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Ending American Tyranny

Pakistan's alliance with Washington condemns it to continued mistreatment, albeit in a different style, under a Trump presidency. Trump's inauguration as a Republican president on 20 January 2016, succeeding the Democrat Obama, certainly does not mean change in the substance of US foreign policy, but only in its style. Yes, the "Grand Old Party" fashions itself as an old style gun-toting cowboy, making loud, intimidating threats to bully and steal from others. So, whereas Democrat presidents, such as Kennedy and Clinton, used sugar-coated promises to ensure colonialism succeeds, Republican presidents, such as Nixon and Reagan, brazenly declare their enmity openly. Bush Junior announced a crusade as he rained bombs on the heads of Muslims, whereas Obama also rained bombs but declared, "We're all one family" during a Ramadan Iftar dinner at the Whitehouse.

However, style asides, the substance to the foreign policy is the same. The Republicans are bound to capitalism nor its exploitative foreign policy of colonialism, just as Democrats are. Trump will continue to wage war on Muslims to secure control over their lands and resources. Trump will continue to suppress Islam as it is the powerful motivation for resistance to colonialism and any other injustice. So, Trump will continue to use Russia in its brutal war on the Muslims of Syria, who revolted against colonialism with exemplary commitment and awareness. Trump will continue to deploy its followers within the Muslim States to forcefully suppress Islamic political expression and corruption of the belief and values of Muslims through substantial changes in their education. And Trump will continue to raise India as the dominant regional power, making sure that Pakistan makes concession after concession to reduce it as an obstacle before Indian dominance.

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As for the people of power in the Muslim World faced with the Trump administration, the best approach to deal with a bully is to make a stand. Not making stand is only encourages the bully to make more humiliating demands for costly concessions. The time for a stand is now as the United States has shown clear signs of being worn and eroded. Its economy is collapsing, having been consumed by the greedy capitalist elite, who are prominent in all administrations, Democrat or Republican. Its heavily equipped but poorly motivated military is shaken and demoralized through the fierce resistance it faced to its campaigns in the Muslim World. Politically, its colonialism is being questioned and challenged all over the world externally, whilst internally it is crippled by deep-rooted divisions, as the presidential elections and their aftermath themselves revealed.

Ending the alliance with the United States will only occur through establishing a state that is established on the belief and values of Muslims. It is only Islam that will motivate the Muslims to mobilize against the injustice and oppression, as they did for centuries during the Islamic rule, whether it is occurring in Aleppo, Myanmar (Burma) or Occupied Kashmir. It is only the implementation of Islam that will put the affairs of the Muslims in order, fulfilling their potential, from education to economy. And it is only an Islamic state that can act as the platform upon which the current Muslim states will unify to become the worlds most resourceful state. It is upon the people of power now to grant the Nussrah for the return of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood and finally bring an end to American tyranny.

Tafseer Al-Baqarah: 151-152

Sheikh Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah:

﴿كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِيكُمْ رَسُولًا مِّنكُمْ يَتْلُو عَلَيْكُمْ آيَاتِنَا
وَيُزَكِّيكُمْ وَيُعَلِّمُكُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ وَيُعَلِّمُكُم مَّا لَمْ
تَكُونُوا تَعْلَمُونَ * فَادْكُرُونِي أَدْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا
تَكْفُرُونِي﴾

“(151. Just as We have sent among you a messenger from yourselves reciting to you Our verses and purifying you and teaching you the Book and wisdom and teaching you that which you did not know).

(152. So remember Me; I will remember you. And be grateful to Me and do not deny Me).”

[Surah Al-Baqarah 2: 151-152]

Allah (swt) clarifies in these verses the following:

1. Indeed Allah (swt) bestowed favour upon this Ummah by His clarification for it to face towards the Sacred House (al-Ka'abah), cutting off the argument of the stubborn Disbelievers, and He made that a complete blessing for the Ummah, just as He bestowed a blessing upon it by sending a Messenger for it from it - Muhammad RasulAllah (saaw) - reciting verses of Allah (swt) before the Ummah, and purifying them from Shirk (شرك) (Polytheism) and teaching them the Qur'an and Sunnah, clarifying for them everything that they could possibly know, except that it is inspired by Allah (swt).

“(كَمَا أَرْسَلْنَا فِيكُمْ رَسُولًا) Just as We have sent among you a messenger” is connected to that before it and the Kaaf (ك) is to liken i.e. We bestowed blessing upon you by the Qiblah and

cut the argument of the stubborn Disbelievers, just as we bestowed blessing upon you by sending a messenger amongst you.

“(يُزَكِّيكُمْ) Purifying you” purifying you from Shirk (شرك) (Polytheism).

Allah (swt) commands His servants to remember Him (swt) in all manner of Zikr (ذكر) (Remembrance), by tongue, heart and limbs, which means the Call to Islam by all that pleases Allah (swt) so that He gives them a great reward.

2. In the last verse, Allah (swt) commands His servants to remember Him (swt) in all manner of Zikr (ذكر) (Remembrance), by tongue, heart and limbs, which means the Call to Islam by all that pleases Allah (swt) so that He gives them a great reward. In the two Sahih (Bukhari and Muslims) «من ذكرني في نفسه» ذكرته في نفسي، ومن ذكرني في ملأ ذكرته «If he remembers Me inwardly, I will remember him inwardly, and if he remembers Me in an assembly, I will remember him in a better assembly (i.e., in the assembly of angels).” And that they thank Him for His blessings and they do not deny it for its continuation for them. (لئن شكرتم لأزيدنكم ولئن كفرتم إن عذابي لشديد) “If

you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe.” [Surah Ibrahim 14:7]

“(أَدْكُرْكُمْ) I will remember you” I.e. I will compensate you with Reward for your Remembrance of me is in the Mijaazee (مجازي) (Metaphorical) use from Baabul Kinaya (باب الكناية) the Aspect of Metonymy. So the Zikr of Allah is the metaphor for His rewarding of us. A bounty from what came of good through comparison with that which came before it “(فَادْكُرُونِي أَدْكُرْكُمْ) So remember Me; I will remember you”.

The Awaited Heroes of the Armed Forces

Musab Umair

The Ummah today is numbed by grief at the wounds inflicted upon its body. Muslims are clearly unshielded, despite collectively possessing the world's largest armed forces, whose combined troops numbers reach millions. Grieving Muslims cry until their eyes become red at the plight of the Muslims of Myanmar, where hundreds of Muslims were killed within weeks, including women, children, and infants, and dozens of women were dishonored by the hateful mushrik Myanmar troops. The Muslims' tears run dry when they then consider the brutal attacks by the Hindu State upon the Muslims of Occupied Kashmir, dozens of whom have been martyred since July and hundreds of whom have suffered eye injuries through metal pellets, with many blinded. And the Muslims are only left with blood to cry with, when they hear of the Muslims of Aleppo, Syria where the forces of the tyrant Bashar, assisted by the Americans and Russians, have used toxic chlorine gas that suffocates to death and white phosphorus that burns away flesh to the bones, seeping into the blood to poison the vital organs. It must be asked in such a dire situation, who else should the Ummah turn to for her rescue but her armed forces?

Indeed, it is high time that the cries of the Ummah are heeded by the heroes from within the armed forces. The awaited heroes are those who will come forward in the Ummah's hour of greatest need to uproot the current rulers, who have chained the armed forces to their barracks, releasing them only when the Western

colonialists demand. These awaited heroes are those who will grant the Nussrah for the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood, so that the armed forces will be mobilized for the rescue of the oppressed and liberation of the occupied lands, Allah (swt) says, **وَمَا لَكُمْ لَا تُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَالْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ وَالنِّسَاءِ وَالْوِلْدَانِ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ الْفَرِيقِ الظَّالِمِ أَهْلِهَا وَاجْعَل لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ** **“And what is [the matter] with you that you fight not in the cause of Allah and [for] the oppressed**

among men, women, and children who say, "Our Lord, take us out of this city of oppressive people and appoint for us from Yourself a protector and appoint for us from Yourself a helper?" [Surah an-Nisaa 4:75].

These heroes are the ones who will have raised themselves above the corrupting environments molded by the treacherous rulers, who are deaf to the cries of the Ummah. These corrupting environments are based on the pursuit of worldly possessions, status and the low feelings of nationalism and patriotism. However, the

awaited heroes are the ones who will turn away from the worldly splendor that is offered to them by the current corrupt rulers, a bribe for inaction and sharing in their sin and neglect, for the true heroes of the Ummah are mindful of the saying of Allah (swt), **وَلَا تَمُدَّنَّ عَيْنَيْكَ إِلَىٰ مَا مَتَّعْنَا بِهِ أَزْوَاجًا مِنْهُمْ زَهْرَةَ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا لِنَفْتِنَهُمْ فِيهِ وَرِزْقُ** **“And strain not your eyes in longing for the things We have given for enjoyment to various groups of them, the**

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splendor of the life of this world, that We may test them thereby. But the provision (good reward in the Hereafter) of your Lord is better and more lasting.” [Surah Ta Ha 20:131] The awaited heroes are the ones who will have considered carefully the situation of the most beloved of all humankind to them, RasulAllah (saaw), about whom it is narrated in Bukhari about the incident when `Umar bin Al-Khattab entered upon the Messenger of Allah while he was in a small room, lying down upon a straw mat, فَوَاللَّهِ مَا رَأَيْتُ فِيهِ شَيْئًا يَرُدُّ الْبَصَرَ، غَيْرَ أَهْبَةِ ثَلَاثَةِ أَهْبَةٍ. فَقُلْتُ ادْعُ اللَّهَ فَلْيُوسِعْ عَلَيَّ أُمَّتِكَ، فَإِنَّ فَارِسَ وَالرُّومَ وَسَّعَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَعْطُوا الدُّنْيَا، وَهُمْ لَا يَعْبُدُونَ اللَّهَ، وَكَانَ مُتَكِنًا. فَقَالَ «أَوْفِي شَكِّ أَنْتَ يَا ابْنَ الْخَطَّابِ أَوْلَيْكَ قَوْمٌ عَجَلَتْ لَهُمْ طَيِّبَاتُهُمْ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا». فَقُلْتُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ اسْتَغْفِرْ لِي “When I saw him smiling, I sat down and cast a glance at the room, and by Allah, I couldn't see anything of importance but three hides. I said (to Allah's Messenger (saaw)) "Invoke Allah to make your followers prosperous for the Persians and the Byzantines have been made prosperous and given worldly luxuries, though they do not worship Allah?" The Prophet (saw) was leaning then (and on hearing my speech he sat straight) and said, “O Ibn Al-Khattab! Do you have any doubt (that the Hereafter is better than this world)? These people have been given rewards of their good deeds in this world only.” I asked the Prophet (saaw). 'Please ask Allah's forgiveness for me.’”

Yes, it is true, the awaited heroes are mindful that they are deserving of material reward for performing the duty of Jihad, for RasulAllah (saaw) said, «لِلْغَازِي أَجْرُهُ، وَلِلْجَاعِلِ» «Al Ghazi has his own wage and al Ja'il has his own wage and the wage of the Al Ghazi.” [Abu Dawood] However, it is not the material compensation that makes the true heroes restless at the oppression of Muslims driving them to answer the call of the unprotected with fire and steel. What motivates

them is the huge reward that Allah (swt) has promised those who fight in the way of Allah (swt). Indeed, the awaited heroes are those who seek to trade their lives and properties for Jannah, for Allah (swt) said, (إِنَّ اللَّهَ اشْتَرَى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنْفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ بِأَنْ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةَ يُقَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيَقْتُلُونَ وَيُقْتَلُونَ وَعَدَا عَلَيْهِمْ حَقًّا فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ وَالْقُرْآنِ وَمَنْ أَوْفَى بِعَهْدِهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ فَاسْتَبْشِرُوا بِبَيْعِكُمُ الَّذِي بَايَعْتُمْ بِهِ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ) “Verily, Allah has purchased of the believers their lives and their properties for (the price) that theirs shall be the Paradise. They fight in Allah's cause, so they kill and are killed. It is a promise in truth which is binding on Him in the Tawrah and the Injil and the Qur'an. And who is truer to his covenant than Allah? Then rejoice in the bargain which you have concluded. That is the supreme success.” [Surah At-Tawba 9:111] The awaited heroes are the ones who do not consider martyrdom as a loss, but as the greatest of prizes for RasulAllah (saaw) said, «تَكْفَلُ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ جَاهَدَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ، لَا يُخْرِجُهُ إِلَّا الْجِهَادَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ وَتَصْدِيقَ كَلِمَاتِهِ، بِأَنْ يُدْخِلَهُ الْجَنَّةَ، أَوْ يَرْجِعَهُ إِلَى مَسْكَنِهِ الَّذِي خَرَجَ مِنْهُ {مَعَ مَا نَالَ} مِنْ أَجْرٍ أَوْ غَنِيمَةٍ» “Allah guarantees him who strives in His Cause and whose motivation for going out is nothing but Jihad in His Cause and belief in His Word, that He will admit him into Paradise (if martyred) or bring him back to his dwelling place, whence he has come out, with what he gains of reward and booty.” [Bukhari] The awaited heroes are the ones who know that Paradise is not sought in the comforts of life, but in the blood and sweat within warfare for RasulAllah (saaw) «وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ الْجَنَّةَ تَحْتَ ظِلَالِ السُّيُوفِ» “Know that Paradise is under the shades of swords.” [Bukhari]

