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Mention of the great personalities of Islamic history, is not like mention of any legendary, historical “hero.” The difference between the great Muslims and the historical “heroes” is that our study of the former, is in order to follow their example. We follow their footsteps, and take lessons from their heroic deeds. Note, that they did not perform these heroics because they were “legends.” Instead, they did so because they understood Islam as a belief and Shariah rulings. They applied these rulings properly, so they distinguished themselves. They were among those with determination and those whom the divine texts praised. Amongst these heroes is the honorable companion, Sa'ad bin Muadh, the chief of the Ansar (ra).

He (ra) is amongst those about whom Allah (swt) said,

وَالسَّابِقُونَ الْأُولُونَ مِنَ الْمُهَاجِرِينَ وَالْأَنْصَارِ وَالَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ وَرَضُوا عَنْهُ وَأَعَدَّ لَهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ خَالِدِينَ فِيهَا أَبَدًا ذَلِكَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

“As for the foremost, the first of the Muhajirs and the Ansaar, and those who follow them in goodness, Allah is pleased with them and they are pleased with Him. And He has prepared for them Gardens under which rivers flow, to stay there for ever and ever. That is the ultimate triumph.” [TMQ Surah At-Tauba 9:100]

This honorable Companion (ra) deserved this praise and that status, for a great deed. It was a great deed that the leaders of Quraysh, the Arabs and other leaders refused to do. It is the great deed of Nussrah (Material Support) for Islam and its Messenger (saw). Therefore, the People of Power today must realize that the Islamic state was established, once Sa'ad gave Muhammad (saw) Nussrah. They must understand that the status of whoever establishes Islam today will be like the one who granted Nussrah to the Messenger (saw).

His rank will be inshaa Allah, like the degree of Sa'ad bin Muadh (ra), about whom the Prophet (saw) said,

“The Throne shook at the death of Sa'd ibn Mu'aadh.” [al-Bukhari and Muslim].

Adh-Dhahabi (rh) said, هذا متواتر أشهد بأن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قاله “This is mutawaatir. I bear witness that the Messenger of Allah (saw) certainly said it.” [al-'Uluw li-'Aliy al-Ghaffaar]. Adh-Dhahabi reported it in full in his book al-Fawaa'id, from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri (ra) who said, “The Messenger of Allah (saw) said,

“The Throne shook at the death of Sa'd ibn Mu'aadh, because of the joy of the Lord, may He be glorified and exalted.” In as-Sunnah by 'Abdullah ibn al-Imam Ahmad, it is said, عَنِ الْحَسَنِ قَالَ لَقَدْ اهْتَزَّتْ عَرْشُ الرَّحْمَنِ جَلًّا وَعَرْزٌ بِجِنَازَةِ سَعْدِ بْنِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ “It was narrated that al-Hasan said, The Throne of the Most Merciful, may He be glorified and exalted, shook at the funeral of Sa'd ibn Mu'aadh (ra). Al-Hasan interpreted it as referring to joy at (the coming of) his soul.”

It is befitting for every Muslim commander to read about Sa'ad (ra) and contemplate. It is Sa'ad (ra) who stood on the Day of Badr, the Day of al-Furqan, and said to the Messenger (saw), لقد آمنا بك وصدقناك... وشهدنا أن ما جئت به هو الحق، وأعطيناك على ذلك عهدنا وموائفتنا على السمع والطاعة لك، فامض يا رسول الله لما أردت فنحن معك، فوالذي بعثك بالحق لو استعرضت بنا البحر فخضته لخضناه معك ما تخلف منا رجل واحد، وما نكره أن تلقى بنا عدونا غداً، إنا لصبر في الحرب، صدق عند اللقاء، لعل الله يريك منا ما تقر له عينك، فسر و testify that what you have brought is the truth, and on that we have given our pledges to listen to you and obey you. Therefore you decide (any which way) and we are with you, by the One who sent you down with the truth if you order us to jump into the ocean, not one of us will waver. We are not averse to confronting the enemy tomorrow, we shall be steadfast in our fight, and may Allah manifest to you what will please your eyes, let us march and count on His support.”

