity will gather against you as diners gather around their bowl, and tribulations, like fragments of a dark night, will crowd upon the Ummah, in which the believer will be confused, unable to distinguish truth from falsehood; he will go to bed a believer and wake up a disbeliever, and wake up a believer and go to bed a disbeliever.

This eminent Sheikh dedicated himself to researching and contemplating this immense catastrophe and the pitch-black darkness—so dark that if one were to extend his hand, he could scarcely see it—so is there any path to the light? Until Allah ﷻ enlightened him, revealing that the absence of the Khilafah (Caliphate) is the cause of all these calamities and tribulations, and that there is no savior, no way out, and no path except through its return as a Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood. Here, his brilliance and intellectual creativity were manifested in conceptualizing the Khilafah by delving into the

depths of the Noble Quran, the purified Sunnah of our Prophet ﷺ, and his Seerah (Propheteic biography) over the 23 years he spent in the two stages, those of Makkah and Al-Madinah, until the Islamic State was established. This state lifted the veil of ignorance from the Arabian Peninsula and then set out to remove the era of tyranny from the rest of the world.

The Companions (ra) embodied the practical establishment of its foundations on the earth, succinctly summarizing their understanding of its ideology and method with a statement made by Rib'i ibn 'Amir (ra) to Rustum, the commander of the Persians, **(اللَّهُ ابْتَعَثْنَا لِنُخْرِجَ مَنْ شَاءَ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ الْعِبَادِ إِلَى عِبَادَةِ اللَّهِ، وَمِنْ ضِيقِ الدُّنْيَا إِلَى سِعَتِهَا، وَمِنْ جَوْرِ الْأَدْيَانِ إِلَى عَدْلِ الْإِسْلَامِ) "Allah has sent us to bring forth whom He wills from the worship of servants to the worship of Allah, from the narrowness of this world to its vastness, and from the injustice of religions to the justice of Islam."** An-Nabhani (rh) therefore embodied the vision of the Islamic State in its general and specific conception with a written project and books based on Shariah rulings derived from the Book of Allah ﷻ and the Sunnah of His Prophet ﷺ. Whoever has studied them has seen the vision of the desired Khilafah (Caliphate) and the promised outcome in the most beautiful and greatest form.

So, towards this outcome, which absolves one of responsibility and saves those who engage in the work to achieve it from accountability before Allah ﷻ, and it is inevitable, and none stands in the way of its realization except a known hypocrite, or a disbeliever drowned in his disbelief (kufr), or one who benefits from the worldly life of others, having sold his Deen and Hereafter, we call upon you, O Muslims.

O Allah, use us for this work until we meet You while You are pleased with us, and protect us from the evils within ourselves and the whispers of Shaytan, and grant us steadfastness upon this until death; for the Truthful, the Trustworthy (the Prophet ﷺ) has informed us that this is inevitable, as he ﷺ said: **«ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَى مِنْهَاجِ النُّبُوَّةِ» "Then there will be a Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood."** And indeed, we see and feel the heralds and the signs of the approach of its time and era appearing clearly, without any ambiguity. Among these signs are: the fall and weakness of capitalism, the peoples in the West clashing with the ideology they once adhered to, even dragging the rulers—the protectors of capitalism and the separation of religion from life—to cite texts from their religions and declare the renewal of the Crusader wars. This signifies their disbelief in the ideology they believed in and fought for over decades, and which they forced upon the peoples and compelled them to adopt along with its culture. This means they are revolting against an ideology that has brought them ruin, corruption, and the spread of corruption on earth. Therefore, these are not mere slips of the tongue or unintentional lapses, but rather they reveal what their hearts conceal and what they hide. They see it as distant, but we see it as near. Is not the dawn near? And the dawn of the Khilafah (Caliphate) has, by the Permission of Allah ﷻ, become within very close reach, inshaa'Allah ﷻ and we hope to be among its witnesses.

False Independence and a False Sovereignty!

The Council of Ministers in Iraq decided to suspend official working hours in state institutions for four days, beginning on Wednesday, 30 September 2026, and ending on Saturday, 3 October. The Media Office of the Prime Minister stated that the decision was made to celebrate the "Days of Sovereignty" of the Republic of Iraq.

These measures came as a continuation of the agreement concluded between Iraq and America in September 2024, concerning the end of the military missions of the US-led international coalition and the transformation of security relations into a framework of bilateral partnership.

In this regard, a press release by the Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir in Wilayah Iraq stated: "Ever since the colonialist disbelieving West established these mini-states in the Muslim lands following its abolition of the Ottoman Caliphate (Uthmani Khilafah) and the rise of the Ruwaibidha (incompetent lowly rulers) who took charge of Muslim affairs, these states have consistently deceived Muslims and marketed defeats to them as victories. All the mini-states formed after the Sykes-Picot Agreement have independence days. These are the days when occupying military forces withdrew from the Muslim lands, having ensured that their political systems had been put in place and that rulers serving their interests had been installed—rulers who govern the people with an iron fist and through repression."

The release said: "Indeed, the colonialist disbeliever's military presence provoked the people of the Muslim lands, who mounted fierce resistance that put the occupiers in an

embarrassing position in many Muslim countries. Eventually, the occupier realized that remaining there was costly and dangerous. It therefore exploited the Muslims' lack of political awareness, deceiving them and giving them the illusion of a false, superficial independence, while continuing to dominate their political, economic, and cultural systems. Today, the Iraqi government is once again proclaiming a day of sovereignty and independence, even though everyone, near and far, knows that this wounded country has no control over its own affairs!"

The release asked: "What sovereignty is the Prime Minister talking about when he himself only reached this position at America's command and with its approval?!

What sovereignty is he talking about when he cannot make a decision on any matter concerning the country's security without America's direction and the presence of the Iranian ambassador?!

What independence is he talking about when the country's political system and constitution were drafted by the American occupier?!

What independence is he talking about when the country's economy and wealth remain in the grip of the American occupier?!"

And the release concluded by emphasizing: "True sovereignty will come only when all the military, political, economic, and cultural roots of the occupying kafir (disbeliever) are uprooted. This can only be achieved through sincere and serious work to establish the Khilafah and give bayah (pledge allegiance) to a rightly guided Caliph who upholds the Deen and wages jihad against disbelief and its people. Only then, and only then, will it be fitting for the

Ummah to rejoice and celebrate, expressing its joy by prostrating in gratitude to Allah, the Exalted."