Indeed, the awaited heroes are those whose hearts are filled with the yearning to worship Allah (swt) in the best manner possible. Their minds are filled with the realization that being in the armed forces is a golden opportunity for

the one who seeks to please Allah (swt). They are aware that fighting in the way of Allah (swt) is worth more than an entire lifetime of worship for RasulAllah (saaw) said, «مَقَامُ الرَّجُلِ فِي الصِّفِّ The place of a man in the lines (fighting) in the Cause of Allah is better to Allah than sixty years of his worship.” [Al-Hakim] They are mindful that fighting in the way of Allah (swt), not knowing whether they will ever return to the comfort of their families, is worth even more than the thousand months of worship that is found in Laylulal Qadr, for RasulAllah (saaw) said, «أَلَا أَنْبِئُكُمْ بِلَيْلَةٍ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ - حَارِسٌ Should I not tell you about a night better than the night of Qadar? (It is one during which ..) A guard (in Jihad) guarding in a land of war (fear) and not sure whether he will be back to his family.” [Al-Haakim]. Their hearts are yearning for the greatest levels of reward, their eyes filling with tears when they hear that RasulAllah (saaw) said, «إِنَّ فِي الْجَنَّةِ مِائَةَ دَرَجَةٍ أَعَدَّهَا اللَّهُ لِلْمُجَاهِدِينَ فِي سَبِيلِهِ، كُلُّ دَرَجَتَيْنِ مَا بَيْنَهُمَا كَمَا بَيْنَ السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ، فَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمْ اللَّهَ فَسَلُّوهُ الْفَرْدَوْسَ، فَإِنَّهُ أَوْسَطُ الْجَنَّةِ وَأَعْلَى الْجَنَّةِ، وَفَوْقَهُ عَرْشُ الرَّحْمَنِ، وَمِنْهُ تَفَجَّرُ أَنْهَارُ الْجَنَّةِ” There are one-hundred degrees in Paradise which Allah has prepared for those who carry on Jihad in His Cause. The distance between every two degrees is like the distance between the sky and the Earth, so if you ask Allah for anything, ask Him for the Firdaus, for it is the last part of Paradise and the highest part of Paradise, and at its top there is the Throne of Beneficent, and from it gush forth the rivers of Paradise.” [Bukhari] And they are impatient for such reward, such that waiting for the smallest of meals is too long a wait, when they consider the stance of their predecessor in arms, the noble

Umair ibn Al-Humam (ra). Muslim narrated from Anas (ra) who said, فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «قُومُوا إِلَى جَنَّةِ عَرْضِهَا السَّمَوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ» قَالَ: يَقُولُ عُمَيْرُ بْنُ الْحَمَامِ الْأَنْصَارِيُّ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، عَرْضُهَا السَّمَوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُ؟ قَالَ: «نَعَمْ»، قَالَ: بَخٍ بَخٍ. فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: «مَا يَحْمِلُكَ عَلَى قَوْلِكَ: بَخٍ بَخٍ؟» قَالَ: لَا وَاللَّهِ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِلَّا رَجَاءَ أَنْ أَكُونَ مِنْ أَهْلِهَا، قَالَ: «فَاتِّكْ مِنْ أَهْلِهَا» فَأَخْرَجَ تَمْرَاتٍ مِنْ قَرْنِهِ فَجَعَلَ يَأْكُلُ مِنْهُنَّ، ثُمَّ قَالَ: أَيْنَ أَنَا حَبِيبٌ حَتَّى أَكُلَ تَمْرَاتِي هَذِهِ إِنَّهَا لَحَيَاةٌ طَوِيلَةٌ، قَالَ: فَرَمَى بِمَا كَانَ مَعَهُ مِنَ التَّمْرِ ثُمَّ قَاتَلَ When the polytheists came near, the Messenger of Allah (saaw) said, “Now stand up and proceed towards Jannah which is as wide as are the heavens and the earth.” 'Umair bin Al-Humam (May Allah be pleased with him) asked: "Is Jannah as wide as are the heaven and the earth?" The Messenger of Allah replied in the affirmative. 'Umair remarked: "Great!" The Messenger of Allah asked him what had urged him to say so. He replied: "Nothing, O Messenger of Allah! But hope that I might become one of the inhabitants of Jannah." The Messenger of Allah said, “You will definitely be among them.” 'Umair then took some dates out of his quiver and began to eat them, but after a short time he said: "If I survive till I eat my dates, it will mean a long life." So he threw away the dates which he had with him and then fought with the enemy till he was killed.”

So, O Officers of the Armed Forces of the Ummah, **Hizb ut Tahrir** calls you to grant the Nussrah for the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood, the shield of our Ummah, and it is now time to arise as the awaited heroes and respond.

Open Letter to Pakistan's New Military Command

Asalaamo Alaykum wa Rahmatullah!

After the recent round of promotions to the levels of Brigadier, Major-General, Lieutenant-General and General, we address you all as the new military command of Pakistan's armed forces, one of the world's most capable fighting forces. No doubt military command is a great duty in our Deen and a source of great reward. Indeed, the Final Messenger to all humankind, RasulAllah (saaw), himself was a military commander, after he (saaw) made Hijrah to Madinah on 12th Rabiul-Awwal, having previously secured Nussrah (Material Support) from your noble predecessors, the military command of the Ansaar (ra). Thus, RasulAllah (saaw) set the glorious example of military command for you, securing the Muslims from their enemies and raising the word of Allah (swt) as the highest before all of humankind.

We put to you that the greatest challenge you face is to end Pakistan's alliance with the United States. Far from being a source of strength by which to counter India's regional mischief, this alliance is the cause of our being progressively and perilously weakened before India.

Through its alliance in the era of General Musharraf, the US exploited the intelligence, bases and air corridors of our armed forces to make possible its invasion and subsequent occupation of Afghanistan in the first place. Then, the US promptly opened the doors of Afghanistan to India to grant it an unprecedented presence there, which the Hindu State began using as a base to destabilize Pakistan, igniting the fires of chaos and Fitna throughout our soil. Firmly allied to the United States, General Musharraf then declared Jihad

in Kashmir as "terrorism," an American demand that granted great relief to India, whose cowardly troops were shaken by small groups of poorly armed, yet highly motivated Muslims.

Then, through its alliance in the era of General Kayani, Washington ensured our armed forces were massively deployed on the Western border. It is this American demand which not only granted India on the Eastern border even greater relief, further bolstering its regional ambitions, it reduced Pakistan's armed forces role to that of a security detail for the American and Indian presence in Afghanistan.

Then, through its alliance in the era of General Raheel, Washington brought further relief for India, through ensuring the forceful suppression of Islam under the banner of "fighting extremism," stabbing the Muslim resistance in Kashmir in the back under the banner of "ending cross border terrorism" and restricting us to frustrating, token, tit-for-tat responses in the face of ever increasing Indian aggression on our eastern borders, under the banner of "restraint."

And now if alliance with the United States is allowed to continue under General Bajwa, Pakistan will be herded towards US sponsored talks with India, to bury forever any hope of a fully liberated Kashmir being unified with Pakistan. This American ploy is to grant India a victory through the maze of diplomatic talks that it could never secure for itself on the battlefield. As for the "normalization" of relations, it is an American demand to permanently remove Pakistan as an obstacle to India as the dominant regional power, through a whole host of security concessions, including

We put to you that the greatest challenge you face is to end Pakistan's alliance with the United States.

our falling on the sword of self-inflicted nuclear disarmament.

Respected military commanders!

America is an open, hostile, kafir enemy of Muslims. Its enmity is apparent from its support of the Hindu State in the east and the Jewish State in the west. Its enmity is evident from its aggression in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. Its enmity is clear from its relentless bringing Pakistan to heel before India. Islam forbids alliance with the enemy forces who fight Muslims, occupies our lands and desires only our ruin, for Allah (swt) said, **يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا عَدُوِّي وَعَدُوَّكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ تُلْقُونَ إِلَيْهِم بِالْمَوَدَّةِ وَقَدْ كَفَرُوا بِمَا جَاءَكُمْ مِنَ الْحَقِّ** **O you who believe do not take My enemy and your enemy as allies, meeting them with softness. Indeed, they disbelieve in that which has come to you of truth.** [Surah Mutahina 60:1] And we assure you that you are not only fully capable of ending alliance with Washington, the situation is ripe for it.

Consider, respected commanders, the weaknesses of the United States itself. Militarily, its own forces, whose lack of bravery cripples their possession of sophisticated weaponry, have been shaken by small, poorly armed tribal men in Afghanistan, forcing them to come to rely upon our armed forces. Economically, the consuming greed of its elite has led to an immense and unsustainable concentration of wealth within a few, causing the collapsing of its economy. Politically, its standing and reputation is in tatters through its naked, violent pursuit of material resources abroad, inciting great hatred against it, not just within the Muslim World, but beyond it.

Consider that despite the immense oppression against the Ummah from the current tyrant rulers, our Ummah has not retreated rather it has grown in its commitment to Islam. The rejection of colonialism and Democracy is stronger than ever before within her, as is her demand for ruling of Islam and establishing its Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the

Prophethood. Thus, the Islamic Ummah would rejoice, applaud and fully support your brave and bold step to deliver that which she desires most.

Consider also that 000 000 under its Ameer, Sheikh Ata ibn Khalil Abu Ar-Rashta, is fully prepared for ruling by Islam, commanding legions of capable politicians whose influence extends from Indonesia in the East to Morocco in the West. Today they work tirelessly day and night, despite immense persecution against them by the current tyrants, which includes arrests, abduction and the severest of torture. And soon, when the Khilafah is established at your hands, they will work with the same commitment to Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw) to ensure the unification of the current Muslim states as the single most resourceful state in the world.

And consider above all else, that when you move in support of Islam and its Deen, in humble and complete submission to the commands of our Lord (swt), you will earn the help of Allah (swt). Indeed, history has been made by the Muslim military commanders who wielded this help as their most powerful weapon, succeeding against their enemies despite overwhelming odds, from Khalid bin Waleed (ra), to Salahuddin and Muhammad bin Qasim. Walk now in the footsteps of the righteous military commanders, grant Nussrah for the establishment of the Khilafah and you will need no helper other than Allah (swt), as you march towards dignity and victory. Allah (swt) said, **إِنْ يَنْصُرْكُمُ اللَّهُ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ وَإِنْ يَخْذَلْكُمْ فَمَنْ دَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرْكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ** **If Allah helps you, none can overcome you; and if He forsakes you, who is there after Him that can help you? And in Allah (Alone) let believers put their trust.** [Surah Aali-i-Imran 3:160]

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So The Revolution Doesn't Lose Its Direction!

(Translation)

- When the revolution approaches the end of its sixth year, while its errors accumulate, its deviations abound and the wrongdoers are not taken to account, and the oppressors are not stopped, ignoring the Messenger of Allah's (saw) warning when he said: «إن الناس إذا رأوا الظالم فلم يأخذوا على يديه أوشك أن يعمهم الله تعالى بعذاب منه» **Verily, if the people see an oppressor and they do not seize his hand, then Allah will soon send punishment upon all of them.** (Narrated by Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi and An-Nasai) then know that the revolution has begun to deviate away from its direction.

- When some people become defeated from within themselves, and reach the conclusion that we cannot bring down the regime without the permission, support and satisfaction of the Western countries, and that there is no revolution without support, even though the revolution has achieved much more without the support, than after obtaining the support which was presented to the revolution only to be deflected from its course and relinquish its decision, and linking it to the regional traitor states in preparation for its termination, while we ignore the speech of Allah (swt): «إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ لِيَصُدُّوا (عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ)» **The Unbelievers spend their wealth to hinder (man) from the path of Allah** [Al-Anfal 8:36]... Then know well that the revolution has begun to deviate away from its direction.

...we are fooled into thinking that the solution to our problems is in the hands of our enemies in the Western countries and their United Nations...

- When the fatwas of the “scholars” suit the dictation and guidance of the supporters, and these fatwas are used to justify every compromise and pass every work which destroys the revolution under the name of “interests and necessities”. Meanwhile the scholars stay silent about this, forgetting the words of Allah the Almighty: «إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ مَا أَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالْهُدَىٰ مِنْ بَدِّ مَا بَيَّنَّاهُ لِلنَّاسِ فِي الْكِتَابِ، أُولَٰئِكَ يَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّاعِنُونَ)» **“Those who hide the proofs and the guidance which We revealed, after We had made it clear in the Scripture: such are accursed of Allah and accursed of those who have the power to curse.”** [TMQ 2:159], and the words of His Messenger (saw) in the Sahih Hadith, narrated by Ahmad: «من كتم علماً أجمه الله بلجام» **“Whoever conceals knowledge which Allah has made beneficial for mankind's affairs of religion, Allah will bridle him with reigns of fire on the Day of Resurrection”**... Then know well that the revolution has begun to deviate away from its direction.

- When we are fooled into thinking that the solution to our problems is in the hands of our enemies in the Western countries and their United Nations, and some of the big factional leaders lose their decisions, and the decisions of the supporters and the regional and Western countries become the directors to their actions. Thus, the regime's capital city and the regions of its Shabiha (thugs) and criminals become a safe haven and lines of red zones, while these leaders tread behind regimes which chant of

secularism and rule by other than what Allah has revealed and adopt the American political solution, and this becomes a pernicious solution ceiling for the revolution, forgetting the words of Allah (swt): (وَلَا تَرْكَبُوا إِلَى الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا) (فَتَمَسَّكُمُ النَّارُ وَمَا لَكُم مِّن دُونِ اللَّهِ مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءَ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصَرُونَ) **“And incline not toward those who do wrong lest the Fire touch you, and ye have no protecting friends against Allah, and afterward ye would not be helped.”** [TMQ 11:113]... then know that the revolution has begun to deviate away from its direction.

- When the so called “terrorism” becomes a priority over overthrowing the regime, in order to please the regional countries, as well as the Kaffir West, making us thus take part in battles for the interests of the West and serve their plans in dispersing the rebels efforts and disperse their union and their work for lifting the siege from their brothers and overthrowing the regime, ignoring the words of Allah Almighty: (إِنَّ الْكَافِرِينَ كَانُوا لَكُمْ عَدُوًّا مُّبِينًا) **“In truth the disbelievers are an open enemy to you.”** [TMQ 4:101] ... then know that the revolution has begun to deviate away from its direction.

- When we accept the secularist hotel guests and those who frequent the embassies as laity political representatives of the revolution and spokespersons of the Mujahideen on the land of Sham, while we overlook the saying of the Prophet peace be upon him: «إذا وسد الأمر إلى غير أهله فانتظر الساعة» **“When the affair is given to other than its rightful people, then await the Final Hour”**, then know that the revolution has begun to deviate away from its direction.