This is what the People of Power and Protection, from the officers and commanders of the soldiers in the Muslim armies, must realize about the stances of men, in deciding the fate of the Ummah. This is so that they spend their lives as Sa'ad (ra) did, in obedience to Allah (swt). Indeed, Sa'ad understood the life of this world rightly. So, he (ra) fulfilled the duty of granting Nussrah for Islam and His Messenger (ra) to establish Allah's Deen on earth. His death was like that of a groom wedded to the gardens of paradise. This was Sa'ad about whom the people told the Prophet (saw), ما حملنا يا رسول الله ميتاً أخف علينا منه “We have not carried a dead body lighter than this.” It is upon this that the Prophet (saw) replied,

مَا يَمْنَعُهُ أَنْ يَخَفَّ وَقَدْ هَبَطَ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ كَذَا وَكَذَا، لَمْ يَهْبِطُوا قَطُّ قَبْلَ يَوْمِهِمْ، قَدْ حَمَلُوهُ مَعَكُمْ

“Nothing made his body lighter, but it was such and such number of angels who descended and carried him along with you. Those angels had never before

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descended.” [Narrated in Tabaqat, by ibn Sa’ad.]

Such was Sa’ad (ra) that when he died Jibreel (as) came to the Prophet (saw) and said, من هذا العبد الصالح الذي مات؟ “Who was this good soul who died? The gates of the heavens were opened for him and the throne moved.” The Prophet (saw) then said,

هَذَا الْعَبْدُ الصَّالِحُ الَّذِي تَحَرَّكَ لَهُ الْعَرْشُ، وَفُتِحَتْ لَهُ أَبْوَابُ السَّمَاءِ، وَشَهِدَهُ سَبْعُونَ أَلْفًا مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ لَمْ يَهْبُطُوا إِلَى الْأَرْضِ قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ، وَلَقَدْ ضَمَّ ضَمَّةً ثُمَّ أَفْرَجَ عَنْهُ

“This virtuous servant for whom the gates of heavens were opened and the throne moved. Seventy thousand angels descended for him, he was buried and left.” [This is narrated by Haakim and authenticated by al-Dhahabi. Imam Ahmad reported it with an authentic chain of narration.]

Indeed, this status has been prepared by Allah (swt) for the one who gave Nussrah to the Messenger of Allah (saw), when he (saw) established the Islamic State. This status is the same and perhaps, by the grace and favor of Allah (swt), is greater for those who grant Nussrah to Muslims in this era. It is a time when Islam is absent from their lives, whilst the forces of kufr and tyranny dominate them, enemies rally against them and all systems and orders strike them in unison. So, the successful one from amongst the People of Power and Protection is the one who seizes this opportunity, which has only presented itself after fourteen centuries, for the second time. The successful one strives to achieve the reward and status of the one who seized the opportunity the first time, our chief, Sa’ad bin Muadh (ra).

As for the deprived within the People of Power and Protection, he is the one who sells his Aakhira for his Dunya, or his Aakhira for the Dunya of someone else. So, he only strives for medals, ranks and high positions in the Muslim armies. He does not invest these to defend Islam and Muslims, and establish the Shariah law of the Lord of all humanity, on earth. Instead, he does so to obtain the largest possible portion of the pleasures of the world, for a fleeting vanity. He forgets the fact that medals and ranks will neither prevent the wrath of Allah (swt), nor anything else from the fire of Hell, if he fails to grant Nussrah for the Deen.

The officer possessing power and prevention must realize that Sa’ad bin Muadh (ra) was a human being like us. He had human instincts that we also have. He had the instinctual drives for possession, procreation and survival, whose manifestations are the love of money, status, children and women... However, because his belief was pure and clear, he was certain that the enjoyment of this world is the enjoyment of fleeting vanity. He was certain that the enjoyment of the Hereafter is permanent and uninterrupted, and that is the real enjoyment. The People of Power and Protection today

must realize that the Companion Saad (ra) is not one of the failures of history that must not be repeated. Like Saad (ra), they can perform his good deed, for their Nussrah is like his Nussrah. The divine address to them today is the same address of yesterday, to Saad (ra).