What the Islamic Ummah Will Not Forget

The Ummah will not forget that the 7 October 2023 revived within it the meanings of honor, strength, and Jihad. It will not forget the point-blank range, nor the one who mounted the tank, nor the martyr in prostration. It will not forget the epic tales of heroism that emerged from the era of the Companions (ra) of Muhammad ﷺ.

The Ummah will not forget that Gaza was being killed by the entity with the weapons of the major powers, led by America, and it will not forget the supply lines that the existing regimes in the Muslim lands provided as lifelines for the criminal entity.

And the Ummah will not forget its marches, its anger, and its call to mobilize the armies to support Gaza and liberate Palestine—those movements which those regimes would sometimes deceive and sometimes suppress, so that the fire of the Ummah would not blaze and burn the rulers before the Jewish entity.

Nor will the Ummah forget that the rulers responded to Trump and created the Board of Peace as if they were carrying a fire extinguisher to extinguish the fire of the Ummah.

Nor will the Ummah forget that the dust has been cleared from the features of the one Ummah; its victory is one, its war is one, its peace is one, and its anger and pleasure are like the anger and pleasure of a single body. And that the borders and barriers are but the remnants of the colonialist who drew them, and time has passed over them, and it is time for those remnants and the regimes that represent them, which were established to draw those borders, to be erased.

Possession of the Narrative and the Restoration of Humanity

The time has come for us to realize that our real battle is not only in possessing the economy, building institutions, and developing technology, but in possessing the human being, who is the origin of all that and who leads all that. If the ideology is absent, we move from one idea to another, from one model to another, from one imitation to another, searching every day for answers from others, and even borrowing from them the very way we look at ourselves. However, when we return to our ideology, understand it with aware comprehension, make it the foundation for thought and action, and have the Shariah of Allah ﷻ applied upon us, then we regain our identity, possess the narrative, possess education, and possess all the tools we have been deprived of and which have been tampered with in our generations.

Working to establish the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood is the path that will restore to us our dignity, honor, and strength, and enable us to build generations that lead the world, and extricate us from this triviality into which we have been thrust.

US Policy Towards Europe Under the "America First" Doctrine

By: Ustadh Asaad Mansour

On 1 October 2026, Speaking exclusively at the Euronews Defence and Space Summit, the US Ambassador to NATO, Matthew Whitaker said Washington was still conducting a review of the deployment and basing of US forces across NATO territory. Whitaker said the process was being guided by the Trump administration's "America First" approach. "America First means that we look at it from what's in the interest of the United States of America and its people and its taxpayers," he said. This comes amid growing questions regarding the future of America's military presence on the continent and its relationship with its European allies.

Looking back at the history of this relationship, America decided after World War II to emerge from its isolation—a period during which it had confined its colonialist activities to the New World—and enter the Old World, which had been under the control of colonialist Europe. Europe had suffered immense destruction in the war as a consequence of its own wicked deeds. America sought to impose its hegemony over Europe and the Old World, coveting the wealth that Europe had been plundering, and to prevent the Soviet Union from gaining control over it.

It established NATO, set up military bases, and deployed around 80,000 soldiers in Europe; it launched the Marshall Plan to control its economy; and it introduced its companies to ensure economic and political domination over it.

The Soviet Union collapsed and its threat to Europe vanished, yet America maintained its hegemony over it and did not dismantle the NATO alliance it leads. Europe began working to rid itself of this hegemony; it established a union, but this union did not evolve into a single political force with a military power to protect it and execute its policies. Although it laid the foundation for a European army, it was unable to develop it. Europe also began moving closer to Russia to bolster its economy and political stance in confronting America.

To strike at this, America decided to ignite a war between them. It provoked Ukraine to antagonize Russia, which in turn invaded Ukraine in 2022. Thus, America managed to deal a severe blow to Europe from which it has not yet recovered. And to exhaust it, keep it dependent, and maintain its hegemony over it, America decided to have Europe resist Russia alone, adopting the slogan "America First." This is why the following was stated in its National Security Strategy, issued on 5 December 2025, concerning Europe:

The priorities of the U.S. strategy toward Europe are as follows:

- Enabling Europe to rely on itself

- Bearing primary responsibility for its own defense

- Achieving strategic stability with Russia

- Ending the notion of NATO as an alliance capable of limitless expansion

- Opening European markets to American goods and services and ensuring fair treatment for American workers and companies.

- American diplomacy must continue to defend true democracy and freedom of expression in Europe, because European

countries cannot reform themselves, are mired in a political crisis, and the rise of national parties has become a valid cause for concern.

These points confirm America's objectives toward Europe. In the final point, it confirms its desire to maintain its hegemony over it under the guise of reforming it and defending democracy within it. It also confirms its support for racist nationalist parties, which are dictatorial, because it wants to destabilize the internal situations within European countries and topple the European Union and its currency, the Euro. This is to be achieved without the need for a large presence of American troops, in order to reduce its expenditures. Reports indicate that it intends to withdraw 40,000 soldiers from Europe.

After this severe blow that Europe received, it has begun to review its relationship with America and to gather its strength in order to rebuild itself militarily without relying on America. This is why it produced the "White Paper for European Defence – Readiness 2030" in March 2025 and allocated 800 billion euros to strengthen the European defense infrastructure. Germany, the leading economic power in the Union and one of its main pillars, announced a security strategy in July 2023 and another military strategy in April 2026, which stipulates making "the German army the strongest conventional army in Europe by 2039." It has begun encouraging civilian industrial companies to undertake arms manufacturing, agreed with France to make the French nuclear force a European nuclear force, and established a permanent military base in the Baltic states to confront Russia, which covets seizing them because they encircle Russian Kaliningrad.

At the same time, America is playing its game with Russia. In addition to distancing it from Europe by igniting the war in

Ukraine, it imposes harsh sanctions on it to subjugate it to its whims, as it seeks to seize its oil resources that Europe had been benefiting from. This is why its president, Trump, announced on Truth Social on 9 October 2026 that "I have just concluded a highly successful discussion with President Vladimir Putin, of Russia, wherein it was agreed that Russia will immediately supply over 300,000 Tons of Diesel Fuel to the American and Global Marketplace." By "global," Europe is specifically meant, where diesel prices have doubled, just as they have in America, due to its aggression against Iran. It appears that America will buy Russian diesel and sell it to Europe and others to reap huge profits. It is not unlikely in the future that it will buy Russian gas to sell it to Europe, and so on. It has violated the sanctions it imposed on Russia while preventing Europe from violating them. America does not care about its European allies; it forces them to go along with imposing sanctions on Russia and prevents them from importing from it, only to then import from Russia itself! It cares only for its own interests and hegemony, especially under the "America First" doctrine. It recognizes neither friend nor foe in pursuit of this.