- When we do not realize the importance of having a clear project and aim, and a method to reach it, and when we do not think about how regimes are overthrown and how States are established, walking on the path laid down for us by our enemies, and passing the way that we

think it is our salvation when it is our destruction, and turn ourselves into tools for achieving the goals and interests of others without knowing, while Allah (swt) says: (وَأَنَّ هَذَا صِرَاطِي مُسْتَقِيمًا فَاتَّبِعُوهُ وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا السُّبُلَ فَتَفَرَّقَ بِكُمْ عَن سَبِيلِهِ ذَلِكُمْ وَصَّاكُمْ بِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ) **“Verily, this is My way, leading straight: follow it: follow not (other) paths: they will scatter you about from His (great) path: thus doth He command you. that ye may be righteous.”** [TMQ 6:153], then know that the revolution has begun to deviate away from its direction.

- When the call to goodness becomes a "Fitna" (incitement), and when revealing the intrigues and conspiracies become "theorizing", and when presenting the clear Islamic political project is considered mere "talk" and an illusion, and warning others of making compromises and wasting blood "to split the unity", and when the mentor - the insightful caller to Allah – finds blocked ears by its founders, while becoming silent on falsehood and decorating it and clapping for it is "wisdom" and "courteously", ignoring the words of Allah (swt): (وَاتَّقُوا فِتْنَةً لَا تُصِيبَنَّ الَّذِينَ إِتَّقُوا وَاللَّهُ شَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ) **“And guard yourselves against a chastisement which cannot fall exclusively on those of you who are wrong-doers, and know that Allah is severe in punishment.”** [TMQ 8:25], then know that the revolution has begun to deviate away from its direction.

O Patient Muslims in the land of Sham... the loopholes began expanding, and the ship of the revolution is about to lose its destination and become lost in the ocean of enemies' conspiracies against it, and there is no escape for us – by Allah – except by sincerely working for Allah alone, and holding tightly to His solid rope, and cutting off all the ropes of the disbelievers.

The blood that has been spilled, and the sacrifices that have been made, and the houses that were demolished, and children who are orphaned, families who have been displaced, and the honors that have been violated, all of these are related to us, how can we allow anyone to trade in them? Will we accept after all of this that we be ruled once again by Kufr, oppression and injustice?! Will all that happened become trivialized to us just for the sake of achieving a life full of humiliation, drawn to us in detail by our enemies, promoting it to us with their malignant political solution, claiming falsely that they want to end the tragedies they are the cause of? Or will we hold tightly onto the Truth which Allah (swt) has enjoined upon us, as we have declared it since the beginning of the revolution that our leader forever is Prophet Muhammad (saw)? Declaring to the whole world that we will continue our revolution until we achieve all its objectives and constants that will satisfy her Lord (swt), namely: **First:** the overthrow of the regime with all its symbols and pillars. **Second:** establish the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood. **Third:** liberation from the Kufr states and ending their influence.

O Patient Muslims in the Land of Sham:

Yes, these are the harsh realities that should move us impetus to re-correct the direction of the compass, and that introduce us to our great responsibilities in the face of the great sacrifices that we offer in al Sham, which is for each of us to take turn in preventing the thieves from kidnapping our revolution and selling our sacrifices... We are in the same boat, we either survive together or we sink together, as Prophet Muhammad (saw) said: «مَثَلُ الْقَائِمِ فِي حُدُودِ اللَّهِ وَالْوَأَقِ فِيهَا، كَمَثَلِ قَوْمٍ اسْتَهَمُوا عَلَى سَفِينَةٍ، فَأَصَابَ بَعْضُهُمْ أَعْلَاهَا، وَبَعْضُهُمْ أَسْفَلَهَا، فَكَانَ الَّذِي فِي أَسْفَلِهَا إِذَا اسْتَقَوْا مِنَ الْمَاءِ مَرَّوًا عَلَى مَنْ فَوْقَهُمْ، فَقَالُوا: لَوْ أَنَا خَرَقْنَا فِي نَصِيبِنَا خَرْقًا وَلَمْ نُؤَدِّ مَنْ فَوْقَنَا؟ فَإِنْ تَرَكَوهُمْ وَمَا أَرَادُوا هَلَكُوا وَهَلَكُوا جَمِيعًا، وَإِنْ أَخَذُوا عَلَى أَيْدِيهِمْ نَجَوْا وَنَجَوْا جَمِيعًا»

“The parable of those who respect the limits of Allah and those who violate them is that of people who board a ship after casting lots, some of them residing in its upper deck and others in its lower desk. When those in the lower deck want water, they pass by the upper deck and say: If we tear a hole in the bottom of the ship, we will not harm those above us. If those in the upper deck let them do what they want, then they will all be destroyed together. If they restrain them, then they will all be saved together.”
(Narated by Bukhari)

Indeed, the duty today is to work hard to correct the path, direct the leaders, hold the wrongdoers to account, prosecute the traitor criminals warmongers, and unite the scattered factions on the clear political project which is inferred from the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Prophet (saw), the project which is not imposed by the operations rooms, nor is dictated by the Western countries' policies, nor subject to whims and self-interest. Rather, it is the project that saves bloodshed and preserves honour, it saves the Ummah from the yoke of slavery to the Kaffir West. It is the project of the righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood, which we offer you, we - your brothers in Hizb ut Tahrir... And we are still counting on your awareness, O our people in Sham, O our brothers the Mujahideen, and on your dedication and sincerity to Allah (swt) alone and your perseverance in the field, for you are in this conflict as the touchstone that outweighs the side it favors, and you will be the one who will thwart the projects of the Kuffar and defeat their thugs, and establish the project of Islam and give victory to its carriers.

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What Comes after the Destruction of the Hospitals upon the Heads of the Women?!

Syrian medical sources have counted up to 350 killed and 1800 injured as a result of the air and artillery bombing undertaken by the Russian planes alongside the tyrannical regime forces since the beginning of the vicious campaign against the besieged areas in the city of Halab (Aleppo) that began on the 15th of November.

In addition to the wide destruction of properties and the demolishing of buildings upon those living in them, to the point where all aspects of living and residential areas have disappeared, the crusader coalition is also targeting hospitals in a number of provincial towns. It is worth making the point that all the hospitals in the Halab precincts are out of service after the systematic bombing against them, to prevent them from providing medical and humanitarian relief to the thousands of innocents who are being afflicted by the daily bombing. What increases the barbarity of these barbarians is that they are also targeting hospitals in many other areas and regions. Syria Watch and the organisations for providing assistance have said that war planes have bombed the maternity hospital in Idlib that has led to the cessation of its work.

The director of the Syrian Civil Defence organisation, known as the White Helmets, mentioned that the doctors and relief staff in Halab are using only what remains of the equipment after the bombing campaigns, to do all that that is within their capability, and particularly after the bombing of the hospitals that had been set up hurriedly following the destruction of the functioning hospitals within the area. It was also revealed that the residents

of the eastern besieged half of Halab have less than ten days to receive aid relief otherwise they will be subjected to starvation and death. The women are spending long periods of time searching in the semi-destroyed markets to see what they can find to provide nourishment for their children which has become very difficult due to the high prices because of the markets being short of essential nutritional materials.

UN Special Envoy to Syria Stefan de

The strength and power does not come from standing behind the rulers who only earn disgrace from their Lord because they rule by falsehood. Rather the strength and power comes by following the guidance...

Mistura warned about the possible occurrence of a slaughter in East Halab like the massacre of Vukovar in 1991 in Croatia by Serbian militias. These warnings are not new and not the first, as they continue to come with the continuation of the bombings which have not ceased as a result of those warnings and condemnations. Indeed for months and also following the targeting of the hospitals, the UN General Secretary Ban Ki Moon considered the attacks upon the hospitals and the use of deadly weapons to be a “war crime” and that the matter is “worse than a slaughter house”.

At that time *The New York Times* stated that near to 100,000 Syrian children are besieged in the fighting zones in Halab, indicating that they are part of a quarter of a million Syrians that are besieged in battles within the city. That is where it has become a normal and regular scene for the children of Aleppo to be seen being dragged out from under the rubble with their tattered clothing and dusty faces.

There has been non-stop and repeated suffering for years before the silence of the

world that does not go beyond the timid condemnations of some of the rulers and their threats to raise the Syrian tragedy to the security council so that they can procrastinate over it more and more. It is as if there is no solution except via the UN path where they devote themselves to it without fatigue or growing tired!! Even if they change the tone of their warnings, they still request the holding of one meeting following another, just like when France recently asked for a meeting to be convened soon for the donor states of the moderate Syrian opposition. Or they describe the reality as if it has been absent from the minds just like when the German Chancellor Angela Merkel (recently) stated that the Syrian regime is deliberately bombing hospitals and health facilities.

Where is the iron (and force) in all of that?!! Numerical figures rapidly increasing like shares in the major manufacturing companies where the investors compete to announce their daily profits, profits upon the blood of children and women, our people in Syria. The intensive and continuous bombing has become one of the daily scenes presented in the media whilst the suffering continues of more than 275,000 civilians who are surrounded by a continuous environment of terror and flight when they hear the roaring sounds of the planes, which the skies are nearly never free from over the course of an hour. They come high and low, warning about the resumption of the dropping of explosive barrels and warning of the impending destruction, scattered limbs and the spread of the smell of the blood of pure and innocent children.

All of these statements and condemnations from the major western states makes the one following them think that the criminals are residents of outer space or people wearing “invisibility caps”. These empty statements conform that these states do not shed anything other than crocodile tears for the innocent victims, children and women who have lost their lives because of the colonial war which

will go on as long as there are sincere revolutionaries who reject the interference of the West in their lands and the sale of their respect, for the word of Allah to be raised high.

The women of Syria are not waiting for the world to remember them on the international (commemoration) days so as to count how many women were killed, either by torture or bombs, or how many women were made homeless or arrested. Did her situation change when the world knew that there has been approximately 30,000 Syrian women who have been killed in the struggle and war taking place in the land since the beginning of the revolution?! Indeed, the opposite is true, the talk has already come to be about the truthfulness and accuracy of this number and questioning the veracity of these statistics!!

So know, O Muslims, scholars and armies that the victory does not come except from Allah to a people who support the cause of Allah by their actions and speech. That is because Allah Ta’Aalaa said: **(إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ)** **“If you support (the cause of) Allah He will support you (with victory) and make your feet firm”** [Muhammad: 7].

The strength and power does not come from standing behind the rulers who only earn disgrace from their Lord because they rule by falsehood. Rather the strength and power comes by following the guidance of the Messenger of Allah (saw) and seeking to attain the pleasure of the Lord of the servants by ruling by His Shar’a and by applying the Ahkaam of Islam that He has chosen for us and perfected for us. That is by working for the resumption of the Islamic life via the establishment of the rightly guided Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the methodology of the Prophethood, so that justice can be spread to the corners of the earth.

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The Colonial West Seeks to Eliminate any Traces of Islam from Pakistan's Education Curriculum under the False Guise of Ensuring Religious Tolerance

On the 22nd November, Pakistani media reported on a recent report by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) entitled, "Teaching Intolerance In Pakistan - Religious Bias in Public School Textbooks". In the name of so-called 'Religious Tolerance', the report recommended that overemphasis on Islam as being the "only correct" faith must be eliminated from school textbooks. The report also stated that the foremost reoccurring trend in textbooks is an overemphasis on the glorification of war and war heroes, particularly the Islamic conquest of Sindh by Muhammad ibn Qasim. It also objected on the mention of certain Islamic beliefs in the education curricula; one example quoted as being problematic was that, "*The Islamic religion, culture and social system are different from non-Muslims...*". The report recommended that secular international norms on religious freedoms be reflected in textbooks' contents and that absolutely no content should be taught that celebrates one religion at the expense of another. It also recommended that the curriculum should inculcate a sense of constructive patriotism and that heroes from all religious minorities should be included in textbooks.

The education curriculum of Pakistan is already based upon a secular foundation, with Islam and Islamic history delivered as mere information and a subject on par with other

subjects which has no significant importance to the culture and heritage of the Muslims of Pakistan. Such teaching therefore has little impact in building the Islamic thinking and behavior of the students, many of whom view the Islamic beliefs which are taught to them as

...the education system in Pakistan has been subjected to continuous de-Islamization agendas and programmes...

outdated and irrelevant to their lives due to this secular teaching method. Furthermore, the education system in Pakistan has been subjected to continuous de-Islamization agendas and programmes at the hand of Western colonial governments and institutions, which has intensified in recent years in their 'War on Terror'. According to the USCIRF, a majority of their so-called "examples of religious intolerance" (equated to basic Islamic beliefs) published in their previous 2011 report, "Connecting the Dots: Education and Religious Discrimination in Pakistan" had already been removed from textbooks by local authorities.

It is clear that Western colonial governments, in collusion with their subservient secular lackey government in Islamabad, will not be content until every trace of Islam is erased from the education curricula of Pakistan. The aim of their secular crusader campaign is to colonise the minds of the youth of Pakistan, in the same way they colonized the Muslim lands, in order to continue their hegemony over the region and maintain their Western-serving regimes and systems. They seek to rob our children of pride in their Islamic identity, their glorious Islamic heritage, and

truth of their Deen to deliver the most just system to mankind, while also force-feeding them the corrupt secular culture. This will lead to more of our youth becoming embroiled in the same self-destructing lifestyle of drugs, alcohol, illicit relationships, and crime that plague the youth of Western states. Indeed the agenda of further secularizing and eradicating Islam from the education systems in countries across the Muslim world, including in Palestine, Jordan, Algeria, Morocco, and Bangladesh has intensified in recent months. This reflects the scale of panic of colonial governments over the rising and overwhelming support for Islamic governance in the Muslim lands, including amongst Muslim youth. They have pursued this agenda using all forms of lies and deception, for example associating religious intolerance with the celebration of Islamic beliefs and history. They conceal the fact that Western and Eastern secular states are plagued with a tsunami of religious intolerance and a mountain of hate-crimes against religious and racial minorities in their societies due their racist nationalistic beliefs. In contrast, under the Islamic rule of the Khilafah non-Muslims enjoyed a level of protection, prosperity and religious tolerance unsurpassed by any other state in history.

We call the people of Pakistan to reject this liberal intellectual genocide of the Muslim youth and to support the urgent re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) based upon the method of the Prophethood which will implement an education system that will build exemplary Islamic personalities and demonstrate excellence in every field of study, science and development.

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So we call unto you O Muslims ... to the pride of this life and the Hereafter, to a **righteous Khilafah on the method of Prophethood**, to succour from Allah (swt) and a victory soon to come, to a paradise as vast as the heavens and the earth, and the greatest of all is the pleasure of Allah (swt).