On the authority of Asim bin Qatada, it is narrated that, “The Messenger of Allah (saw) slept, and an angel came to him - or Gabriel said - when he woke up, and said, “Who is a man from your Ummah who died tonight, whose entry into the afterlife was rejoiced by the people of heaven? He said,

“I do not know, except that Saad was afflicted by illness, what did Saad do?” They said, وجاءه قومه فاحتلموه يا رسول الله، قد قبض، ورجل من أمتك مات الليلة، استبشر بموته أهل السماء O Messenger of Allah (swt), his soul has been taken. His people came to him, so they carried him to their homes.” The Messenger of Allah (saw) prayed the morning Salah and went with the people. The people continued to walk fast, until the tops of their sandals would break off from their feet, and their robes would fall off their shoulders. A man said to him, “O Messenger of Allah (saw), the people have tired.” He (saw) said,

“I am afraid that the angels will precede us to him, as they preceded us to Hanzalah (ra).” He was repeating, هنيئاً هنيئاً “Congratulations to Abu Umar! Congratulations to you Abu Umar!”

O People of Power and Protection amongst the Officers of the Muslim Armies! This is a day when resolve is awakened, and glories are recorded. This is a day when you spare no effort in the way of granting Nussrah to this Deen. So do not miss your opportunity. Respond to the command of Allah (swt) with your affirmed declaration, “At your service, O Allah, at your service”. Today, the Islamic Ummah is crying out to you, so respond by saying, “We are your comfort, our Ummah, we are your relief.” Today, Hizb ut Tahrir extends its hands to you so that you complete the duty with it, so respond by saying, “We are your Sa’ad, Hizb ut Tahrir, we are your Sa’ad.” Respond to the one who calls you to the command of Allah (swt)... Do you not want to be on the path of the two Saads, Saad bin Muadh and Saad bin Ubadah, Asa’ad and Usayd?! Do you not want your station to be like their station, and to rise to their stations, securing for yourselves an eternal pleasure like theirs?!

O People of Power and Protection among the officers of the Muslim armies! The stances of the chief of the Ansar, Saad bin Muadh (ra), filled the hearts of the Muslims with joy. His name is not mentioned, except that tongues rejoice in Dua for him. It is not heard that the throne of the Most Merciful shook at his death, except that the eyes overflowed with joy for him, with an intense yearning for the same. Is there any other way to return to our Lord (swt)?! The greatness of men lies in the

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sincerity of their stances, the loftiness of their goals, and their patience within the trials. The greatness of men lies in their stances, whatever the circumstances, with an insistence upon achieving them, no matter how great the challenges are... You live in a time, when the same call as that of the Muhajirun to the Ansar, has been raised again. So, be our Ansaar today. Rise for the glory of our Deen. Rise for the glory of our Ummah.

We know of all this, just as you do. Your proper place is upon the battlefields. So, where are the battlefields of glory that these rulers have opened for you?! Where are the battles of honor that they have fought alongside you?! Where are the wars of heroes, that had your names and good deeds preserved?! Where are the battles that you are known for, and are known to you? We know, as you do, that you are not mere employees. Your concern is not stability and securing a living. You are the key to the door of succession in ruling and empowerment in authority. You are the Ummah's platform for Jihad against the enemies of the Deen. The Ummah wants to see in you the likes of Musa bin Naseer, Uqba bin Nafi', Muhammad bin Qasim and Tariq bin Ziyad.

You know, O People of Our Nussrah, that these rulers want to prevail with their falsehood, and remain in their tyranny. They want you to stand with them and protect their falsehood. However, Allah (swt) wants you to seize the authority from these people. Allah (swt) wants you to hand the authority over to the people of the Dawah, to establish the Second Khilafah Rashidah (Righteous Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood, so that they rule by all that Allah (swt) has revealed. These rulers know that amongst you are the sincere ones who take pride in their Deen. They know that there are those amongst you who are angry with them, because of their shameful deals and pacts. They know that amongst you are those whose feelings are shaken by what the Ummah is suffering at the hands of its enemies, as well those who are afflicted by the pain that the Muslims are feeling...