The problem lies more within Europe itself, which has leaned on American aid and military protection under the name of NATO—tools that are merely instruments of American hegemony over it. Consequently, its countries and peoples turned toward the economy and welfare, neglecting the political and military spheres. It no longer produces strong politicians and has been unable to build an army from its own sons. Its system of governance prevents the emergence of strong rule, as it relies on forming governments from party coalitions pulled apart by their own self-interests. It has failed to build its unity because nationalism has dug deep trenches that prevent this. Therefore,

the union it established among its nations—which refuse to relinquish their national identity and merge into a single political entity—is a fragile union, susceptible to collapse. It has lost much of its global influence and cannot restore it, as it relied on colonialism to plunder the wealth of others—especially in Africa and Asia—and turn them into markets for its goods.

The problem also lies in the failure of the capitalist ideology to fuse its peoples into a single melting pot, as national interest is the foundation, and the ideology is applied accordingly, in addition to it being a false and dangerous ideology for humanity.

We do not lament for Europe, nor do we rejoice in America's hegemony, for both are evil. We do not wish to replace one evil with another, nor one colonialism with another. Rather, we want our Islamic Ummah to return and assume its rightful place as the best Ummah brought forth for humanity, to save itself and all the peoples of the world from the yoke of colonialism and the injustice of capitalism. This cannot be achieved unless it establishes its Khilafah Rashidah (rightly-guided Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood.

The Red Sea and the Ring of Fire

By: Engineer Wissam Al-Atrash

Military developments in Yemen are unfolding concurrently with escalating internal conflicts and regional tensions surrounding Ethiopia, at a time when Eritrea, Sudan, and the Horn of Africa are themselves experiencing rapid security and political transformations. At first glance, these developments might appear to be governed by their own internal dynamics and confined within their national borders. However, approaching these crises as separate files obscures a significant part of the picture.

By widening the perspective beyond colonialist borders, the Red Sea and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait emerge not merely as a geographical separator between these crises, but as a space where they intersect. The events in Yemen could reshape the calculations of powers on the African shore, while tensions stretching from the Horn of Africa to Sudan, Ethiopia, and Eritrea could, in turn, impact the security and strategic environment surrounding Yemen. From this angle, the military movements and political conflicts on both sides of the Red Sea appear less as adjacent crises and more as parts of an interconnected strategic theater, where the repercussions of conflict travel from one arena to another via sea lanes, networks of influence, the calculations of regional and international powers, and the schemes of the Jewish entity. It was expected that the flames of strategic attrition would reach beyond the Strait of Hormuz to Bab el-Mandeb.

At this point, the Red Sea becomes one of the keys that allows these crises to be read within a single regional context. A conflict on one of its shores could alter the calculations of powers on the

opposite shore, and a localized disturbance within the borders of a single state could transform into a pressure factor that rearranges the balances across the entire region.

This is the precise meaning of what the Adwa Defense, Intelligence & Strategic Studies Institute (ADISS) termed the "Ring of Fire": a maritime system in which instability on one shore leads to a change in the strategic value of the opposite shore. Under the title "Ethiopia Inside Ring of Fire and the Red Sea Disorder," the institute's study, published in September 2026, placed the Red Sea, the Gulf of Aden, and the Horn of Africa within a single security theater extending from the Suez Canal to the Bab el-Mandeb Strait and then to the Gulf of Aden.

What is happening today confirms this vision in a manner that is almost a live application of it. In Yemen, the Houthis have managed to expand their presence along the western coast and reach the Bab al-Mandab area. Consequently, the strait, which was originally an international passage, has become a military and political card in the hands of a regional proxy aligned with Iran. The matter is no longer confined to the Yemeni war alone, as the turmoil in the Strait of Hormuz has made Bab al-Mandab more critical for Saudi Arabia and international trade. Therefore, Riyadh is preparing for a military operation that may extend beyond Bab al-Mandab and Taiz, while simultaneously attempting to leverage the Mecca Agreement, in addition to soliciting assistance from America.

And herein lies the most critical strategic issue: America's objective is not necessarily to eliminate the Houthis—who have been exposed along the coast and pledged not to target its ships or those of the Jewish entity—but rather to fortify the region against intervention by rival powers and prevent any party from

acquiring a reliable capability to turn a maritime chokepoint into a tool for regional and international leverage; that is, to prevent a repeat of the Strait of Hormuz scenario. Therefore, the recurring U.S. naval presence in the Red Sea and even the Arabian Sea—with aircraft carriers, destroyers, and other combat vessels—should not be interpreted solely as preparation for war, but also as a deterrence message conveying that chokepoints must not become the exclusive strategic property of any regional power. However, control of the sea does not always begin at sea. This is the point that renders the African coast critically important.

In Ethiopia, the resumption of fighting in Tigray coincides with conflicts in Amhara and Afar, and the formation of new armed alliances against Abiy Ahmed's government, all while relations between Addis Ababa and Asmara deteriorate. Several analyses have pointed out that the Ethiopian conflict is no longer a purely internal affair, as it intersects with the calculations of Eritrea, Egypt, Sudan, Somalia, Türkiye, and the Gulf states—all preparing for a post-Abiy Ahmed phase under a U.S. green light. A core part of the tension is linked to Ethiopia's desire to secure sea access and reduce its reliance on Djibouti. Meanwhile, a recent study by the Center for Strategic and International Studies, published in September 2026, indicated that China has carried out upgrades to its military base in Djibouti, enhancing its communications and intelligence-gathering capabilities—reflecting a clear expansion of China's presence in this theater.

And here the "Ring of Fire" appears in its clearest form: the Houthis, operating on the Asian coast of the Red Sea, affect the value of the opposite African coast; Ethiopia, seeking a sea outlet, cannot separate its national security from the Bab al-Mandab; Eritrea, possessing a long coastline facing Yemen, gains a strategic

importance that exceeds its economic weight; Egypt, dependent on the Suez Canal, sees the turmoil in the Red Sea as a direct threat to one of its vital resources; while Saudi Arabia views the opposite coast as an extension of its western security. Therefore, the land conflicts in Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Somalia are not distant from the naval battle; rather, they are parts of the very same structure linked to ports and supply chains.