Therefore, have trust in the promise of Allah (swt), and have trust in the glad tidings of your Prophet (saw), and know that our victory lies in the hands of our Lord alone, so seek it from Him alone, (إِنْ يَنْصُرْكُمْ اللَّهُ فَلَا غَالِبَ لَكُمْ) **“If Allah is your helper none can overcome you”** [TMQ 3:160], and if we seek it from anyone beside Him, they will betray us. (وَإِنْ يَخُدُّكُمْ فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُكُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِهِ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ فَلْيَتَوَكَّلِ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ) **“but if He should forsake you, who could succour you thereafter? In God, then, let the believers place their trust!”** [TMQ 3:160] Thus seek the help of Allah (swt), be patient, and read and ponder on His Words (swt):

(إِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ يَقُومُ
الْأَشْهَادُ)

“We will, without doubt, help our apostles and those who believe, (both) in this world's life and on the Day when the Witnesses will stand forth” [TMQ 40:51]

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Alliances with Great Powers Leads to Enslavement not Security

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Whenever relations between Pakistan and America takes a nosedive, Pakistan's elite scurries to bolster ties with either Russia or China. Sometimes efforts to strengthen relations with major powers— other than America— are just a charade, and on other occasions the Pakistani elite hopes to extract some concessions from America to safeguard Pakistan's security.

The psychotic behavior displayed by Pakistan's leadership in courting great powers is entirely predictable. To Pakistan's elite, alliance with great powers is indispensable to counterbalance security vulnerabilities with archrival India. For many decades, both Pakistan's civil and military leaders have been willing hostages to the power politics of great powers in the subcontinent.

This thinking is deeply rooted in realism, which dominates much of international politics today. According to realism, the world is in a permanent state of chaos and in the absence of a transnational authority; all nation-states are responsible for their own security. Naturally, some states are militarily much stronger than other states and this creates a security imbalance between strong and weak states. To prevent strong states from taking advantage of security liabilities, the weak states pursue the support of great powers to restore balance to their security dilemmas. In practice, great powers do not guarantee security for nothing and always exact a heavy price.

Since Pakistan's birth in 1947, the Pakistani elite has viewed India's military strength, enormous economy and huge population with trepidation. This imbalance in power between the two countries, led the elite

to conclude that Pakistan's survival depends on close ties with America. On the other hand, India—despite its avowed neutrality—sought stronger military ties with the Soviet Union to assuage Pakistan's relations with the US, and minimise the emergent threat from China.

From China's standpoint, supporting Pakistan through economic and military means was regarded as an important means to strengthen Pakistan and preoccupy India with security problems on its Western border. Hence, balance of power dominated politics on the sub-continent with America acting as the external guarantor of peace in the eyes of the Pakistani elite.

In exchange for American security reassurances, the Pakistani elite opened up the country to American colonization and they saw nothing wrong in American hegemony. In the years that followed, America incessantly used and abused Pakistan to safeguard its own national interests. First, America used Pakistan to defeat the Soviets in Afghanistan. Second, after September 11 2001, America amputated Pakistan strategic depth in Afghanistan, weakened it militarily by forcing it to fight militants, and made borders with both Afghanistan and India perilous thereby over stretching Pakistan's army. Third, America realigned itself with India through strong commercial ties, the conclusion of the nuclear agreement and support for India's membership of the Nuclear Supplier Group (NSG). America's aim today is to exploit India to counter the huge might of China.

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Analysis on the Decline in the Political Influence of the United States and its Aftermath

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A. Introduction

As, the unexpected to many, results of the US presidential elections emerged on the 9th of November 2016, a barrage of opinions ensued across the world from politicians, intellectuals etc. The division within US, more so in the general masses as compared to the elite, has never been so evident.

Even though, as far as ideology is concerned, the new administration in the US shall be equally, if not more, capitalistic in its policies, but from the results of the elections, it is evident that the US masses have rejected the status quo forces and there is a decline in the confidence in capitalism. These results also indicate that the public opinion within US is against internationalism.

As the US President-elect Donald Trump fills in the positions within his team, we can study the opinions of the newly appointed team members that they have held for years. We can foresee a change in the styles of the new administration in implementing capitalism as well as a specific focus on some key issues, one of those being radical Islamist terrorism or in simple words Islam.

This situation gives us an opportunity to discuss the public opinion within western societies with regards to current regimes and liberal capitalism, the impact of this public opinion on the styles that Western rulers, especially US, are adopting, the need of an alternative for the world and that the people who have the power in Pakistan are best positioned to bring that alternative on the map.

B. Downward trend in the confidence in Liberal Capitalism and US political influence

After the collapse of the USSR, the United States became the sole superpower and the leading state of the world. It had the power to define a new world order that helped to increase its influence and political hegemony exponentially throughout the world. This was the time when thinkers like Francis Fukuyama gave this judgment that “Western Liberalism” is here to stay. In his essay titled “The End of History?” written in 1989, he said:

“What we may be witnessing is not just the end of the Cold War, or the passing of a particular period of postwar history, but the end of history as such: that is, the end point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government. This is not to say that there will no longer be events to fill the pages of Foreign Affairs' yearly summaries of international relations, for the victory of liberalism has occurred primarily in the realm of ideas or consciousness and is as yet incomplete in the real or material world. But there are powerful reasons for believing that it is the ideal that will govern the material world in the long run.”

After getting free from the communist Russia, US reigned the world politics during the 90s and it gained influence in the Asian and African countries which were formerly under the influence of Britain and France. This era built the arrogance in US that fueled the idea of going for war in Afghanistan and more

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importantly the war in Iraq. It was these wars in Afghanistan and Iraq that historians might mark to be the turning point for the demise of US aspirations to reign the 21st century as the leading state. Due to various reasons, including lying and manipulating intelligence to claim Iraq's possession of WMDs, the huge number of Human casualties, heinous Human Rights violations of prisoners, and not being able to stabilize both Afghanistan and Iraq to this date, United States' political influence considerably declined. The financial cost of this war was estimated to be \$1.77 trillion that is more than double the cost of Vietnam War and if the long-term costs are included it shoots up to \$6 trillion making it the most expensive war for the United States ever. If we compare how US was able to create a coalition of willing support in Gulf War 1 to how the ISAF coalition depleted in support to US over the years to how in Syria, US has not been able to muster support through international consensus, we can very well see the weakness in US' ability to exercise its political plans. Instead, it is relying more and more on so called "local partners". So it attempts at using Pakistan to increase operations in the northern belt, Afghan forces to deal with Taliban in Afghanistan. In Syria, it has given a green signal to Iran and Russia to do its dirty work and in Iraq it's the Turkish forces, the Kurds and the weak Iraqi forces. This policy shows nothing but weakness that the US is facing.

This decline in political influence was followed by the economic crisis that hit the world especially the leading capitalist nations like the United States and Europe in late 2007 to 2009. This resulted into widespread unemployment and major income level drop for the masses in the US. Although the government claimed to have brought the US out of recession but as late as 2014, and early 2015, a majority of Americans still believed that the nation remained in a recession. The income inequality became a major issue in the United States and gave rise to movements like Occupy Wall Street and even in the recent US election

campaigns, this issue was mentioned by most of the candidates. This issue of inequality got connected with the money corruption of the leaders in United States highlighting the fact that these political leaderships are actually there in the government to represent the 1% and not the masses. The slogan of "We are the 99%" raised in Occupy Wall Street movement spread to the extent that Bernie Sanders used the related statistics by using the following phrase in 2015 during his presidential campaign "Now is the time to create a government which represents all Americans and not just the 1%". These protests and riots spread throughout the Europe including Britain, Spain, and Greece etc. Then came the surprise result of Brexit where the masses rejected the notions of liberal capitalism in the starkest manner. This wave of rejecting liberal economic policies is spreading across Europe. In France, the far-right National Front is likely to enter the second round of next year's presidential election. In Austria, the xenophobic Freedom Party nearly captured the presidency. And nationalist parties are gathering steam in Holland, Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Hungary and beyond.

Inequality between the classes is the most expected result of Capitalism. These protests and riots, specifically highlighting this attribute of Capitalism, as well as the results of Brexit referendum, give us a reason to believe that the confidence in liberal capitalism is shaken as far as masses in the West are concerned. People in the West are facing economic insecurity, unemployment, wage stagnation and widening inequality. Although this doesn't mean that the masses will get an alternative to Capitalism from the nationalistic political parties but this expression of rejection within the West does have an impact on the government policies in general and specifically on the foreign policy.

C. Different school of thoughts within the US with respect to Foreign policy and their impact

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With respect to foreign policy, US thinkers and politicians are classified by different labels based on their political ideas. For instance, there is a camp that is labelled as neoconservatives, by adding a qualifier we can call them neoconservatives interventionists, who advocate spread of US influence across the world with excessively aggressive direct intervention i.e. with or without the role of international institutions and law. Another camp is labeled as Liberal internationalists (also characterized as liberal interventionists) that hold a foreign policy doctrine that argues that liberal states should intervene in other sovereign states in order to pursue liberal objectives. Such intervention can include both military invasion and humanitarian aid but contrary to neocons, Liberal Interventionists care about international legitimacy. When the two come into conflict, the liberal interventionist comes up with some fig-leaf of legitimacy – a UN Resolution twisted behind recognition, a NATO sanction, an Arab League invitation – that serves as a green light to go to war. Both of these views are in contrast to the isolationist, realist, or non-interventionist foreign policy doctrines. Non-interventionism is a foreign policy doctrine characterized by the absence of interference by a state or states in the external affairs of another state without its consent, or in its internal affairs with or without its consent. Non-interventionism is distinct from and often confused with isolationism. Then there is a newly emerging, unstructured school of thought called the alternative right, more commonly known as the alt-right, that came onto the US national political scene in 2015. People ascribing to the alt-right express to be concerned due to threats to western culture from mass immigration and by non-straight relationships. Alt-right is also associated with white nationalism, Islamophobia and antifeminism. They want their own communities, populated by their own people, and governed by their own values. People carrying these views often challenge holocaust and Jews as well as political correctness. The sympathizers as well as the

critics of alt-right at times mention that Donald Trump's voters mainly belong to this school of thought.

The decline in political influence and the economic crisis had a resounding impact on the public opinion both within US and across the world. It further aggravated by the regular body bags reaching back home as well as high suicide rates within the military. This decline is under discussion in the thinkers within US. The masses in general and a few key politicians started to question the interventionist mindset and the majority held view as far as the masses are concerned within US shifted to that of non-interventionism.

- In February 2011, Robert Gates, the then Defense Secretary, told the West Point Academy cadets that United States should never fight another war like Iraq and Afghanistan. He said, "In my opinion, any future defense secretary who advises the president to again send a big American land army into Asia or into the Middle East or Africa should 'have his head examined'..." In other words, what he wanted to say was, that an intervention like Afghanistan and Iraq is madness.

- In December 2013, the Pew Research Center reported that their newest poll, "American's Place in the World 2013," had revealed that 52 percent of respondents in the national poll said that the United States "should mind its own business internationally and let other countries get along the best they can on their own." This was the most people to answer that question this way in the history of the question, one which pollsters began asking in 1964. Only about a third of respondents felt this way a decade ago.

- A July 2014 poll of "battleground voters" across the United States found "77 percent in favor of full withdrawal from Afghanistan by the end of 2016; only 15 percent and 17 percent interested in more involvement in Syria and Ukraine,

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respectively; and 67 percent agreeing with the statement that, 'U.S. military actions should be limited to direct threats to our national security.'"

- During the presidency of Barack Obama, some members of the United States federal government, including President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry, considered intervening militarily in the Syrian Civil War. A poll from late April 2013 found that 62% of Americans thought that the "United States has no responsibility to do something about the fighting in Syria between government forces and antigovernment groups," with only twenty-five percent disagreeing with that statement.

It can be said that the public opinion within the US based on the non-interventionism as well as influential emergence of alt-right within the US will have an effect on the policy making under this new administration of Donald Trump. Furthermore, the hatred against the colonialism in general and hatred against US in specific, spread across the world, will make it much more difficult for the US to go for military human intervention on a considerable scale like it did in Afghanistan and Iraq. But at the same time, the induction of neoconservatives within the Trump administration will push US to intervene in conflicts like that of Syria where US is failing miserably and if US shows this foolishness, it might very well be the end of US as the world knows it.

D. The death of International Law is Imminent

In the last two decades, the UN and the so-called international law have been undermined left right and center. The neocons' policies of bypassing the UN for Iraq war in 2003 proved to be one of the nails in its coffin but the final nails were hammered by the awareness within the Muslims, the response that Mujahedeen gave to the US invasions and the penetration of Islam's political aspect within the Ummah. These aspects made it difficult for the US to

exercise its will through the existing international law which it had defined for its own benefit to begin with. Had it not been the resolve of the Iraqi Muslims in not accepting US occupation, the bypassing of the UN to invade Iraq might have been ignored but instead it became a pain in the neck. As if the humiliation of Iraq was not enough, the Brave Muslims of Syria took a stand that unfurled the mask of western imperialism completely and made the UN completely ineffective.

Where is the United Nations when US meets Russia and makes a plan to kill Muslims indiscriminately? Where is the United Nations when Russia bombs the children on the so called World Children Day? Where is the United Nations when Hizb of Shaitan, the Iranian supported militias fight those who are not surrendering to American Imperialism? Where is the United Nations and the international law when France, US, Jordan, Turkey, Iran, Russia use their fighter jets to bomb Muslims across Syria and they specifically target hospitals and bakeries? And where is the United Nations when the Muslims of Palestine and Kashmir are being killed by the Jewish entity and Hindu state even though the UN resolutions were passed decades ago? Why is this the case that the UN and international law only come into equations for the treacherous Muslim rulers as an excuse for inaction when the Muslim armies are called by the oppressed Muslims to rescue them from the oppressors? Robert Kagan, a known neoconservative, in his book "Superpowers don't get to retire: what our tired country still owes the world" starts by saying "Almost 70 years ago, a new world order was born from the rubble of World War II, built by and around the power of the United States. Today that world order shows signs of cracking, and perhaps even collapsing."

