

## **Approving the NATO-Kuwait Transit Treaty is a Great Evil and Serious Matter!**

(Translated)

A law was passed a few days ago approving an agreement between the government of Kuwait and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) on the transit of troops and NATO members, following the approval of the National Assembly. The 19 articles of the Convention and its explanatory memorandum were reported by the Kuwaiti *Al-Anbaa* Newspaper on 7/5/2017.

Thus, day after day, this dear part of the Muslim countries is increasingly harnessed to carry out the interests of America and its allies from the Kufr countries, and to install their domination over Muslim lands. The ominous security agreements signed with the United States and Britain are no longer sufficient, but the transit and immunity agreement for the Alliance of Evil; NATO was added! What saddened and baffled us is that these calamities pass unnoticed, with no discussion, no accountability, and no objection! If America and its allies and NATO's matter and their enmity to Islam and Muslims are hidden from us, that is a calamity, but if it's known, it is an even more grave issue!

We have always warned our people against the consequences of this disastrous alliance with NATO, including what was stated in a statement issued by the Hizb on 21st September 2003, after US Secretary of State Colin Powell said that the United States is considering Kuwait as a major ally outside NATO, we said then: "If Kuwait becomes America's major ally- Allah forbid- this hegemony will be indefinite. It is ironic that this military hegemony is funded by Muslim money, they provide soldiers and equipments, and we provide money and support, on the grounds that this military presence serves the common interests of the two countries. This is the reality of promoting Kuwait to the level of an ally, which means the US military presence in the country is a strategic presence. The size, type and duration of this presence are determined by the US strategic plans for the region only."

The new treaty is in principle reprehensible. And its details are more abominable!

Article 4 states that "the authorities of the State of Kuwait, without incurring any costs, burdens or fees on NATO, shall take the necessary measures for the security and protection of NATO, its forces, personnel and contractors, including any aircraft or ships which may be present in the territory of the State of Kuwait, this is inclusive of all material services necessary for the operation during the transit."

Article 6 states that "NATO forces, personnel and contractors shall be accorded the privileges, immunities and facilities granted by the State of Kuwait to administrative and technical personnel in accordance with article 37, item 2 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations."

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said the agreement aims to "transform all NATO activities in the region into more effective activities."

Of course, the worn-out cover of this and other treaties is the war on terror; a cover and slogan that its lie and deception is no longer hidden to cover up the reality of the American war and that of its allies and followers on Islam and Muslims. Also the peoples' frustration in the region is not hidden and their aspiration for liberation from the colonial Western influence. The conflict is becoming clearer day by day; a struggle between Kufr (disbelief) and Islam. A conflict in which America and its allies and followers use various means and methods to abort the movement of Muslims, and today it crosses with NATO from the North Atlantic to the Middle East to be ready to strike, killed and destroyed

Why should we accept that the country is used to carry out the projects of Kufr countries, headed by America?!

## O Muslims:

The American dominance and other Kufr countries over our country is a great evil, Allah (swt) said: ﴿وَلَنْ يَجْعَلَ اللَّهُ لِلْكَافِرِينَ عَلَى الْمُؤْمِنِينَ سَبِيلًا﴾ “...and never will Allah give the disbelievers over the believers a way [to overcome them]” [An-Nisa’: 141].

And the use of the country as a military base and crossing to launch strikes on the Muslim countries is a great evil. Allah (swt) says: ﴿وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَىٰ وَلَا تَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْإِثْمِ﴾ “And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression. And fear Allah; indeed, Allah is severe in penalty” [Al-Ma’ida: 2].

And to provide support for NATO is a great evil, Allah (swt) says: ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا﴾ “O you who have believed, do not take My enemies and your enemies as allies” [Al-Mumtahina: 1].

And the participation of the Kuffar in the killing of Muslims and displacing and terrorizing them is a great evil, ﴿وَمَنْ يَقْتُلْ مُؤْمِنًا مُتَعَمِّدًا فَجَزَاؤُهُ جَهَنَّمُ خَالِدًا فِيهَا وَغَضِبَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَلَعَنَهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُ عَذَابًا عَظِيمًا﴾ “But whoever kills a believer intentionally - his recompense is Hell, wherein he will abide eternally, and Allah has become angry with him and has cursed him and has prepared for him a great punishment” [An-Nisa’: 93]

This new agreement with NATO, and other security agreements and military alliances with the major state, is a great evil, which must be met with rejection, denunciation and urgent demand for its cancellation. ﴿وَالَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لَتَأْمُرَنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ، وَلَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ، أَوْ لَيُوشِكَنَّ اللَّهُ أَنْ﴾ “By Him in Whose Hand my life is, you either enjoin the good and forbid the evil or Allah Azza Wa Jal will certainly soon send His punishment to you, then you will make du’aa (supplication) and it will not be accepted.” [Narrated by Ahmad]

And he (saw) said: «إن من أمتي قوماً يُعْطُونَ مثل أجور أولهم يُنكرون المنكر» “There are people from my Ummah who will be given reward similar to the first of my Ummah; (because) they forbid the evil.” [Narrated by Ahmad]

## O Muslims:

We have said many times that the Kuffar roam and wander in the Muslim lands, not out of courage, but due to our weakness, caused by the absence of the righteous Khilafah, which unites Muslims under the banner of *La Ilaha Illa Allah* (No God but Allah) and stop the spilling of their blood and preserve their sanctities, and protects their homes. From Abu Huraira (ra) from the Prophet (saw) that he said: «إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ، يُقَاتَلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ، وَيُنْقَى بِهِ» “Verily, the Imam is but a shield, he is fought from behind and protected by” [Sahih Muslim].

Allah (swt) says:

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا الَّذِينَ اتَّخَذُوا دِينَكُمْ هُزُؤًا وَلَعِبًا مِنَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ وَالْكَفَّارَ أَوْلِيَاءَ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ﴾

“O you who have believed, take not those who have taken your religion in ridicule and amusement among the ones who were given the Scripture before you nor the disbelievers as allies. And fear Allah, if you should [truly] be believers.” [Al-Ma’ida: 57]

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