While America's role in fueling these conflicts to mobilize its own tools cannot be ruled out, a recent study by the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations warned of the interlocking nature of conflicts in the Horn of Africa. It argued that the tensions between Ethiopia and Eritrea, the war in Sudan, the Egyptian-Ethiopian rivalry, the conflict in Somalia, and the maneuvers by Türkiye and the Gulf states could cause the conflict to spread from one theater to another through a web of borders, ports, and alliances.

From this perspective, regional movements on both sides of the Red Sea can be understood differently. Saudi Arabia no longer views Yemen merely as a southern front; Egypt does not regard Sudan and Ethiopia as two separate African files; Türkiye does not see Somalia as a partner disconnected from the Red Sea; Eritrea cannot deal with Ethiopia in isolation from its maritime position; and Ethiopia itself can no longer treat the issue of ports as a purely economic matter, especially given the existence of plans for their partition and dismemberment that have been on the table since the Biden administration.

It is, therefore, a single network that culminates at the Red Sea. However, we must not imagine that Washington needs to manage all these fronts directly. It is sufficient for it to prevent the emergence of a regional power capable of monopolizing a passage, port, or strait, and to maintain a network of agents and

proxies capable of balancing one another. Saudi Arabia is a power on the Arabian shore, Egypt is a power on the northern shore, Türkiye is a rising actor in Somalia, Eritrea is a coastal state with an extremely sensitive location that can be courted by lifting some sanctions, and Ethiopia is a major land power seeking a maritime outlet, while the direct U.S. military presence remains the ultimate controlling factor for this entire system.

This policy undoubtedly carries grave danger for the states that rely on it. For he who borrows his security from a major power cannot guarantee it when interests shift, and he may one day awaken to fight a war for which he has not built strength, fortified his land, or possessed decision-making power. How much more so when this power from which he seeks refuge is America—the enemy of Islam and Muslims?

Some entities around the Red Sea possess such strategic location, wealth, human resources, and industrial capabilities that—if they properly build their strength—they could be capable of imposing equations for international change that would liberate humanity from the hell of capitalism. However, if they remain captive to dependency, they may become arenas of conflict. In major wars, maps do not protect borders that strength cannot defend; what colonialism drew with a pen, force can redraw with fire, as Sudan's lesson has taught us.

True strength is not built with money or weapons, but with a civilizational idea that gives man the meaning of his existence. An idea that forms the Ummah's entity, builds its state, shapes the military doctrine of its army, and drives it to safeguard the security of every individual within it, making the protection of its children and sanctities its cause. But whoever lacks the strength

to protect their existence may be consumed by the “Ring of Fire” instead of having their passages safeguarded.

An Embassy of 15 Floors Above the Wounds of the Islamic Ummah!

On Tuesday, the Planning and Building Committee in the occupied Tel Aviv area approved a plan to construct the permanent building of the UAE Embassy, which will be built in Herzliya. This comes within the framework of the continued implementation of the Abraham Accords and the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Jewish entity and the UAE in 2020. The new building will serve as the embassy's permanent headquarters, replacing the current arrangement under which it operates from temporary offices in Tel Aviv and Herzliya. According to the approved plan, a building reaching 15 floors in height will be constructed, with a total building area of 15,000 square metres on a plot of approximately 2.5 dunams. Up to 20% of the building rights will be allocated to residences for the ambassador and members of the diplomatic corps on the upper floors of the building.

Al-Rayah Newspaper: Despite the blatant hostility openly expressed by the enemies of Allah, the Jews, towards the Islamic Ummah and its lands, they never miss an opportunity to speak about reshaping the Middle East, fighting Islam, and defending the West in its confrontation with the Muslims. Despite all the brutal massacres that have become an inseparable part of their daily actions against our people in Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, and elsewhere, and despite the continuous threats and warnings directed at everyone who stands in the way of their expansionist plans, despite all this and more, the rulers of the Muslims continue to disregard the feelings of the Islamic Ummah, as well as the rulings and established principles of Islam, in a clear denial

of the Ummah's suffering, pain, and the calamities inflicted upon it at the hands of the Jewish entity.

There is no path towards the Ummah's liberation and the restoration of its authority, sovereignty, and freedom unless the Ummah rids itself of its collaborating rulers and give bayah to one Khalifah Rashid (rightly guided Caliph) for the entire Ummah, who will restore our glory, our sacred sites, and our lands, and bring the era of the Ruwaibidat (incompetent lowly rulers) to an end.

The American Strategic Vision for the Muslim World from the Perspective of Energy

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For those who drive policy and generate public opinion in the Muslim states, understanding the changes and the nuances in the American strategic vision for the Muslim World is critical. In addition, there are significant recent shifts due to Trump's "America First" policy. Trump is passing on the burden of global policing to secure US interests onto regional blocs of Muslim states, especially after the military strikes on its bases in the Middle East.

America is a colonialist state of the first order, no less in its mischief and cruelty than the European colonialist states. America has clearly wanted, since emerging victorious from World War II, and in a far better state than its European allies, to make the world's states subservient to it, or subject to its will, or obedient to its orders, and not deviate from its plans. In all this, it has followed the pattern of how its founding generation initially invaded North America, establishing their dominance upon the skull and bones of the original, native population, the Native Americans, who were demonized in Hollywood as tomahawk-wielding "Red Indians."

The Western occupiers deceived the Native Americans using political treaties, choked them using economic siege and slaughtered them in huge numbers with scorched-earth war tactics. Encouraged by their success against the Native Americans, the Americans used the Monroe Doctrine as a cover to use their

brutal tactics upon the people of Central and South America, as a prelude to unleashing their mischief upon the peoples of the entire world. And the pitiful situation of Native Americans in their reservations today is a bleak warning for any people of the world that are naive regarding the crooked smiles and hollow promises of the Americans. The US capitalist elite sees no moral obstacle to depriving people of the riches under their own feet.

Control Over Energy Resources and Their Maritime Routes

Critically, the US capitalist deep state, the constant driver regardless of the facade of elections, has sought control of the world's energy resources and their vital sea routes, to the point that one of its determinations for entering World War II was to seize the Gulf oil region from Britain.