The global situation is changing and new trends are emerging. We can see that in all effective senses, the international law and order, maintained by the United Nations, is dead. It's time that an alternative is presented to this

world to rescue it from the curse of this rotten world order.

E. Few points as conclusion from the discussion above.

1. Liberalism is on decline, not just in the US but it has become a global phenomenon.
2. America stands divided. Even after the elections concluded, a movement emerged with protests across the US with one slogan “Not my President”. This rejection is not just a rejection of a Personality rather it is an expression of a deeper divide in the ideas carried by masses.
3. There will be a push from the neocon interventionists to directly intervene as the threat of re-emergence of a new rival in the form of Khilafah [Caliphate] or China, is more imminent as compared to the time when neocons were in the government during Bush Jr’s terms.
4. There will be a pull from the nationalist masses, who voted Donald Trump in, to get the US back on track domestically, that will make it difficult for the new administration to go with the neoconservative interventionist agenda
5. The hatred against US and Colonialism due to the awareness within Muslims in general as well as the Islamophobia that the Trump’s team is known for shall make it all the more difficult for the US to exercise its political and military muscle in the Muslim world. This will make things difficult for its so-called “local allies” (read: puppet regimes) to implement its instructions.
6. As mentioned above the neocons undermine the international institutions which are already gone very weak even during the government of so-called liberal internationalists. The United Nations and other such organizations that were working as tools and the guarantor of the International law and order will further weaken as a result of United States’ overall weakness and the revival of neocons in US government.

F. Rise of an alternative Ideology is a pre-requisite to the collapse of an existing ideology

For any ideology to collapse, it is inevitable that an alternative is available for the masses to compare and opt. Even though these points allude to the weakness of the US, the torch bearer of Capitalism, still we cannot say that these are enough for the fall of the capitalist ideology. These points do highlight the opportunity that exists, more than before, for the rise of an alternative ideology, led by a strong state, to save the humanity from the evils of Capitalism. History is a witness to this phenomenon. It was the rise of the Caliphate that challenged and brought a fall to the then leading state, the Roman Empire. It was the Khilafah that influenced European renaissance that led to the revolutions and new ideology. It was the capitalist states of Britain and France that played a role in the destruction of Caliphate. Then it was the USSR that challenged the Capitalist states by adopting Communism as an ideology; and then it was the United States that led the Cold War and fall of Communism giving liberal capitalism as the alternative. In the very similar way, once such a state is established today, it can present its solutions in a challenging manner and build definitive cracks in the wall of Capitalism that is already shaken. Such a state must present the solutions covering economics, politics and legal aspects of a society and there is no available ideology other than Islam that could provide such comprehensive solutions as an alternative to Capitalism. Following are a few examples to give a glimpse of solutions based on Islamic Ideology for the economic, legal and political aspects.

Islam’s economic solutions: Islam insists on the currency being backed by gold or silver. Implementation of this law shall end steep inflation and the need of interest in the economy. Islam adopts distribution of wealth as the main solution to the economic problem and categorizes needs into basic needs and luxuries separately. These fundamentals of

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Islamic economics do away with the extreme inequality created by capitalism. Islam prohibits exploitation of people through stopping privatization of public nature resources (especially the energy resources). Islam introduces a unique system of taxation that only allows the government to tax under strict conditions and only the wealthy and those able to pay. Islam absolutely prohibits interest. Khilafah can support the less privileged nations through interest free loans unlike the capitalist IMFs and World Banks of the current times that give loans to make the weaker states subservient.

Islam's legal solutions - Justice: The injustice in capitalism stems from its very basic tenet i.e. Democracy where the power to legislate is with the elite. Islam provides true justice by restricting the power to legislate for the Creator only and provides an enlightened way of extracting laws from the sources i.e. Ijtihad. The three step process consisting of studying the reality, studying the divine sources for relevant address of the Legislator, and extracting a rule and giving judgment. This is an alternative to the shallow way of legislation, based on the weak principle of compromise, offered by secular democracy with no importance to study and prone to vested interests. It will only be this Islamic system where men and women will have their rights secured and people will live in harmony without conflicts due to their race, religion, ethnicity or color.

Islam's political solutions: It is Islam that defined politics to be "taking care of the affairs of the people". In Islam, the rulers are "burdened" with the responsibility of ruling and not "gifted" like in the Democratic system. Politics in Islam is a duty and not a career or a business. Even after so-called coming out of Dark Ages, the West has still not been able to establish true Rule of Law for even now the rulers are given immunity. It is Islam that puts even a ruler under the rule of law with an equal status compared to any other citizen. Similarly, the accountability of the ruler is a duty in Islam

rather than a matter of choice with a robust multi-layered accountability structure where The Qadi Madhalim, The Majlis-e-Ummah, The political parties and the Ummah in general fulfils the obligation of accountability of the ruler through Amr bil Ma'aruf wa Nahi unil munkir (calling for the good and forbidding the evil).

G. Pakistan is appropriate for this position:

Such a state can emerge from any strong Muslim country. Let us here consider Pakistan as an appropriate option for this. Pakistan is the 6th largest population of the world with immense resources and deep rooted Islamic Aqeedah. It is the strongest Muslim country with 8th largest Army of the world and the only Muslim state with Nuclear Arsenal. It has the experience of challenging and collapsing a superpower of its time i.e. the USSR. With agriculture as its backbone, Pakistan has all those ingredients available that are required for becoming the starting point for the Khilafah on the method of Prophethood, carrying the Islamic ideology to the world. The enemy very well understands this and has expressed deep concerns on this in multiple statements within last few years. Following are a few selected quotes from a long list that highlight Pakistan as a threat once Khilafah is established.

- In an interview in March 2009, David Kilcullen, advisor to the US CENTCOM commander, said, "Pakistan has 173 million people, 100 nuclear weapons, an army bigger than the US Army...We're now reaching the point (of)...an extremist takeover -- that would dwarf everything we've seen in the war on terror today."
- An article published in the New Yorker on 16 November 2009 stated, "The principal fear is mutiny—that extremists inside the Pakistani military might stage a coup...A senior Obama Administration official brought up Hizb ut-Tahrir...whose goal is to establish the Caliphate (Khilafah)".

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- As for the Hindu state, a senior official from the Indian intelligence agency, RAW, said in the same article, “Our worries are about the nuclear weapons in Pakistan. Not because we are worried about the mullahs taking over the country; we’re worried about those senior officers in the Pakistan Army who are Caliphates ... Some of the men we are watching have notions of leading an Islamic army.”

- A 50 minutes long audio of Hilary Clinton addressing a fund-raising event in February 2016 surfaced in September 2016 where she mentioned, “Pakistan is running full speed to develop tactical nukes in their continuing hostility with India.” she said. “But we live in fear that they’re going to have a coup, that jihadists are going to take over the government, they’re going to get access to nuclear weapons, and you’ll have suicide nuclear bombers. So, this could not be a more threatening scenario.”

It is not just these glaring statements that highlight the potential of re-establishment of the Khilafah in Pakistan rather the response to the call for establishment of a Caliphate within Pakistan provides a direct sensation that the masses are ready for such a change. The collective expression within Pakistan is overwhelmingly Islamic to the extent that various liberals have voiced hopelessness as far as the fulfilment of liberal agenda is concerned. The last piece of the puzzle is to convince those that have the power and authority to bring change in Pakistan. While discussing the possibility of revolution in Pakistan in his book “Pakistan: A Hard Country”, Anatol Lieven mentions, “Unlike in Africa and elsewhere, military coups in Pakistan have always been carried out by the army as a whole, on the orders of its chief of staff and commanding generals – never by junior officers.” He further mentions, “The only thing that can destroy this discipline and unity is if enough Pakistani soldiers are faced with moral and emotional pressures powerful enough to crack their

discipline, and that would mean very powerful pressures indeed. In fact, they would have to be put in a position where their duty to defend Pakistan and their conscience and honor as Muslims clashed directly with their obedience to their commanders. As far as I can see, the only thing that could bring that about as far as the army as a whole is concerned (rather than just some of its Pathan elements) is if the US were to invade part of Pakistan, and the army command failed to give orders to resist this.”

This highlights the importance of the work within those who matter. This was what happened in Osama Bin Laden’s case and we very well remember what the state of affairs was at that time. And something similar is going on at the Line of Control [LOC] as we speak where India is regularly escalating and the leadership’s response is not satisfactory for the sincere soldiers of Pak Army. That was America and this is the Hindu state and submission in front of a Hindu state cannot be justified with the argument that we cannot fight a superpower. The responsibility that the sincere officers within Pak Army have towards the Ummah makes it incumbent upon them to not to go for adventurism i.e. before supporting any call for the establishment of an ideological state, they need to be convinced in the ability of those that are making the call. Furthermore, the vision that is being presented should also have clarity. It is the responsibility of the Da’awah carriers that they prepare themselves as a capable leadership and present this idea with extreme clarity and influence the most influential people of the Ummah.

US inks Indian Defence Agreement- 'Pakistan First'

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American and Indian ties have noticeably grown warmer in recent years, a stark contrast from the Cold War era when India sided with the Soviet Union. This transformation is evident with numerous American companies now investing and offshoring their work to India; more significantly since President George W. Bush's 'War on Terror' the Americans have actively wooed India. So it came as little surprise when in August 2016 the US Secretary of Defence Ashton Carter signed with his Indian counterpart Manohar Parrikar an agreement enabling both countries to call on each other's military facilities and supply logistics. The Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA) allows both countries to make use of each other's military bases as Carter said, "What it does is make possible and make easier operating together when we choose to.... It is fully mutual. In other words, we grant one another completely equal access and ease under this agreement." Moreover both countries are working towards further agreements on sharing secure communications and intelligence.

The impact of this agreement on Pakistan is self-evident; it serves primarily to strengthen India's offensive military capability. This proposed co-operation between the two represents only the beginning of burgeoning ties; the US has named India as a major defence partner. The US welcomed India's entry into the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) which will allow the transfer of advanced missile technology; it is actively supporting India's bid to join the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), something which has only been delayed because of Chinese opposition. It is also looking at shifting

its entire remaining production of F-16 fighter aircraft to India thereby giving India an automatic veto over further sales and support to Pakistan. Joint ventures are also being planned to develop high tech inventory such as jet engines and aircraft carriers although this enticement is more likely just a means to sell US defence equipment to a cash paying customer.

In contrast Pakistan currently is not in a position to procure even a few fighter jets from America after funding for eight F-16 jets was terminated by the US Congress. It's also important to note that after the events of September 11 when the US demanded logistics and bases provision from Pakistan to invade Afghanistan no such reciprocal agreement was signed giving Pakistan equal access to US bases. So the question to be asked here is, is the US in the process of re-aligning its patronage away from Pakistan in the Indian sub-continent?

If so, then it represents a humiliating and damning indictment of the failure of Pakistan's rulers and their foreign policy. For many years now the Pakistani regime has tried its best to justify or hide the full extent of its US subservience. Under General Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan readily embraced the US in 2001 after US sanctions under the infamous 'Pressler Amendment' during the 1990s denied Pakistan US military and financial aid. This was despite Pakistan being an 'indispensable ally' in the fight against the Soviet Union which saw Pakistan's tribal belt being turned into a 'Jihad factory' by the CIA for over 10 years. The US has proven in the past that it can ditch Pakistan whenever it suits its interests.

Yet opposition to a change in Pakistan's Afghanistan policy and its 'strategic depth' was swept aside under Musharraf's 'Pakistan First'

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mantra despite public opinion being against such a policy and warnings by many Pakistani analysts that America could not be trusted again. Musharraf used a mixture of coercion such as the apparent US threat to bomb Pakistan 'back into the stone age' and US aid money to achieve this huge abrupt change. The US in turn established its military footprint in the region as Pakistan provided crucial logistics through the provision of its bases, supply lines and intelligence. Pakistan's military continues to carry out operations in the tribal areas in an attempt to eliminate the sanctuaries of the Pashtun fighters who resist the US occupation of Afghanistan. In the years that have passed, the US occupation of Afghanistan has directly changed the dynamic of India's regional influence. Despite India being the traditional enemy of Pakistan, the US has completely ignored those concerns and invited India to play a direct role in Afghanistan to augment its occupation. In the process India has naturally established its own presence; those in Pakistan who so firmly advocated serving US interests in the region cannot even begin to countenance their own folly.

This glaringly counter-productive and damaging Pakistani policy continues today under the Nawaz Sharif-General Raheel Sharif regime; today India has grown in presence and influence inside Afghanistan at the cost of Pakistan. Today India has at least 5 openly declared diplomatic missions on Afghan soil despite there being no mass Afghan migration to India; Afghanistan provides India a priceless staging post for covert activity inside Pakistan with Balochistan a particular focus because of the development of the Gwadar port with China. None of this would have ever been possible had the US not encouraged India to enter Afghanistan; that in turn would never have been possible had Pakistan not provided the logistics to the US to occupy Afghanistan.

This has not been the only cost; today Pakistan is mired in military operations against its own people, both in the tribal areas of FATA and other parts of Pakistan. Terrorist attacks,

which have mushroomed ever since the US landed in the AfPak region post September 2001, have seen at least 80,000 Pakistanis killed as documented in a report by Physicians for Social Responsibility; economically Pakistan has lost nearly \$120 billion over the last 14 years as claimed by the Pakistani government's own annual economic survey. So many are right to ask that where is the argument for Pakistan to continue acting as a sub-contractor for the United States foreign policy?

Pakistan's failed US policy and America's growing Indian ties have also been brought into sharp focus recently with the Indian 'surgical strike' across the 'Line of Control' in Kashmir (LOC). This so called 'strike' after the attack on an Indian base in Uri which India blamed on Pakistan was not condemned by the US effectively endorsing the Indian position. Moreover the US in adopting such a position has completely ignored the brutal occupation of Kashmir which has seen over 100,000 killed and the systematic gang rape of thousands of Muslim Kashmiri women. Tomorrow if war breaks out between Pakistan and India, the key question is will the US honour its new Indian defence pact and enable India to open up a second front through Afghanistan via its bases there?