Therefore, they threaten you, distance you, monitor you, restrain you, change your posts and interrogate you. They promote the vile criminal-minded officer, whilst denying the promotion of the noble, upright officer. They do so to paralyze your hands from making change, whilst Allah (swt) wants you to seize hold of the rulers, whip their backs, uproot them, and relieve the Ummah from their evils. Allah (swt) wants you to be mighty over the criminal rulers, merciful to the Muslims, and protectors of this Deen. It is not the time for hesitation. It is not the time for procrastination. It is the time for justice for the Ummah and Nussrah for the Deen. If you do not prioritize the command of Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw) over the affairs of evil, difficult conditions will remain for your Deen and your Ummah. And matters will turn against you in the Hereafter, for your negligence.

Would Saad (ra) ever accept what the Jews do to the Muslims in Palestine? Or what America did in Iraq and Afghanistan, besides its crusader hostility against Muslims everywhere? Or what the Russians did in Chechnya and Syria, India in Kashmir, and China in East Turkestan?! So, how can the descendants of Saad accept all of this? We do not turn to the criminals among the people of power amongst you, who are similar to the rulers. We turn to the sincere ones amongst you. We do not want Nussrah except from the likes of you. Therefore, you have no excuse for not responding. There is no excuse for remaining silent and sitting still. If you do not take the initiative to grant Nussrah for our Deen, then who will take the initiative?

Changing the rulers of today, in order to establish the ruling by all that Allah (swt) has revealed, is the foremost of all the obligations in the Deen. This material change falls on the shoulders of the people of power, before all others. The paths have been paved for you, so that the Ummah's demand has become to change the rulers. The paths have been paved for you, such that the rulers fear the vengeance of the people upon them. The paths have been paved, such that the sword of the American and European occupiers was broken upon the anvil of the mujahideen, whilst the Jewish commanders began to reveal their fear of the emergence of a Salahudin today.

The paths have been paved and they await those who will traverse them upon Truth. Grant your Nussrah for the sake of Allah (swt). The glad tidings of the Messenger of Allah (swt) of the second Khilafah on the Method of Prophethood awaits you. Be the Ansaar of today who grant Nussrah for its return. Be the Sa'ad of this Ummah today. Sa'ad is present amongst you, so let him come forwards. The Ummah is eager to see him amongst you. It awaits a Sa'ad to seize the authority, upon Truth, to hand it as a trust to the sincere people of the Dawah, so as to establish the Second Khilafah Rashidah (Righteous Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood, to rule with Truth. Allah (swt) said,

مَنْ كَانَ يَظُنُّ أَنْ لَنْ يَنْصُرَهُ اللَّهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ فَلْيَمْدُدْ بِسَبَبٍ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ ثُمَّ لِيَقْطَعْ فَلْيَنْظُرْ هَلْ يُدْهِبَنَّ كَيْدَهُ مَا يَغِيظُ

“Whoever thinks that Allah will not help His Prophet in this world and the Hereafter, let them stretch out a rope to the ceiling and strangle themselves, then let them see if this plan will do away with the cause of their rage.” [TMQ Surah Al-Hajj 22:15]

NEWS & COMMENTS

Only Islam Has the Real Solution for Africa's Food Security



News:

From September 5th to 8th, 2023 Tanzania hosted the 13th Annual Africa's Food Systems Forum summit. A hybrid event with more than 350 speakers, more than 3,000 attendees from more than 70 countries, themed "Recover, Regenerate, Act: Africa's Solutions to Food Systems Transformation" focused on building back better food systems and food sovereignty with youth and women at the center.

Comment:

Africa Food Systems Forum – AGRF is the world's premier forum for African agriculture and food systems, bringing together stakeholders to take practical action and share lessons that will move African food systems forward.

According to AGRF, Recovery calls for decisive strategies and actions to rebuild food systems, Regenerate emphasizes the need to regenerate natural capital resources with adaptation practices, innovation, and technology for sustainable food production in a changing climate context and Act urges urgent action to accelerate food systems transformation through better policies, practices, and investments.

According to Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program, Africa has about 874 million hectares of land which is suitable for agriculture, 83%

have serious soil fertility to achieve high and sustained productivity. Also, it has over 67 major rivers and 63 trans boundary river basin. In short, 65% of world's arable land and 19% of world's renewable fresh water are available in Africa.

Regarding sea foods, 27 countries of Africa border Atlantic Ocean, 13 border Indian Ocean, 5 border Mediterranean Ocean and 4 border The Red Sea.