As the Anglo-American conflict over control over the oil of Muslims increased, Edward Nicolae Luttwak, the American strategist and author of the famous book, "Coup d'État: A Practical Handbook," published a significant article. In March 1975, in an article entitled "Seizing Arab Oil," published in Harper's Magazine under the Latin pseudonym "Miles Ignotus," which means "unknown soldier," Luttwak whipped up American greed over the oil treasure of the Gulf, to drive American strategic vision for the Muslim World. Kissinger spoke of the imperative to "break the oil cartel's power" and bluntly stated, "an occupation of ten years and probably much less would suffice. Once the dust of the invasion settled, once every evidence of permanent intent became apparent, the remaining members of OPEC would see reason, and accept a binding commitment to maintain supplies at agreed prices in exchange for American withdrawal."

London was naturally alarmed, for it had, since 1960, succeeded in exploiting Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

(OPEC) to control the oil sector, including production, marketing, and pricing. However, the US succeeded in linking oil to the dollar and making the dollar the primary currency. In its pursuit of dominance of energy, America was not content with that alone. It sought to reach a stage where it subjugates others to become its agents in order to control energy resources and their vital sea routes. America followed this path, even reaching a point, during the era of George W. Bush, the son, where it stormed the Muslim World to recolonize it militarily once again, decades after the withdrawal of the French and British armed forces. From the narrow perspective of the energy equation in the Gulf States, American control of Afghanistan and Pakistan is a bulwark against Russian and Chinese influence within them. So, the US invaded Afghanistan in 2001 with the indispensable help of its agents in Pakistan, and occupied it, bringing with it the NATO coalition. From the broader perspective of controlling the Middle East, Iraq is a major part of the historically strategic Mesopotamia. Thus, on 2003, the US occupied Iraq, with the help of its followers in Türkiye and Iran. Washington even sought deployment of troops from Pakistan, which its good people of Islam prevented.

The Shift from Direct Intervention to Exploiting the Region's Armies

Dealing with Muslims is not like dealing with the Native Americans, or Central or South America, including its larger states such as Venezuela. America was shocked when the Muslims of Afghanistan and Iraq inflicted heavy losses on America, forcing it to depend more on the armies of its regional agents and followers. After the enormous economic losses in Afghanistan and Iraq, exceeding five trillion dollars, and the significant military losses, America realized that it was not in its interest to engage

directly in wars. America then focused on alliances with the rulers of Muslims so that it fully benefits from their armies.

The current US president, Donald Trump, does not want to participate in large-scale wars against the Muslims, and has had a painful reminder after falling into a quagmire by war on the Muslims of Iran, miscalculating that it would be a walk in the park like Venezuela. However, asides from his catastrophic miscalculation over Iran, Trump's National Security Strategy underlines a commitment that the US would not engage in any large-scale or direct wars in the Middle East.

The National Security Strategy (NSS) released on Friday 5 December 2025 restated American interests over the oil-rich Gulf, the vital sea routes within Muslim Lands and the US forward military base in the Muslim World, the Jewish entity. It said, "America will always have core interests in ensuring that Gulf energy supplies do not fall into the hands of an outright enemy, that the Strait of Hormuz remain open, that the Red Sea remain navigable, that the region not be an incubator or exporter of terror against American interests or the American homeland, and that Israel remain secure."

Significantly, the National Security Strategy (NSS) underlined a commitment not to undertake direct wars that will exhaust the American military. It states, "We can and must address this threat ideologically and militarily without decades of fruitless "nation-building" wars." It thus laid the basis for exploiting the armies of the Muslim World through alliances, stating, "We also have a clear interest in expanding the Abraham Accords to more nations in the region and to other countries in the Muslim world." It is within this context that Trump is frantically spinning a web of alliances to tie all of his agents and followers strongly to the US

strategic vision, whether it is his Board of Peace (BoP), signed on 22 January 2026, or the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement of 7 August 2026.

So now America will deprive the Muslims of the riches of their own land, by using their own warriors and weapons against them, a humiliating feat that it did not even achieve against the Native Americans!

O Muslims and their Armies!

Allah ﷻ warned us, ﴿مَا يَوَدُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَلاَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ أَنْ يُنَزَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ﴾ **"Neither those who disbelieve among the People of the Book nor Al-Mushrikun like that there should be sent down unto you any good from your Lord. And Allah bestows grace upon whom He chooses- for Allah is limitless in His great bounty"** [TMQ Surah Al-Baqarah: 105]. American neocolonialism has impoverished us, whilst Allah ﷻ has blessed us with an abundance of the world's most valuable resources.

From the energy perspective, we are not only blessed with oil, we also have an abundance of Rare Earth Elements (REEs), which are the backbone of electrical power. Electric vehicle (EV) motors rely heavily on strong permanent magnets made from neodymium, dysprosium, praseodymium, and terbium. Lanthanum and related lanthanides are used in specific battery and hydrogen storage technologies, whilst primary battery chemistry depends on lithium. Even yttrium, lanthanum, and cerium are used in ceramic capacitors and internal sensors within solar inverters.

Yet, despite all our riches, if we allow the current rulers to continue in their present course, we are looking at a fate similar to that of the Native Americans, living in severe poverty and

humiliation, whilst foreign usurpers loot us and dominate our affairs. However, we are also facing the additional humiliation of our own soldiers serving the interests of our enemies through alliances.

Is it not time that we firmed our commitment to the Deen and joined our night with our days in the Dawah to Islam? Is it not time that we strove with Hizb ut Tahrir to establish the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood? Is it not time that we demanded our armies uproot the current rulers and grant their nussrah (military support) to the eminent ‘alim, Sheikh Ata Bin Khalil Abu al-Rashtah, pledging a Bay’ah of allegiance to him as a Khaleefah (Caliph) to lead the Islamic Ummah in forcing the retreat of the Western colonialism?

The Conflict Between Afghanistan and Pakistan Is the Product of America's Colonialist Strategy

The tension and conflict between Afghanistan and Pakistan are themselves the product of America's colonial strategy in the region. Russia and China also support this policy insofar as it places pressure on Afghanistan's rulers and helps contain Islamic revival. Russia may have interests of its own, but since the beginning of the so-called "Global War on Terror," it has repeatedly acted in line with American interests.

From the Islamic perspective, Russia and China are belligerent and occupying states. Russia's present-day crimes and its dark history-from the killing of Muslims in Chechnya, the Caucasus and Dagestan, to the brutal bombing of the oppressed people of Syria and its devastating occupation of Afghanistan during the 1980s-stand alongside the Chinese regime's continuing occupation and oppression of the Muslims of East Turkestan. The repression of the Uyghurs, the destruction of mosques, pervasive surveillance and spying, and restrictions on Islamic rituals and religious observance are clear evidence of the deep hostility of these two occupying powers toward the Muslim Ummah.