The truth is that Pakistan's so called alliance with the US has never been about serving Pakistani security interests; rather it has damaged those vital interests. The US-Pakistani relationship is one where Pakistan hears and obeys in return for petty US bribe money through economic and military 'aid' and IMF loans which only increase the country's debt. In the process longer term damage is occurring to Pakistan's security and weakening its position with respect to India. Moreover those who advocated such a policy in Pakistan have failed to realise that the US has a larger geo-political view of the region in which Pakistan is just one piece. The US has long sought a tie up with India in its 'pivot' to Asia in order to deal with the growing military

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strength of China and to make sure no dominant power arises in Eurasia.

For India though the China-Pakistan-Economic-Corridor (CPEC) is a red line which it has termed as ‘unacceptable’; since more Chinese goods will be able to ship to markets both faster and cheaper, it will undermine and damage Indian aspirations to compete with Chinese manufacturers’. Moreover the CPEC incorporates ‘Azad Kashmir’ into its route thereby realistically ending any chance for India to claim the territory. It also strengthens the perception of Chinese encirclement of India through its ‘String of Pearls’ strategy of developing key military installations in the region. From a US perspective China will always continue to develop its military, albeit at a slower rate even if CPEC didn’t materialise. However the advent of CPEC further pushes a traditionally reluctant non-aligned India into joining an alliance with the US because of the perceived impact of CPEC. As the competition between the US and China intensifies, India has been forced by events to finally openly become a US military partner, something which the US can only welcome. Commenting on Indian ruler Narendra Modi’s recent failure to attend the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit in Margarita, Venezuela, former Indian External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid said, “If PM Modi doesn’t wish to honour NAM, it will just show that the government is dumping all former foreign policy in a wholesale manner.”

The overriding US objective is to thwart any international rival or competition in its quest for both global and regional hegemony. This is why the US is not going to attempt to cage China both politically and militarily only to allow India to take its place. That is not going to happen and any Indian politician or policy maker who believes that is simply naïve. China today has a GDP five times bigger than India; its public military spending stands at over \$214 billion whilst India’s is at a paltry \$51 billion. China’s cities, ports, roads, and industrial setup are simply way ahead of India’s. India in reality

is not on par with China whilst its self-obsessed desire for great power status is the only thing that matches Chinese ambition making it a ready vassal state for America.

This also clearly demonstrates that despite its Hollywood scripting the US is not as powerful as it likes to project itself; for the US to attempt to control key regions it needs alliances with countries like India just as it is partnering with Russia and Turkey today to control Syria and the Middle East. However the US has also shown it can readily abandon and change alliances in real time as ordinary Pakistanis have learnt bitterly. Tomorrow when change such as the emergence of a strong Caliphate takes place the US still has the option to withdraw and safely carry on the fight from its shores over 7,000 miles away while India will be left to fend for itself in the region in the aftermath of its bloody Kashmir occupation and rivalry with China.

Today the US is anxious to ensure that China remains integrated and synchronised with its global led order. China though has its own internal problems and contradictions; after adopting free market economics in the place of Communism it has no cohesive ideology apart from crude nationalism around which to bind its people which is why the regime resorts to authoritarian rule. China may export many products today but the one product it lacks is an ideology. Therefore in the long run, if China can be contained militarily, it does not represent a political and an ideological threat to the US and its values of secularism and capitalism which underpin its own domestic and international world order.

What the US fears most from Pakistan is its Islamic identity and the values that its Muslims continue to carry; an unstable Pakistan, because of its failing secular democracy, is ripe for the formation of an Islamic Caliphate. India too is well aware of this; today it is led by a right wing Hindu BJP government which is closely tied to its ideological zealots of the Rashtriya

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Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) who harbour their dream of 'Akhand Bharat' ('Greater India') as part of their Hindutva ideology. Narendra Modi remains a lifelong member of the RSS and his vicious hatred for Muslims has already been demonstrated when he orchestrated the massacres in Gujrat when he was its Chief Minister. The US today, who itself once denied an entry visa to Modi, has chosen to partner with a man who the Indian Congress leader Sonia Gandhi once labelled as a 'maut ka saudagar' (merchant of death).

The US partnership with India is more than just about dealing with China; it is also a hedge designed to deal with the Islamic revival happening not just in Pakistan but throughout the Muslim world including Central Asia. This is why although the US may deal with the subordinate rulers in Islamabad on a transactional basis it prefers a deeper, strategic partnership with India – it knows the regime in Islamabad is vulnerable to being deposed. India makes for a natural partner with the US in its war against Islam both militarily and politically. This is also why the US continues to ignore the huge weapons build up by India, including both a land and sea based second strike nuclear capability.

Pakistan's foreign policy is not rooted in any ideology or even principles; its pragmatic decisions are based on some short term benefit for the secular regime where it can gain some arms sales or a few billion dollars in aid or IMF loans so that it can survive. In the process it deliberately ignores the needs of its people who continue to suffer from poverty. Today the Pakistani regime believes the CPEC has cemented its relationship with China. In reality though it will act as little more than a transitory gateway; the alleged \$46 billion to be invested is easily eclipsed by the annual revenue of a single multinational corporation. Once more there is no thought unlike the Caliphate which will invest in developing its own industrial capacity together with agricultural land reforms to kick start real economic revival in a region such as Pakistan. Today it is the US

dictating terms to Pakistan, tomorrow it will be the Chinese.

Pakistan's pathetic rulers, whether military or democratic, have shown they can only act as a client regime for one patron or another; as allegiances and interests change in the shifting sands of world politics these patrons are bound to re-evaluate their tactics and alliances. This is why the US can relegate Pakistani security concerns and join hands with a fundamentalist Indian regime led by Modi the murderous fanatic who would waste no opportunity to destabilise Pakistan or worse given half a chance. Zamir Akram, a former Pakistani ambassador, recently wrote, "The Americans are actually aiding and abetting the Indian build-up, including in the areas of BMD and long range missiles as well as nuclear capable cruise missiles apart from the transfer of the latest generation of conventional weapons. Consequently, the US is actually facilitating India's ability to enforce its adventurous "Cold Start or "Proactive" doctrine to be able to launch a conventional attack on Pakistan".

Pakistan has only itself to blame for this outcome; so while 200,000 Muslim Pakistani troops are shifted to the west to fight and die for America's war in the tribal areas, leaving the eastern border weakened, the US directly aids India's military build-up. Pakistan's blind support of facilitating the US occupation of Afghanistan has directly led to this. Pakistan had a choice not to sustain this American occupation, it always had a choice. US politicians and policymakers know this too; in September 2016 Danial Markey testified before a US Senate Foreign Affairs Committee hearing on Pakistan that "Air corridors are readily closed and drones are easy to shoot down, so if Pakistan had really wanted to end what in 2009, then-CIA Director Leon Panetta called the "only game in town in terms of confronting and trying to disrupt the al-Qaida leadership," or to further complicate the US war effort in Afghanistan, it could have done so

without breaking much of a sweat. It still could."

Reliance on US has crippled Pakistan's independence and it continues to use the country for its goals whilst empowering its existential enemy India. The wretched rulers in Islamabad have no capability or desire to change this rotten course. They remain beholden to foreign powers retaining no honour or principle but only betrayal and stupidity as their strategy. This is not a case of putting 'Pakistan First' but a situation of Pakistan and its people being put last as always by a callous and failed secular regime. The only way forward for Pakistan is to abandon its support for US military, diplomatic, intelligence and political presence in the region. Close the US embassy and expel US and other Western diplomats. However such steps will not be taken by the current Pakistani rulers. Pakistan needs a new system of governance, the Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the methodology of the Prophethood, which will produce Muslim rulers who only have the interests of Muslims as their priority and who will work to not only expel America and other colonial and belligerent nations from Muslim lands but also seek to return the Muslim Ummah as a leading nation in global affairs, just as it was in the past for more than a thousand years.

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Yet despite, America's overt favoritism for India and her contempt for Pakistan, the Pakistani elite still beseeches America, while a small minority advocates ties with Russia and China. Even if Russia or China replaced America as the guarantor of equilibrium between Pakistan and India, there is ample evidence to suggest that Moscow and Beijing would also exact a heavy price from Islamabad.

The Pakistani leadership enamored with realism, staunchly believes that an alliance with a great power is mandatory to vanquish security challenges with India. Trapped within this paradigm it is impossible for Pakistan's elite to see past the folly of their mistakes, and rescue the ordinary Pakistani from America's primacy.

Realism is not an immutable law of the universe. Nations equipped with the right ideology, the proper will and sincere leadership can overcome great powers. After the death of the messenger of Allah (saw) internal strife gripped the nascent Islamic state in Madina and its external security was vulnerable from both the Romans and Persians. Additionally, the Islamic state was economically and militarily weaker in comparison to these great powers. Had the logic of realism prevailed, Abu Bakr should have sought an alliance with one of the great powers to overcome the security vulnerabilities of the embryonic Islamic state. Instead, Abu Bakr fought the two great powers simultaneously and eventually Islam prevailed.

Today, Pakistan surpasses the first Islamic state in Madina in terms of Muslim population and powerful weapons but remains imprisoned by leaders that are captives of realism and slaves of great powers. This situation can only be upended through the establishment of Khilafah on the Method of the Prophethood, where leaders are slaves of Islam, servants of the people and slayers of great powers.

Q&A: Zakat on Debts

Question: Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh, I work in one of the Palestinian universities, and often work overtime but we do not receive the overtime pay, rather it is held by the university as a debt they owe, and perhaps the credit of one for us (workers) may far exceed the quorum (nisab) of Zakat (due to years of overtime). And this debt is not considered a dead debt, but is recoverable, however the timing for receiving it is not known. For example, I did not receive overtime payment for four years yet; I do not know when I will receive it. Is there Zakat for this money or not? And if there is Zakat, is it payable in a lump sum when received, or is it for every year?

Answer: Wa Alaikum Assalam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh, I understand from your question that the entitlement for overtime pay is agreed with the university, that you deserve for this work a specific pay given to you upon completing the work, but if they do not give it to you at the time, it becomes debt on them ... and it is not a "tip" or a bonus because you volunteered to do extra work, such that they give you what they want, a little or a lot, or not give you at all... If my understanding this is true, then the answer to your question is mentioned in the book of Funds in the Khilafah State (Al-Amwal fi Dowlat Al-Khilafah) in the following text:

(... Where a person is a creditor of a debt to a non-deferring rich person who is able to repay it at any time, it is obliged upon him to pay Zakat on that debt when a year passes over it. Ibn Obaid narrated from ‘Umar ibn Al-Khattab who said: “When Sadaqah becomes due, count your debts and what you have as one whole then pay its Zakat.” Uthman b. Affan said: “Sadaqah is obliged upon the debt which you could collect from the debtor if you want, and that debt which is on someone who delays repayment and you leave it due to shyness or as a favour; in it is Sadaqah.” Narrated by Abu

Obeid, who also narrated from Ibn ‘Umar said: “On each of your debts in which you expect repayment you must pay Zakat whenever the year passes over it.”

However, where the debt is owed by a poor person in hard circumstances, or a deferring rich person, it is not obliged upon the creditor to pay its Zakat until it has been repaid. After it has been repaid he gives all that was obliged upon him over the years. Regarding a doubtful debt i.e. one in which the creditor is not sure if it will be resolved or not. Ali said: “If he is honest let him pay the Zakat once it has been restored for the period.”

Narrated by Abu Obeid, who also narrated from Ibn Abbas said regarding debts: “If you don’t expect to receive it, don’t pay its Zakat until you get it. When you receive it, pay all that is upon it.”) End of what was mentioned in the book Funds in the Khilafah State.

Accordingly, your pay which is withheld by the university as a credit for you on them, the Zakat on this pay is not necessary to be paid now, but it must be given when you receive your pay from the university because you do not know when you will take it. That is, you cannot request it from the university and take it from them whenever you want. As long as this is the case, the Zakat on this money becomes obligatory on you when you receive the pay and by then, you pay Zakat for the past years as from the time your money reached the Nisab (quorum) and a year has passed over it. That is, it is obligatory to pay Zakat for all the years after the passing of a year from owning the Nisab, and not only to pay its Zakat for one year, but for all the years after the Nisab passed a year... I ask Allah to bless you in your money, family and children.

Your brother, Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah, 3rd Dhul Qi’dah 1437 AH, 06/08/2016 CE

Q&A: Disparity and Difference

Question:

Assalamu Alaikum our honorable Sheikh,
It was mentioned in the book of The System of Islam (on page 11, Arabic Edition) as follows: "...because his understanding of the organization of man's instincts and organic needs is liable to disparity, differences, contradiction..." It is my understanding that the terms disparity (Tafawot) and difference (Ikhtilaf) were synonymous, that is they have one meaning or close meanings. However, the difference between them is that every disparity is vilified, and that is why Allah denied it on His Action when He said: ما ترى في خلق الرحمن "You do not see in the creation of the Most Merciful any inconsistency" [Al-Mulk: 3]. And some types of differences are not vilified, do not you see that Allah سبحانه وتعالى says: "وله اختلاف الليل والنهار" and His is the alternation of the night and the day." [Al-Mu'minun: 80]. For this type of difference indicates the awareness of the perpetrator, while the disparity indicates the ignorance of the perpetrator. What I mean is that disparity does not exist in Shari'ah rulings and in matters of Aqeedah, as opposed to differences which are found in the Shar'a rulings. But some of our brothers claimed that these two words mean two different things, that is, the word difference (Ikhtilaf) means on two opinions and there is a difference between them, but both are right and both lead to the aim. And that the word disparity (Tafawot) also means between two opinions and their is difference between them, and the difference is that one of these two opinions is correct and the other is wrong, that is one of these two opinions leads to the aim, and the other does not lead to it.

Please O Sheikh explain and clarify what is meant by these two words: differences and disparity that are mentioned in the book?

From Shoakmal Imomnazarov

Answer:

Wa Alaikum Assalam wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

The text that you refer to in the book of The System of Islam is the following:

"Further evidence of the people's need for messengers is that the satisfaction of man's instincts and organic needs is a necessity. If this satisfaction were left without a system, it would lead to an erroneous and abnormal fulfilment and thus result in man's misery. Therefore, it is necessary to have a system to organize man's instincts and organic needs. This system does not come from man, because his understanding of the organization of man's instincts and organic needs is liable to disparity, differences, contradiction and is influenced by the environment in which he lives. Thus if this organization was left to man, the system would be liable to disparity, differences and contradiction and would lead to man's misery. Therefore, this system must come from Allah."