In terms of human resources, Africa is the home of 1.3 billion peoples of whom about 70% of them are young below 30 years. Furthermore, 40% of world's gold, 90% of world's chromium and platinum, largest reserves of cobalt and uranium is found in Africa.

Despite all these potentialities, Africa is still facing food insecurity, hunger and starvation. More than 140 million people in Africa are hungry, Somalia has recently reached catastrophic levels with an estimated 6.5 million people experiencing food crisis, 17.5 million people don't have enough to eat in Nigeria, in Madagascar 7.8 million people are facing food insecurity, and 22.7 million people in Ethiopia are food insecure. Sub-Saharan Africa zone is one of the most alarming food crises in decades of roughly 146 million people suffering from acute food insecurity. Across the African continent, hunger is contributing up to 45% of children's deaths.

Africa Food System Forum, just like any other initiatives will not succeed to secure Africa and the world from

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hunger and food insecurity because all initiatives have not reached the real root cause towards food crisis in Africa and so suggest the dignified solutions. Instead are suggesting capitalistic solutions and think within capitalism boundaries, depending on the western colonial solutions for their problems.

Climatic change in Africa has been highly contributed by western capitalist industries causing extreme weather resulting into climate-induced shocks to the food system which are now occurring one about every 2.5 years which is too frequent than ever before. Africa is facing increasing food price and lower price for their agricultural products in the global market due to exploitative colonial economic system in which Africa had been made as the western farm where colonizers come and exploit resources only making it the poorest in the world.

If well organized, African agricultural sector can solve not only African's food crisis but the world at large, and only through Islam this can be achieved. Under Islamic state, (Khilafah), western colonial states will not have any opportunity to control our agricultural policies, plans and programmes. Islamic agricultural policies such as considering feeding as obligatory, reviving the barren lands, equal distribution of food, financing small and higher agricultural projects etc. Those self-sufficient, independent from western countries policies would ensure abundant food production, increases the Ummah's agricultural potentialities such as livestock and processed agricultural products industries for feeding hunger and job creation.

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Press Release

America's Toxic Influence and Its Disastrous Consequences

On August 27, 2023, the leadership of the so-called SDF (Syrian Democratic Forces), also known as QSD, arrested the Military Council leader of Deir ez-Zor after luring him, along with some of his commanders, to a meeting at the Minister Base in Al-Hasakah. This treacherous act was carried out by Mazloum Abdi, and the Deir ez-Zor Military Council was one of the Arab components that were part of the SDF.

Prior to this incident, disagreements had arisen between the two factions, which were resolved through the mediation of American forces.

Following the arrest of Ahmed al-Khubayl, also known as Abu Khawla, the leader of the Deir ez-Zor Military Council, his tribe mobilized to demand his release. Calls for military action against Kurdish elements within the ranks of the SDF grew louder, and appeals were made for Arab elements within the SDF to defect. However, these calls received limited responses.

It is evident that the entanglement with America and its toxic interventions is the root cause of all these troubles. The consequences of these actions are detrimental not only to the unity of the people but also to the stability of the region. The region yearns for peace and unity, free from foreign interference and agendas.

The sons of the liberated areas in the north and northwest, overseen by Turkey, have reacted to what is happening in the areas controlled by the SDF (Syrian Democratic Forces), which are directly supervised by the America.

In recent days, we have witnessed the end of these events with the return of SDF forces to areas east of the Euphrates River. However, what has transpired is just the first step in America's plan to deepen the divide between Arabs and Kurds and highlight Arab leadership figures associated with them, capable of executing their political schemes.

As your brothers in Hizb ut Tahrir who will remain the leading party that does not deceive its people, and has been experienced and known by you throughout the years of the revolution, we have not spared any effort in providing advice and exposing the dangers and conspiracies against the Revolution of Ash-Sham. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to advise our people and shed light on certain facts, hoping they serve as lessons for the days to come, Inshallah.

1- What happened in the eastern Euphrates regions took place under the watchful eyes and within the hearing of American forces? They were the ones who empowered the leaders and elements of the Kurdish separatist parties, including the PKK, and others in the region with an Arab population, making them partners in their war against 'terrorism' and enabling them to oppress and suppress the people.