The real and fundamental solution to the problems of Afghanistan and the Muslim Ummah lies in submitting to the absolute sovereignty of Allah Almighty and sincerely striving to establish the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood. Only the Khilafah Rashidah can restore the lost honor of the Muslims, provide genuine security, and free the

lands of Islam from the grip of occupiers and colonial powers- whether from the East or the West.

Continuing the Policy of Subservience to America Will Only Bring More Destruction to Syria

The Syrian Foreign Minister Asad al-Shaybani announced the destruction of 42 chemical bombs during last August, in a step to close the chemical weapons file definitively, under the supervision of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

Ar-Rayah Newspaper: The act of the Transitional Administration in Syria to destroy chemical weapons, serving America and preserving the security of the Jewish entity, is a crime for which it must be held accountable; for this weaponry belongs to the Ummah, and it is an obligation to preserve it and use it to deter its enemies who lie in wait for it from every direction.

And we have seen what happened in Iraq after its rulers agreed to surrender all their chemical weapons, and inspection teams entered all Iraqi sites; yet that did not prevent America and its allies from invading Iraq under the pretext of the existence of more of those weapons. The result was the destruction of Iraq, the killing of millions of its people, and the plundering of its wealth. Their submission to America and cooperation with it did not benefit them.

Continuing the policy of subservience to America will only drag Syria into further weakness and humiliation, and increased American domination over it. This is certainly not the objective for which a revolution that has lasted 14 years and offered immense sacrifices was launched, namely, liberation from subservience to the colonizing, disbelieving West, and the

implementation of Islam under a state that spreads good throughout the lands and fills them with justice and light after America and its allies have filled them with injustice and tyranny.

Fifty-Five of the States of Muslims Gather to Declare They Possess Nothing But Empty Slogans!

By: Ustadh Ahmad al-Ta'i – Wilayah Iraq

On Saturday, October 17, the 52nd session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation commenced in the capital of Iraq, Baghdad, with the participation of 55 member and observer states and over 40 organizations.

It is worth noting that this organization was established in Rabat on September 25, 1969, following the first meeting of leaders of Islamic countries in the wake of the Al-Aqsa Mosque fire on August 21, 1969. Six months after the initial meeting, the First Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, in March 1970, adopted the establishment of a General Secretariat for the organization to ensure communication among member states and coordination of work. A Secretary-General was appointed at the time, and Jeddah was chosen as the temporary headquarters of the organization.

This meeting resulted in decisions outlined in the final communiqué, the most prominent of which pertained to the issues of Palestine and Bayt ul-Maqdis (Jerusalem), as these dominated the session's agenda. It emphasized cementing the ceasefire in Gaza, delivering aid and reconstruction, rejecting displacement, settlement expansion, and annexation, supporting the rights of the people of Palestine, and backing the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

The meetings also addressed the situations in Yemen, Sudan, Syria, and Afghanistan, alongside issues of economic cooperation, sustainable development, and combating terrorism and extremism.

The Foreign Minister of Iraq, Fuad Hussein, affirmed his country's commitment to unifying positions and enhancing Islamic solidarity, stressing that the cause of Palestine is at the forefront of joint action priorities. Hussein called for an end to the occupation, a halt to settlement activities, annexation, and forced displacement, the preservation of the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine, and ensuring the delivery of humanitarian aid and the provision of protection for civilians.

The Prime Minister of Iraq, Ali al-Zaidi, emphasized the importance of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation's role in entrenching moderation and tolerance and promoting development and stability, calling for intensified efforts aimed at achieving peace in the region.

Here, we must clarify:

These organizations—and others like the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation—were established for no purpose other than to perpetuate the division of Muslim lands and prevent their unification into a single state. The very existence of terms such as “Arab states” or “Muslim states” amounts to an acceptance of submission to the status quo—namely, the protection of the borders imposed by the Sykes-Picot Agreement.

Moreover, over the course of decades, they have held dozens of conferences and examined hundreds of files, yet they have not produced a single solution to the problems of Muslim lands—

particularly concerning occupied Palestine. After every catastrophe or massacre, they convene to condemn and denounce, despite possessing massive armies and facing an enemy so contemptible that it could not withstand even one of their armies—if only the intention were sincere and Jihad were declared.

And Gaza is not far from us; it still bleeds, and the Jews continue to inflict killing and destruction upon it, while the rulers of these countries gathered in this conference dance upon the corpses of their martyrs!

But truth be told: this great honor is not befitting these foolish remnants, for it is an honor attained only by a sincere believer who dedicates himself to the cause of Allah ﷻ. For this reason, we say: this Ummah is a fertile Ummah whose goodness is not known whether it lies in its beginning or its end, as the Prophet ﷺ said: **«مَثَلُ أُمَّتِي مَثَلُ الْمَطَرِ؛ لَا يُدْرَى أَوَّلُهُ خَيْرٌ أَمْ آخِرُهُ» "The example of my Ummah is that of rain; it is not known whether its beginning is better or its end"** (narrated by al-Tirmidhī). It is the Ummah of guidance and the only one capable of saving humanity from the oppression of capitalism and spreading justice, for it is an Ummah that carries a civilizational project revealed by the Creator of humanity. And when it was implemented, no one dared to harm a Muslim—and if it occurred, the response came from the Khaleefah (Caliph) of the Muslims through actions, not words. When a Roman disbeliever (kafir) dared to assault a Muslim woman and dragged her through the market of ʻAmmuriyyah, she cried out, (وا معتصماه) "O Muʿtaṣim, where are you!" The Amir ul-Mu'mineen, al-Mu'taṣim, did not sit and hold meetings and issue condemnations and denunciations. Hers was

not a cry in vain, but a cry that demolished the walls of the greatest cities of the Romans.

And thus was the Khaleefah (Caliph) of the Muslims, Abdul Hamid II, when he learned that a French author intended to stage a play insulting to the noble Prophet ﷺ. Despite the weakness of the Ottoman state at that time, his zeal for the Messenger of Allah ﷻ compelled him to order the army to be prepared and mobilized. He commanded his entourage to don military attire, wore his own military uniform, and ordered the immediate summoning of the French ambassador. When the ambassador witnessed the determination of the Khaleefah (Caliph) of the Muslims, he sent an urgent message to his country: "The Ottoman state is prepared to go to war; halt the play's performance." And indeed, its showing was canceled.