And it speaks about man's understanding of the organization of instincts and organic needs and it shows that this man's understanding is flawed by four things that affect his rulings concerning the organization of the instincts and organic needs and make this understanding not straight and untrue... These four things, although they are related to understanding, but they are not one thing... And before explaining them, it is worth mentioning that these things may occur in the understanding of one person, such as his understanding of organization of the instincts in one day is this, and on the next day is that. Or it may happen in the understanding between two people, for one of them understands the organization of the instinct in a particular way, and the other understands it in a different manner. So what we will explain below may be from the same individual and varies depending on the places and times, and may be between one individual and another...

So as for their meaning it is as follows:

1. The disparity in understanding of the organization of instincts means diverse understandings, vastly apart from one another, and usually these understandings are permeated by defects and deficiencies as a result of ignorance and confusion and lack of a basic rule upon which the understanding is built, whether this disparity is between two views of the same person today and tomorrow, or the views are for two individuals. So the disparity between them in organizing the instincts is that the views diverge a great deal and without an intellectual criterion to either of them, rather this distancing is mixed with ignorance and confusion. Thus, often the two opinions regarding the organization of the instincts are wrong... and rarely one of them is correct... but never both opinions are correct. This is due to what the word disparity (Tafawot) carries in the language of the vast divergence of opinion between two views mixed with ignorance and confusion.

It is worth mentioning that this meaning of disparity is in the people's understanding and their opinions... As for Allah's creation in the universe, there is no disparity because the disparity is mixed with defects and deficiencies and is not spared from ignorance and confusion, and this does not exist in Allah's creatures. *أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ* "Unquestionably, His is the creation and the command; blessed is Allah, Lord of the worlds" [Al- A'raf: 54] Whilst the difference in the creation's appearance, such as the shape and the appearance of the sun differ from the shape and the appearance of the moon, and the night differs from the day, this difference exists in the universe creatures. *وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَهُ بِمِقْدَارٍ* "And everything with Him is by due measure" [Ar-Ra'd: 8] *وَوَخَّلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ فَعَدْرَةً تَقْدِيرًا* and has created each thing and determined it with [precise] determination" [Al- Furqan: 2].

According to Mukhtar al-Sihah dictionary: Fa wa ta: he missed "Fatahu" something... and

two things diverged "Tafawata": disparity distanced between them...

According to al-Muheet dictionary: he missed "Fatahu" the matter, "Fawtan" and "Fawatan": it passed him... and two things diverged "Tafawata": disparity distanced between them... and *مَا تَرَى فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِنْ تَفَاوُتٍ* "You do not see in the creation of the Most Merciful any inconsistency" [Al-Mulk: 3]. means: fault...

According to Lisan al Arab: Fawt: Alfawt: Alfawat. Someone "Fatani" passed me, and "Futtahu" it passed him, and "Fatani" I missed it, Fawtan and Fawatan: it passed me... In the revelation from the Exalted in Might, *مَا تَرَى فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ مِنْ تَفَاوُتٍ* "You do not see in the creation of the Most Merciful any inconsistency" [Al-Mulk: 3]. Meaning: you do not see in the heavens created by the Almighty difference, nor confusion... And two things diverged "Tafawata": disparity distanced between them...

2. The difference in the understanding of the organization of instincts means diverse understandings, that are varied in accordance with the criterion of this person and that. So the first one sees that the ownership of property has its reasons and he follows these reasons, and that increasing of property has its reasons that he takes, and the other one sees reasons other than the reasons taken by the first person... Therefore, this difference may be correct and incorrect, according to the criterion it is built upon because, it is based on a certain criterion, thinking, and planning about understanding the organization... etc. Such are the different doctrines and thinkers... so some of them may be correct and some may be mistaken according to the followed intellectual bases... Therefore, it is often that one of the two opinions are correct... And it can be for each of the two opinions an aspect of correctness according to its adopted criterion such as the owners of the doctrines and some

intellectuals... And the two different opinions could be both wrong...

– It is stated in Mu'ajam al-Furuq al-Lughawiyah: the difference between the differences in doctrines and differences in things: the difference in the doctrines is the arrival of one of the rivals to a view contrary of the other, and the difference in things is the refrainment of one of the two things from replacing the other. And difference may occur between two teams both of them are false such as the difference of the Jews and Christians on the Christ.

– In Lisan al Arab (9/91) And the two things “Takhalafa” and disagreed: they did not agree. And all what did not come equal, they differed and disagreed.

3. Contradiction: is that the variation between people in understanding and judgment amounts to a total contradiction in all aspects of the same question, as if one of the two views destroys the other.

According to Lisan al-Arab (7/242) Naqadha: “AnNaqdhu”: abolishment of a previously signed contract or construction, and in As-Siahah dictionary: “AnNaqdhu” is abolishing a construction, cord, or covenant. In other: “AnNaqdhu” is the opposite of “al-Ibram” the conclusion...

To illustrate the difference between these three we will mention the example of the survival instinct – and one of its manifestations is ownership:

– the difference in this matter is if one believes that he increases his ownership by the company of ‘Anan (partnership by body & finance) and the other sees by the share company, that is by a different reason...

– the disparity is when one of them sees ownership should be unqualified to any amount and the other sees to limit it by a little amount to keep it alive...

– the contradiction is when one individual sees the permissibility of individual ownership and the other sees the abolition of individual ownership...

4. Influenced by the environment: this is the fourth factor affecting human understanding of things because everyone is raised up in a specific environment in which there are prevailing rulings, and his mind is affected without a doubt positively and negatively by the environment around him. The environment may affect him and so he relishes things that are not relished by another person living in another environment. Or his environment may affect him such that he detests some of what is prevalent and he alienates himself from them and does not relish them... So if the organization of the instincts is left to man then his environment may become a source to his understanding and his rulings... Thus it is a mistake to take rulings from the reality, instead the reality should be the subject of the treatment rather than its source.

These four things make man's rulings in the organization of the satisfaction of the instincts and organic needs imprinted by them, and so the human rulings come with disparity, differences, contradiction and influenced by the environment in the same issue... Therefore, the human mind is unable to find the correct organization to satisfy their instincts and organic needs... Whereas the system which comes from Allah *تعالى* *وسبحانه* it is from the Creator of human beings and is not liable to these four things, thus it is the right system, which we must proceed accordingly... and that is the Haq. “فَمَاذَا بَعْدَ الْحَقِّ إِلَّا الضَّلَالُ” And what can be beyond truth except error? So how are you averted?” [Yunus: 32].

Your brother, Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah,

30th Dhul Qi'dah 1437 AH, 2/09/2016.

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Question:

There is a question I did not find it a convincing answer to it, which is: How Trump beats Clinton by a wide margin, given that opinion polls prior to the election on 08/11/2016 indicated Clinton was strikingly ahead of Trump? Also, Trump's statements during the election campaign were fiery on all fronts: on Europe, China, Saudi Arabia, and Muslims in general, and even Korea... There was praise in his remarks to Russia and Bashar... Does this mean that American policy will change, especially in Syria? Thank you, and Jazaka Allah Khair.

Answer:

To become aware of the reality of the answers to the questions above, one must review the following:

US election law, contrary to the normal situation, which depends on people's opinions and measuring the number of votes, instead each state has a number of votes in the Electoral College consisting of 538 electors. The candidate who receives the most votes in a state even by 1%, s/he wins all the votes of the state. For example, if a state's population is 2 million and it has 20 votes in the Electoral College, then if one candidate wins, for example 51% of the popular votes and the other wins 49%, the winner of the 51% receives all the 20 electoral votes, and not just the percentage of the actual

votes that he won, that is, it is not ($51\% * 20 = 10.2$), about 11 votes, and the other candidate 9 votes, rather he receives all the 20 votes...

Thus, a candidate may win the majority popular votes but may not win the majority electoral votes, as this depends on the state's population density, the number assigned to it in the electoral college votes, and the ratio in which a candidate wins the other.

...the financial, political and security influence that accompanies the candidates, and the actions that do not take into account any value, rather, every candidate exhausts his energy without regard for the good and bad actions

Whereas polls are dominated by the popular votes, and not the Electoral votes, and therefore the majority of the popular votes may not agree with the majority of the electoral votes as we have mentioned, and this is what actually happened. "Clinton won a majority of: 60,556,142 total votes at 47.6%, while she received 232 electoral votes... Trump won less popular votes, 60,116,240 or 47.3%, but he won a majority of the electoral votes; 306 votes..." (US Presidential Elections 2016 – 8

November 2016).

On the other hand, the financial, political and security influence that accompanies the candidates, and the actions that do not take into account any value, rather, every candidate exhausts his energy without regard for the good and bad actions... All this affects voters into a certain direction. For example, stirring Clinton's issue, "FBI Director James Comey has announced about 11 days before the

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election a new investigation regarding Clinton's use of email..." (BBC Arabic, 13/11/2016) This stirring had an impact in the elections so that Clinton declared "James Comey's announcement of a new inquiry into her use of email while serving as secretary of state shortly before the election day had a significant political damage to her campaign", she added, "Comey's letter raising doubts were groundless, he declared that I should face no charges but this had a negative impact on the election results." (BBC Arabic, 11/13/2016).

Moreover, Republicans were preparing the atmosphere that America needs change to save it because of what they stir of its declining international level under the rule of the Democrats. For example, Republican Dick Cheney, former US Vice President in a book written by him and his daughter Liz Cheney, former deputy assistant secretary of state, titled *Exceptional: Why the World Needs a Powerful America* in which excerpts were published in April (Reuters, 04/08/2016) and released in September, two months before the elections. Cheney writes, "Unfortunately, at a time when we are facing the clear and existing danger of a terrorist threat growing rapidly, President Obama weakened our strength dramatically and abandoned America's allies and emboldened our enemies." This is in addition to the financial community, political intelligence effects, and the hidden powers of each of the candidates! And then the exploitation of the Jewish lobby to win their votes. Trump said in an interview with a Jewish site, Israel HaYom newspaper published on 05/11/2016 that "his love of the Jews and their entity was for a very long time." He said, "We will protect Israel and you should not forget that Israel is the ray of the great hope for us in

the region, so Israel is very important." Trump also promised to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

2. The election campaigns in capitalist countries, especially America, are the campaigns of "hanging the laundry" for each of the candidates, for they have no reservations about scandals, insults, abuses, and they search for all the flaws or sins of the candidates. However, this time it surpassed all the previous ones, for it has clearly shown the sinking level of the candidates and the decline of their rhetoric. It was dominated by personal accusations, involved reputations and it did not appear that they have ideas and effective solutions for America's worsening problems. The weighting of many Americans was who is bad and who is worse. This reflects the decline of America to the bottom, with the worsening internal and economic problems and crises and increasing divisions in the American society deepened by Trump's remarks... Colin Powell, a member of the Republican Party and former US Secretary, has described his party's candidate, Trump as "a national disgrace and an international pariah..." (BBC Arabic, 14/09/2016). Whereas, Hillary Clinton has been considered by some as careless and unfit for presidency. The evidence for that is her use of her personal email server to send confidential information during her tenure as secretary of state. The FBI had investigated the US presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton (regarding her email, when she was secretary of state... and the Justice Department is considering whether this neglect constitutes an offence...) (BBC Arabic 02/07/2016). All of that shows the decline which America began to descend towards. Since it did find except these two candidates and they are the best of what it

has, this indicates the impending fall of America... this is in terms of what characterizes the electoral statements of "hanging the laundry"...

In terms of credibility in implementing these statements, they are almost devoid of any significant credibility except by what fits the arrogance of the Republican style and the deception of the democratic style... So the electoral statements are not taken as a true measure of the implementation policy of the candidate after his election... This is sensed and witnessed, as Obama has filled his campaign shouting that he will close Guantanamo prison, which now remains at a standstill at the end of Obama's two electoral terms! Even Trump himself has started to manipulate his statements:

- Trump called for a "total and complete ban of Muslims from entering the United States, to adopt special id cards mentioning their religion, and to establish a database for them and called for surveillance against mosques" in December 2015 (BBC, 07/12/2015), but he said afterwards about his promise, "It is just a suggestion not more..." (Al-Jazeera, 11/11/2016). However, he will remain using the style of threatening and intimidating Muslims, even if he will not implement his claims.

- In the Iranian nuclear file, he said he will revoke the agreement but is not expected to do so, instead he will show firmness towards it to fool the people that he is against Iran, for he realizes that Iran revolves in the orbit of America and implements its policies. Which indicates that he contradicts himself in his statements or that he deliberately contradicts to scare the counterparty and to delude the

Americans and rouse their feelings that he is going to do something that the predecessors did not do. It is like he has taken that approach for deceiving to cover the defects of America and its inability to implement it.

- US President-elect Donald Trump said in an interview with CBS that he will deport some three million illegal immigrants out of the country... Trump added in the interview, "What we are going to do is get the people that are criminal and have criminal records — gang members, drug dealers — we have a lot of these people, probably 2 million, it could be even 3 million. We're getting them out of our country or we're going to incarcerate. But we're getting them out of our country, they're here illegally". The Republican president continued saying that once the border is "secure", immigration officials will make a "determination" on the undocumented immigrants in the United States... And on the issue of building a wall between the United States and Mexico, Trump said that the wall he plans to build along the Mexican border may have some fence sections, saying that "it could be some fencing... but in some areas more appropriate to build a wall, I'm very good at this, it's called construction"...) (CBS, Alhorah, 13/11/2016). Clearly he is manipulating his remarks; so after he said the deportation of about three million he reverted to interpret and exclude, and even in the fence he reverted to give details of it being part wall, part fence... and this confirms that his style is threats and attacks on others and is willing to back down.....

- Trump has already said that "NATO is obsolete," and pointed out that Washington's involvement alongside its European allies if they were attacked by Russia, contingent on the

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European financial contributions to the alliance's budget. (AFP; Alkhaleej Newspaper, 11/11/2016)

In the meantime, the current US president, Barack Obama said: "Trump told him he would remain "committed to a strong and robust NATO alliance..." (BBC, 14/11/2016)

3- As for the change of US policy on key issues traded in the era of the former president, the broad outline is not expected to change, but the styles may change. The American system is controlled by different institutions, each with its own powers that increase or decrease, for example the President and his administration, the Pentagon, the Congress, the National Security Council, and the security services... and this affects maintaining the outline of US policy almost invariable with differences in styles. To clarify that I will address the subject of Syria mentioned in the question:

As for the change of US policy on key issues traded in the era of the former president, the broad outline is not expected to change, but the styles may change.