If it had wanted to put an end to their dominance and oppression, it could have done so. However, it is America itself that allowed this to happen, permitting the recent fighting to take place within its earshot and sight. This has only fueled animosity and hatred between Arabs and Kurds, as it begins to draw the boundaries of bloodshed, seeking to tear apart the children of the one nation.

2- The separatist Kurdish parties in power do not represent our Kurdish brothers. These parties have placed themselves in the service of America and other conspiring nations against the Ummah. They are cheap tools in the hands of these countries, manipulated for many years and still being used as deadly weapons against the

components of the Kurdish and Arab populations. The issue is not, as America would like it to be, a fight between Kurds and Arabs; rather, it is a struggle between the oppressed and the oppressive, with American support for malicious objectives.

3- It has become clear that the leadership of the Deir ez-Zor Military Council has distanced itself from the popular support, similar to other leaders within the factional system. They have used their positions, which were built upon the blood of martyrs and the sacrifices of the revolutionaries, for oppression, dominance, and aggression against the people of the revolution. These leaders were entrusted to carry the torch of the revolution, lift the oppression from their people, and achieve the goals of their uprising. However, instead, they have become cheap tools in the hands of conspiring nations against their own people. They have eagerly offered complete obedience to their masters, thereby losing the sympathy, support, and unity of the people during times of hardship.

4- Some tribal leaders who have taken action against the SDF forces have begun seeking solutions from America and the coalition forces, forgetting that America is the sponsor of the criminal regime and the supporter of separatist Kurdish organizations. It is behind all the conspiracies plotted against the Revolution of Ash-Sham, including its poisonous political solution and the deadly international Resolution 2254, which aims to suppress the Syrian revolution and its sincere sons. How can the revolution triumph when it seeks solutions and support from those who conspire against it day and night?

5- The genuine popular movements and sincere calls for help that have spread throughout the liberated areas are blessed actions, indicating the deep-rooted nature of the revolution within the hearts of its sons. It shows that the revolution still burns within them, despite the satanic plots and great conspiracies carried out by hostile nations and their cheap tools against the Revolution of Ash-Sham and its sincere people.

However, these unorganized popular calls have proven the urgent need for a sincere and aware political leadership that can prevent these efforts from deviating from their goals and thwart the plans of those who seek to exploit the movements of the people for their conspiratorial schemes. It is essential to fortify these sincere movements with political awareness, making them solely for the sake of Allah and in support of His Deen and the oppressed among His servants.

Furthermore, the mujahideen must establish a sincere and experienced military leadership for themselves, responsible for organizing their efforts and devising appropriate plans for decisive and impactful battles. This ensures that no one leads the people into peripheral battles that drain the efforts of the sincere and sow despair in their hearts, leading them to accept any conspiratorial solution imposed on the Revolution of Ash-Sham. This is similar to what treacherous rulers used to do by showcasing the incapacity of their armies to confront the usurping Jewish entity.

Military actions require precise planning and organization, and they must be fortified by the awareness of political leadership. All of this is necessary to achieve the steadfast principles of the revolution of Ash-Sham, foremost among them being the overthrow of the criminal regime, its constitution, all its pillars, symbols, and the establishment of Islamic rule on its ruins.

6- It has been unequivocally proven, leaving no room for doubt, that the cause of the setback and disappointment that befell the Revolution of Ash-Sham after its blessed inception and its control over more than 80% of Syria's territory is that it accepted external support and dirty political money. This bound the leadership to the supporters, which robbed us of the revolution's decision, diverted its course, and subjected it to the schemes of our enemies.

There is no salvation for us from our current situation except by cutting the hands of the supporters, rejecting the solutions of the spiteful, and clinging to the strong rope of Allah alone. We should put our trust in Him to support His Deen and honor His Word by adopting the great Islamic project to implement His system and rules under the shade of a Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood. Let us believe in Allah so that He may grant us success, and let us support Allah, who holds victory in His Hands Alone, so that Allah may grant us victory and fulfill His promise to us as He, the Almighty, has said.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ

“O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet.” [Surat Muhammad:7]

Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir in Wilayah Syria

NEWS & COMMENTS

Vladimir Putin took Karimov's Place



News:

On 11 August, RIA Novosti news agency reported:

"The triple gas union of Russia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan may be expanded to include other countries, Dmitry Birichevsky, director of the Russian Foreign Ministry's Economic Cooperation Department, told RIA Novosti.