Where is this honor when Muslims were a single state ruled by an Imam that is a shield, behind whom they fought and through whom they sought protection—compared to the humiliation of two billion Muslims divided into some sixty states ruled by cowards who betrayed the Ummah and know nothing but falsehood and submission?

It is incumbent upon the Ummah of guidance to assume the role that Allah ﷻ has ordained for it, to resolve its affairs, to overthrow these rulers along with their corrupt regimes, and to declare the state that Allah ﷻ has approved for it—thereby shattering all these organizations and alliances that have brought it nothing but humiliation and disgrace—so that the lands of the Muslims may once again become a single state under a single Imam, who sends messages of genuine and serious honor, fearing no blame of the blamer for the sake of Allah ﷻ.

Algeria Between Financial Prudence and Tax Expansion

By: Ustadh Nabil Abdul Karim

While global oil prices exceed the $100 per barrel mark, Algeria is preparing its 2027 budget based on a reference price of $60. This financial approach appears cautious toward energy market fluctuations, yet simultaneously opens a wide discussion regarding public revenues, taxes, and the ability to protect citizens from the burdens of living costs.

According to a report published by Al Jazeera on October 10, 2026, the value of the proposed Algerian budget is approximately $148 billion—an increase of nearly $13 billion from the previous year. Hydrocarbon revenues are estimated to provide about $20 billion, equivalent to 29.5% of the state's total revenues. The draft finance bill also includes expanding the scope of the wealth tax by lowering the minimum threshold for net assets subject to it from 100 million dinars to 80 million dinars.

These figures take on additional significance in light of global price movements; Brent crude futures closed on October 9 at $104.72 per barrel, according to Reuters. However, a price increase on a specific day does not necessarily mean it will persist throughout the next year, nor does it mean all of Algeria's exports will be sold at the same price.

Adopting a reference price of $60 does not necessarily mean the state expects oil to fall to this level; the goal may be to build the budget on a conservative assumption so that public commitments are not tied to increases that may be temporary. If prices stabilize

above this level, the state may achieve additional revenues that help finance spending or reduce the deficit.

The more important question, however, does not concern the price alone, but rather how to manage the difference between the reference price and the actual price. If additional revenues are transformed into financial reserves and productive investments, they may grant the economy greater capacity to confront future shocks. But if they are used to expand current spending without addressing structural imbalances, temporary oil abundance may turn into permanent commitments that are difficult to finance when prices decline.

Expanding the wealth tax places the state before a test concerning the fairness of distributing burdens. In principle, taxes on large wealth holders can contribute to diversifying revenues and reducing dependence on oil, provided they are applied with clarity and fairness, and target wealth according to precise rules that do not confuse productive assets with the liquidity available to taxpayers.

However, the success of this approach does not depend solely on the expected revenue to be collected, but on the tax administration's ability to ensure compliance, prevent evasion, and apply the law to everyone. Moreover, imposing a wealth tax does not automatically equate to imposing a new tax on salaried individuals or those with limited incomes; therefore, a distinction must be made between the measures included in the project and any other burdens that may arise later.

In this context, the Algerian Council of Ministers announced on October 4 that President Abdelmadjid Tebboune directed that no tax affecting the purchasing power of the middle class or those

with limited incomes be included, while incorporating the scheduled increases in wages and salaries.

However, the societal challenge is broader than the issue of direct taxes. A person does not measure their economic situation solely by the text of the finance law, but rather by what they can purchase with their income, the costs of housing, transportation, and food, job opportunities, and the quality of public services. They may not be directly subjected to a new tax, but they might feel increasing pressure if their purchasing power declines, prices rise, or employment opportunities weaken.

Therefore, protecting citizens is not achieved merely by declaring that no taxes affecting their income will be imposed; rather, it requires that fiscal policy be reflected in their daily lives, that wage increases keep pace with the cost of living, and that social spending continues without becoming hostage to oil fluctuations.

The potential danger does not lie in the wealth tax alone, but in the convergence of three factors: the rising financial obligations of the state, the volatility of revenues linked to hydrocarbons, and the persistent pressures on living standards. If the state fails to achieve a balance among them, the gap between the declared objectives of the budget and the reality experienced by the people may widen.

Oil prices exceeding one hundred dollars provide Algeria with a financial opportunity, but they do not, by themselves, resolve the budget problem. Revenues are also affected by production and export volumes, the actual prices achieved, sector costs, and the scale of public spending. Furthermore, high prices may decline, while the state's obligations remain in place.

Therefore, the sixty-dollar price should not be viewed as evidence in itself of an impending crisis, nor should exceeding one hundred dollars be seen as a guarantee of financial comfort. What matters more is what the state will do with the surplus if it materializes, and how it will distribute the burdens if it does not.

Algeria is a rich country with high potential and an economy capable of confronting challenges. It has been ruled by successive rulers who did not utilize that wealth properly, but rather scrambled for it.

Unfortunately, the rulers of today have only entrenched themselves in their positions to plunder the country for the benefit of the colonizer, securing mere crumbs for themselves, while depriving the people of their wealth and resources.

O People of Algeria! The solution lies in overthrowing these rulers and returning to the implementation of the Shariah Law of Allah ﷻ—a return through which Algeria regains its dignity, strength, power, and honor under the Khilafah (Caliphate) state, which the Messenger of Allah (saw) gave us glad tidings of. Thus, we apply the Shariah rulings of our Deen, please Allah ﷻ, and enjoy the meaning of security and happiness. So hasten to work with us to establish it, rightly guided on the Method of the Prophethood.

How Much Humanity Is in Need of the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly-Guided Caliphate) To Deliver It from the Misery of Capitalism

Indeed, all of humanity has been burned by the fire of capitalism, which has no place for the poor and the weak; rather, it is the very system that creates them and exacerbates their numbers through its flawed distribution and its corrupt theories, in addition to the corruption of the rulers. The economic problem, as Islam sees it, lies in distribution—not in production, which capitalism focused on and excelled in, leaving distribution to mechanisms and theories it assumed were beneficial but which were not, such as the price mechanism.