- Obama supported Bashar but does not openly declare it; instead he said there is no future for Bashar in Syria... Bashar is not to be negotiated with... we have no objection to negotiate with Bashar but there is no presence for him in the transition phase... no objection of his presence in the transition stage but has no role in the governance of Syria after that... and finally he said no objection for him to take part in the presidential election!! Whereas Trump he says it in one shot; Bashar is fighting terrorism so he is the active ingredient and the priority to eliminate terrorism and not Bashar. The Guardian Newspaper said that, Trump reiterated that the alliance with Russia and

Syria to defeat ISIS is the preferred policy to deal with the Syrian crisis. Trump was quoted saying to the Wall Street Journal that he does not like Assad at all, "but to strengthen his regime is the best way to eliminate extremism, which flourished in the chaos of the civil war that threatens America" (Al-Jazeera, 13/11/2016). Trump had expressed his opinion regarding the Syrian crisis in an interview published in the New York Times in July, saying, "I believe that we must first get rid of "Daesh" before getting rid of Assad." As for what he promised in his campaign to send tens

of thousands of soldiers to Syria and Iraq to fight ISIS, he said he would send with them NATO forces as well as... News agencies reported on 04/11/2016 Trump's remarks in which he said: "We will use military force only in cases where it is vital from the point of view of ensuring the national security of the United States..."", and this is what every former and coming American president says, and they have no

hesitation to brutally aggress on any country pretext of national security even if enveloped by blatant lie!.

- Also, Obama was preventing the supply of effective weapons for the opposition citing the fear of them falling into the hands of terrorists... and Trump declares preventing weapons from the opposition in one word and does not care if they fall in the hands of the opposition, or not. The Guardian Newspaper said Trump expressed his intention to end US support for the armed Syrian opposition despite their request of help from him... (Al-Jazeera, 13/11/2016).

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- Obama also excludes Europe from the Syrian crisis, so he excludes it from Lausanne, but the next day appeases it with a meeting which neither nourishes nor avails against hunger.... But Trump is not concerned of appeasing Europe, instead he yells in the face of Europe like nothing! And doesn't care about their reactions despite their severity. French president Hollande said about Trump: "He makes you want to retch" and the British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson described him as a "clearly out of his mind". Italy's Prime Minister Renzi considered Trump a man "who invests a lot in a policy of fear". The European Parliament President Martin Schulz, said "Trump is not just a problem for the EU, but for the whole world..." (Asharq Al Awsat, 11/11/2016). German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen addressed Trump through the German TV Z.D.F. on 11/11/2016 in response to Trump's statement that Washington's involvement alongside its European allies if they were attacked by Russia, contingent on the European financial contributions to the alliance's budget, saying: "This is not something where someone can say: 'The past does not matter to me. The values that we champion together do not matter to me, but instead try to get as much money out of it (NATO) as possible...' NATO is not a business, it is not a company..." (Reuters, 10/11/2016)

- Obama relies on Russia for its brutal attacks on Syria, but he declares to be against Russia's brutal attacks...! From the aspect of bluffing and trickery to the opposition... but Trump depends on Russia in broad daylight and praises Putin and even puts him ahead of his president Obama and his rival Clinton! He says, "Putin has been a leader far more than our

president [Obama] has been..." (BBC, 14/11/2016)... Trump added that Putin has outsmarted Clinton, he has outsmarted her in Syria... (Sky News Arabic, 10/20/2016). Thus, Obama and Trump both deal with Russia to serve the interests of America but with different styles helped by Russia's inferiority complex to become a European or a Western country and to return a superpower and restore glory to the era of the Soviet Union. Russia's parliament erupted in applause upon the announcement of Trump's victory, which confirms the severity of the Russian stupidity!

From all of the aforementioned, it shows that the broad outlines of the US politics do not differ between the Republican Party and the Democratic Party, but the styles vary.

4. The reason for this is attributed to the background of the emergence of the two parties. The Republican Party does not care much to appear in the democratic impressions that they loud-mouth, but is predominated by a cowboy attitude saturated with arrogance and it has emerged from this milieu and still it prevails it... And the cowboy culture tends to the person who shows strength, beats and kills the other, blows up here and there, and spoil this and steals that and no one can oppose or challenge him, but should keep silent and surrender. Nor do they care about the crimes of killing innocent people, as they are prevalent in their country, and they love to bear arms and use them as fancies. The US Senate rejected on Monday a proposal of the Democratic Party that allows expanding investigations of the criminal and psychological history for those interested in purchasing individual weapons... (and the Republicans voted on Monday, 20/06/2016 against this measure, which

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Democrats are trying to pass for years, and vote result was 44 with and 56 against the proposal...) (Russia Today, 21/06/2016). Thus, the Republicans do not care about the regulation of gun possession because of the control of producers and arms dealers lobby on the Republican... From this standpoint Trump's style comes, for it is the style of the man who appears like a strong man and his country is powerful to regain its prestige through threats and extortion, whether he implements them or not and retracts and resorts to another style. For he is like how he said, "I want to be unpredictable." (Reuters 10/11/2016). Thus, he will resort to intimidating others to make them accept the American policy or surrender to it or fear opposing it, thus his remarks came floundering in four directions! It was clear his hatred of Islam and Muslims... and went down in China square... did not escape from him his followers in South Korea, Saudi Arabia and Iran... and he strongly and provocatively attacked Europe as if he deliberately does that! This is in terms of the style of arrogance... but he will also use the traders' scammers style where he will blackmail other nations and want to win and make others pay America the costs and more. Therefore, it came in his remarks:

- Saudi Arabia is a rich country and they should pay for what they get from us in politics and security. He said, "Saudi Arabia is going to be in big trouble pretty soon, and they are going to need help, if it weren't for us, they wouldn't be here, they wouldn't exist." (NBC TV, 19/8/2016) in a move to blackmailing it and takes all its deposits in America, especially since Congress passed a law called Gasta that forces Saudi Arabia to pay compensation to the Americans on the of 9/11 in 2001 events in the World Trade Center in New York.

- Trump said during his campaign that he wants to withdraw US troops stationed in South Korea as the last did not pay a greater share of the cost of the deployment of these forces, which has a population of 28,500 US troops in joint defense against North Korea framework.

- He asked Europe to pay more in the NATO budget, and said that ("NATO is obsolete," and pointed out that Washington's involvement alongside its European allies if they were attacked by Russia, contingent on European financial contributions to the alliance's budget.) (AFP... Khaleej Newspaper, 11/11/2016 CE)

- With regards to the climate, he said, "Environmental constraints on the companies making them less competitive in the global market, and he described climate change as hoax." Thus, the extent of the financial blackmail that Trump seeks even with his clients and followers becomes apparent!

5. Whereas, the Democratic Party is predominated by deception, appearing in the false democratic impressions and imitating the English style. It provides poison enveloped with fake fat, and kills you with a smile, while the Republican party offers the pure poison, so it kills you while biting on its teeth... Democratic presidents therefore are better able to deceit and win the trust of dupes, whereas Republican presidents do not deceive anyone because their enmity is blatantly declared. This can be seen when reviewing people's vision of examples of not-so-distant history of Presidents of both parties; thus, Reagan, Nixon, Bush Senior and Junior from the Republican party and their arrogance especially towards Islam and Muslims in an exposed provocative aggressive manner and their fangs are prominent... and Kennedy, Carter, Clinton and

Obama from the Democratic Party and their cunningness, deceit and guile to Islam and Muslims and their grins are transparent... Mr. Bush utters by the crusade war whereas Clinton cites a Quranic verse in Cairo... and both are plotting a scheme against Islam...! That is just as we said earlier: "Democratic presidents therefore better able to deceive and win the trust of dupes, whereas Republican presidents do not deceive anyone because their enmity is blatantly declared."

6. Even in the logo of the two parties, there is a difference in connotation, fits what we have said. Since the American cartoonist - German origin - Thomas Nast in (1870 and 1874), published a drawing in Harper's Magazine showing a picture of a donkey wearing a lion's body to scare a group of animals, among them a giant wild elephant that smashes his surroundings... Since then the donkey has become the Democratic party logo, and the elephant became the logo of the Republican party, and the two logos reflect the image of the two parties. Thus, it was circulated during the election campaign in 2008, two images that show in the first a donkey embodying the Democratic party logo, ridden by a woman in yellow dress symbolizing Hillary Clinton, and behind her a black young man symbolizing Barack Obama, and each one of them offers a carrot to a donkey tied at the tip of a long stick, which was an expression of the time for an election based on a "carrot and stick" strategy of the Democratic party. In contrast, another image appeared in the same campaign which highlighted the two candidates, too, in reference to the time of John McCain and Mitt Romney - a Republican - riding an elephant (representing the party logo) and both of them were beating it with sticks symbolizing the

conservative Republican politics that rely on the "firmness and force."

Thus the actions of Trump are not a new innovation of the actions of the Republican candidates, except to the extent of personal characteristics that distinguish a person from another, but the general characteristics of the Republican Party remains almost applicable to all the party's candidates with the exception of personal characteristics as mentioned above.

In Conclusion:

A. The broad outlines of US policy established in the era of the former president does not change any significantly, especially towards Islam and Muslims, and more specifically towards the Syrian crisis, whether the president is a Republican or a Democrat, because the American policy is determined by institutions, each with some of influence that increases or decreases ...

B. The electoral statements are not a measure for the practical implementation of international relations, or solutions to external problems ...

C. America will continue to use Russia in its war on Muslims who revolted against its systems and its regimes. As well as to use it to counter Europe, because it wants to limit the rebellion Europeans as it considers them as its younger brothers and itself is the big brother, and to stop them from distracting its projects and policies and in the areas of its influence, and their independent work outside its will and its umbrella and their attempt to form a political, military and economic independent force.

D. Among the new administration's styles are intimidation, ridiculing and attacking on those who it counts enemies, as well as practicing arrogance and haughtiness. Therefore, the best approach for other countries which respect themselves is not to comply and not to succumb to its pressure and not to fear its threats for they are all but a storm in a teacup. Instead, they should proceed in defiance of America and confront it and work to remove it from the area. This is because when America was in its peak during Bush Jr. era, France formed an axis with other nations to oppose America and it was able to affect it, so how about today when it is declining to the bottom?!

E. It seems that the US administration headed by Trump will use extortion as it seemed to compel states to pay, for it is left with no other trick but this. In this case, the other states should not surrender to its blackmail and to excite the public against it.

F. As for the revolting people of the Islamic Ummah who are a grand and solid thorn in the throat of America, haunting it and does not let it sleep quietly, they should continue their revolution and struggle, and they are victorious, bi'ithnillah, over America and on all the colonial powers. For they have rubbed its nose in the sands of Iraq and the soil of Afghanistan... and they should know that

America is weaker than the spider house, it has worn and eroded, and is tapering towards the fall. However, the Ummah must be caution of the American agents, the followers and the subordinates, for they are the gates for America in the Muslim lands... And that the Ummah should head toward the conscious sincere people who will lead it, bi'ithnillah Allah, to the salvation, the liberation and the glory, and returns back as it was holding the glory from its two pillars:

(كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ) **“You were the best nations ever to be raised for mankind: you enjoin what is right (ma’roof), forbid what is wrong (munkar), and believe in Allah.”** [Al-i-Imran: 110]

«إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا، ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَىٰ مِنْهَاجِ النَّبِيِّ...» **“Then there will be an oppressive rule, and it will last for as long as Allah wishes, then He will lift it if He wishes. Then there will be Khilafah according to the method of Prophethood.”** (Narrated by Abu Dawood Tayaalisi)... And that is no great matter for Allah.

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Pakistan-wide Public Address (Bayyan) Campaign: Occupied Kashmir will not be Liberated by Negotiations Except Jihad by Pakistan Armed Forces

Hizb ut Tahrir Wilayah Pakistan has completed a public address (Bayyan) campaign for the liberation of Kashmir, in which its bold Shabab made speeches to the people in the public places. The purpose of this campaign was to expose the treacherous and deceitful role played by the Raheel-Nawaz regime in betraying the Muslims of Kashmir. The speakers said that the Kashmir dispute will never be resolved through negotiations with India. Negotiations are part of the American plan, towards which the US president-elect Donald Trump has reiterated, so that the attention of the Muslims of Kashmir and Pakistan will be diverted from the noble and defiant struggle against India by the Muslims of Occupied Kashmir and India is given an opportunity to regain control of the events. Furthermore through US mediated negotiations, the so-called solution is to grant the Indians the stable authority over Occupied Kashmir which India could never achieve for itself on the battlefield in nearly seven decades. And this is the US plan to pave the path in a widespread manner for the rise of India as the dominant regional power, to act as a counter to the Islamic revival and China.

The speakers stated that the liberation of Occupied Kashmir is only possible through

Jihad by the Pakistan Armed forces. However, the current political system and its leadership will never mobilize Pakistan armed forces for its liberation. Pakistan's armed forces will only be mobilized by a rightly guided Khaleefah, for the RasulAllah (saaw) declared the Khaleefah, the Imaam of Muslims, a shield for the Muslims when he (saaw) said «إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتِلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ وَيُتَّقَى بِهِ فَإِنْ أَمَرَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَعَدَلَ كَانَ لَهُ بِذَلِكَ أَجْرٌ وَإِنْ يَأْمُرُ بِغَيْرِهِ كَانَ عَلَيْهِ مِنْهُ» **Indeed the Imaam (of the Muslims) is a shield for them. They fight behind him and they are protected by him. If he enjoins fear of Allah (swt), the Exalted and Glorious, and dispenses justice, there will be great reward for him; and if he enjoins otherwise, it is of negative consequence upon him.**” (Muslim). Therefore after the establishment of Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood, the rightly guided Khaleefah will order the mighty armed forces of the Muslims to liberate Kashmir, Palestine and all the occupied Muslim lands. So the Muslims of Pakistan must join Hizb ut Tahrir's struggle and demand that the sincere officers of Pakistan's armed forces grant Nussrah to Hizb ut Tahrir for establishing the Khilafah in Pakistan.

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