We do not rule out the possibility of expanding trilateral co-operation in the gas sector. We know that other states are also interested in it. We are open to such co-operation on the understanding that it should be mutually beneficial and constructive, taking into account the positions of all participants," he said.

Comment:

According to OPEC data for 2021, Uzbekistan ranked 17th on the list of countries in terms of gas production per year, while Russia ranked 2nd. Despite this, Russia, after the military aggression against Ukraine, has been under sanctions, which has significantly reduced gas supplies to Europe and other countries. And European countries themselves, despite the need for gas, are starting to refuse to buy Russian gas.

The Kremlin's authority in the international arena has fallen to the level of Central Asian dictators. Putin's last visit to Europe was to Switzerland in 2021. Today Putin is playing in a sandbox with his subordinates, the dictator presidents of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. Over the last year or so there has been no news about Putin's visit to Europe or the visit of European leaders to Russia. Putin was kicked out of the G8 and is no longer welcome in Europe.

Now the Kremlin has to sell its gas to circumvent sanctions through Uzbekistan or Kazakhstan. The tyrant Karimov, the first president of Uzbekistan, used to sell gas this way. At that time, Uzbekistan was under sanctions, and Karimov was constantly angry and quarrelsome with the Kremlin because Putin was buying gas at a low price and then reselling it to Europe at a much higher price. Now, Putin is in Karimov's shoes and cannot sell gas to Europe or other countries because of the sanctions.

Uzbekistan, in turn, justifies itself to the international community for trading with Russia by the lack of gas in the country, although it is in the top 20 leaders in gas production in the world. It is not surprising that such a brazen lie suits the leaders of world powers. Because today the entire policy of the world community is based on deceit and hypocrisy.

In Islam, gas as a natural resource is public property. The state or a private person cannot appropriate this natural resource and use it solely at his discretion. It was narrated by Abu Dawud from Ibn Abbas that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said: ۱

الْمُسْتَلْمُونَ شُرَكَاءُ فِي ثَلَاثٍ فِي الْمَاءِ وَالْكَلْبِ وَالنَّارِ وَثَمَنُهُ حَرَامٌ

"Muslims are co-owners in three things: water, pasture and fire". The same hadith has been transmitted by Anas with the addition "...and their sale is forbidden". It was transmitted by Ibn Majah from Abu Hurairah that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said: ۲ **"Three things are not forbidden to people: water, pasture and fire."** This indicates that people are co-owners in water, pasture and fire and that it is forbidden for a private person to take ownership of them.

Only the Second Righteous State Khilafah (Caliphate) led by a righteous ruler can stop the sale of gas and put an end to the crimes of our tyrant rulers and their coloniser masters. We are convinced that it will come true soon, for Allah is swift in His promises. And on Allah we trust!

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NEWS & COMMENTS

The US is in “a Veritable Death Spiral. Time is Running Out!”

News:

A commentary published in the conservative Heritage Foundation on the 11th of August was titled “Default by Another Name: Why U.S. Debt Deserved a Downgrade.”

Comment:

It follows the recent downgrade of the US government’s credit rating from AAA to AA+ by Fitch. The author says that there is no imminent danger of default, “but it should not be ignored.” The US debt has surpassed \$32 trillion, and it is growing at an ever increasing rate. There must be a limit to how much the debt can grow before default becomes inevitable. The commentary noted that “interest payments alone on that much debt costs us about \$1 trillion—more than the entire Defense budget—and spending keeps growing. That is a recipe for insolvency and eventual default.”

Failure to get the debt under control will put the US “right back on the inflation roller coaster with more hidden defaults on U.S. debt.” The result will be “even higher yields, which leads to higher interest payments, which means even faster growing debt, and so on—a veritable death spiral. Time is running out before we reach the point of no return.”

The term ‘hidden default’ refers to the fact that while individuals or companies explicitly default when they cannot pay their debts, governments can “inflate their debt away by devaluing their currency.” The Heritage commentary warns that Biden is doing exactly that with the dollar having been devalued 16% over his presidency to date.