Capitalism, which the West boasts about, is the very same system that has accumulated billions in the hands of financial sharks and major capitalists at the expense of the rest of the people and nations. This is in stark contrast to Islam, whose legislation has diligently worked to disperse wealth and prevent it from remaining concentrated in the hands of a few. Allah ﷻ said: ﴿مَا أَفَاءَ اللَّهُ عَلَى رَسُولِهِ مِنْ أَهْلِ الْقُرَى فَلِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ وَلِذِي الْقُرْبَى وَالْيَتَامَى وَالْمَسَاكِينِ وَابْنِ السَّبِيلِ كَيْ لَا يَكُونَ دُولَةً بَيْنَ الْأَغْنِيَاءِ مِنْكُمْ﴾ **"Whatever Allah has restored to His Messenger from the people of the towns belongs to Allah and to the Messenger and to near relatives and orphans and the needy and the wayfarer, so that it may not be a circuit between the wealthy among you."** [TMQ Surah Al-Hashr: 7]. And it prohibited hoarding wealth and withholding it from the market so that others besides the wealthy may benefit from it. Allah ﷻ said: ﴿وَالَّذِينَ يَكْنِزُونَ الذَّهَبَ وَالْفِضَّةَ وَلَا يُنفِقُونَهَا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَبَشِّرْهُمْ بِعَذَابٍ

﴿أَلِيمٍ﴾ **"And those who hoard gold and silver and do not spend it in the way of Allah - give them tidings of a painful punishment."** [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah: 34]. And it made it an obligation upon the state to provide for the poor and the weak and to take care of them. Abu Hurayrah (ra) reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: «أَنَا أَوْلَى بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ أَنْفُسِهِمْ، فَمَنْ تُوُفِّيَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فَتَرَكَ دَيْناً فَعَلَيَّ قَضَاؤُهُ، وَمَنْ تَرَكَ مَالاً فَلِوَرَثَتِهِ، وَمَنْ تَرَكَ كَلاًّ فَإِلَيْنَا» **"I am closer to the believers than their own selves, so whoever among the believers dies and leaves a debt, it is for me to pay it off, and whoever leaves wealth, it is for his heirs, and whoever leaves dependents (with no one to support them), then they are our responsibility."** And there are many other such rulings and legislations that were brilliantly devised to build the economic system and take care of the people's affairs.

How desperately humanity needs the return of the rightly-guided Khilafah state to deliver it from the misery of capitalism and the corruption of the ruling regimes, and to restore to it the mercy and goodness of the great Islam! He ﷻ said: ﴿وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ﴾ **"And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds."** [TMQ Surah Al-Anbiyaa': 107].

The Radical Solution to the Economic Crisis in Sudan and the World

The radical solution to the economic crisis in Sudan, and indeed in the world, rests upon the following:

First: Establishing an economic system based on a sound 'Aqeedah (creed), whose solutions are just, and this can only come from an All-Knowing, All-Aware source. Therefore, it is imperative to implement the Islamic economic system, which guarantees the provision of complete satisfaction of all basic needs—food, clothing, and shelter—for all citizens individually. The Prophet ﷺ said: **«من أصبَح منكم آمناً في سربه، معافىً في جسده، عنده قوت يومه، فكأنما حيزت له الدنيا»** "Whoever among you wakes up secure in his home, healthy in his body, having his sustenance for the day, it is as if the entire world has been gathered for him." It also enables them to satisfy their luxury needs as much as possible. Furthermore, through its Shariah rulings, it prevents the hoarding of wealth, so that it does not circulate solely among the wealthy, **﴿كي لا يكون دولة بين الأغنياء منكم﴾ "so that it may not circulate solely among the wealthy from among you."** [TMQ Surah Al-Hashr: 7]. Additionally, it prohibits monopoly, indirect taxes, and customs duties (مكوس), so that they do not become a cause for rising prices of goods and services. The Prophet ﷺ said: **«من دخل في شيء من أسعار المسلمين ليغليه عليهم كان حقاً على الله أن يقعده بعظم من النار يوم القيامة» "Whoever interferes with the prices of the Muslims to inflate them, it is Allah's right to seat him on a seat of fire on the Day of Resurrection."**

Second: That the currency be backed by gold, considering it has intrinsic value, and to deal with the entire world—importing and exporting—on this basis. Besides its security and stability, many

rulings in Islam are based upon it, such as blood money (diyah), the amount for cutting the hand of a thief, Zakat on currency, and others... And Sudan is a country of gold, which makes it not need usurious loans or others.

Third: Severing the relationship completely with the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and other usurious funds, and implementing the rulings of Islam related to how wealth is acquired, how it is developed, and how it is spent.

Fourth: It is not permissible for the state to dispose of public property, such as gold, petroleum, and minerals that are not depleted, through sale, gift, or other means. Its duty is rather to supervise it for the benefit of the Ummah as a whole, because it is their right and is to be spent on what improves their condition.

The Shameful Position of the Mufti of Azerbaijan Regarding the Ban on the Khimar

Azerbaijan, a country with a Muslim-majority population, has recently witnessed a ban on the khimar in schools, as part of new measures aimed at consolidating secular (non-religious) education and standardising regulations within educational institutions!

The media have circulated images of Muslim schoolgirls crying and screaming at the gates of schools and institutes after being expelled, in a scene that broke hearts. The decisions also sparked a wave of controversy and resentment in the country, prompting many people to take to the streets in protests and demonstrations under the slogan, "The Khimar Is Our Honour." The authorities responded with arrests and stringent security measures!

Accordingly, a press release by the Women's Section of the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir stated: "Amid this escalating crisis, Azerbaijan's Mufti, Sheikh Allahshukur Pashazadeh, came forward declaring his support for the ban. He stated: "The khimar is not prohibited in the country, but it is forbidden in schools because of school uniform regulations. Religion is separate from the state, and education is separate from religion!!

He ignored the fact that the khimar is a definitive ruling of Islamic law, established by unequivocal evidence, and that there is no room for independent interpretation when a clear textual ruling exists. He thus declared himself to be on the side of those who

oppose the rulings of Islamic Shariah, asserting that respecting secular law is unavoidable!"

And the release added, addressing the Mufti of Azerbaijan: "O Mufti of Azerbaijan! Turbans and positions of authority do not make ulema (scholars) or men of integrity. Through your statements, you have brought disgrace upon yourself and positioned yourself in the trench of falsehood. You have no excuse for the fatwa you issued!

Is the khimar not an obligation prescribed by the Lord of all the worlds? How, then, can it be fought, and how can scholars remain silent in the face of this war?!"

It continued: "The khimar was previously fought against in Tunisia during the eras of the tyrant Bourguiba and, after him, Ben Ali. They both went into a deep abyss, while the khimar remained a crown upon the heads of honourable, free women. The khimar was also fought against in Türkiye for many long years, yet today the numbers of women wearing it continue to grow and grow. And the headscarf was fought in Egypt, and it has remained a crown upon the heads of free women."