The Federal Reserve has been trying to control inflation since the end of 2021, but inflation is still much higher than the targeted 2%. At the same time the US continues to spend what it does not have and eventually someone will have to pay the price for it.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION

Ambassadors in Islam



Question:

Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu our dear Shaikh

I ask Allah to strengthen you, give you long lasting health and age and allow you to witness the return of the Khilafah and lead us, Ameen.

I have a question regarding the Hizb's draft constitution. In article 7 clause F it states: "The State will implement the rest of the Shari'ah rules and all the Islamic Shari'ah matters, such as transactions, penal codes, testimonies, ruling systems and economics among others equally upon the Muslims and non-Muslims. The State will also implement the same upon those with a covenant, the asylum seekers and all those under the authority of Islam in the same way. It implements them upon all members of society except for the ambassadors, consuls, and similar for they have diplomatic immunity."

My question is regarding the point about Ambassadors. The reality is that sometimes there are temporary ambassadors who only stay for an amount of time then return to their countries and permanent ambassadors who stay in the Khilafah permanently. Does this article apply to both types of ambassadors?

Also, if either of the ambassadors commits a crime or undertakes an illegal activity beyond their remit as an ambassador, are they both judged and punished accordingly by the Khilafah? Or are temporary and permanent ambassadors treated differently in this matter.

Jazakumullahu Khairan.

From: Saifudeen Abdullah

Answer:

Wa Alaikum Assalam Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuh

Barak Allah Feek for your kind du'a for me, I also ask Allah to grant you the good.

1- With regard to your question about permanent and temporary ambassadors. There is no difference from a Shariah point of view between them, so as long as the meaning of the word (messenger) applies to the person, he enjoys diplomatic immunity during his stay in the Khilafah (Caliphate) state, with no difference... Previously, during the time of the Prophet (saw), the Companions and the subsequent eras, there were no permanent and residing ambassadors. Rather, messengers were sent to convey a message and then return to their country, i.e., they were, according to your expression (temporary ambassadors / temporary messengers) ... Then permanent ambassadors and embassies in the world were introduced due to the complexity of relations and the need for permanent communication between countries and the presence of citizens of the embassy of the state in those countries. So, states began to accept the opening of permanent embassies of other countries in their lands and accept the accreditation of ambassadors of those countries residing in them... In the past, an ambassador or a messenger used to go only once to deliver a specific message... This is what is understood from the noble Hadith regarding messengers, as Ahmad narrated on the authority of Ibn Masoud who said:

جَاءَ ابْنُ النَّوَّاحَةِ وَابْنُ أَثَالٍ، رَسُولًا مُسْتَلِمَةً إِلَى النَّبِيِّ ﷺ، فَقَالَ لَهُمَا: أَتَشْهَدَانِ أَنِّي رَسُولُ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَا: نَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُسْتَلِمَةَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، فَقَالَ النَّبِيُّ ﷺ: أَمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَرَسُولِهِ، لَوْ كُنْتُ قَاتِلًا رَسُولًا لَقَتَلْتُكُمَا، قَالَ عَبْدُ اللَّهِ: قَالَ: فَمَضَتْ السُّنَّةُ أَنَّ الرَّسُولَ لَا تُقْتَلُ

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Ibn Nawwaha and Ibn Uthal came to the Messenger of Allah as Musaylima envoys - the liar - and the Messenger of Allah said to them “Do you bear witness that I am the Messenger of Allah?” They said, “We bear witness that Musaylima is the Messenger of Allah.” Upon this the Messenger of Allah said: I believe in Allan and His Messengers. “I give you security by Allah and His Messenger. If I were to kill an envoy I would have killed the two of you.” Abdullah said: the precedent of the sunna is that envoys are not killed.” (reported by Ahmad and declared Hasan by Al-Haythami).

It is clear from this hadith that the speech is about two messengers who were sent once from Musaylamah, the liar.

2- As for your inquiry about the punishment of ambassadors and messengers, its answer is found in the explanation of item “and” of Article 7 in the book, Introduction to the Draft Constitution, and this is its text:

As for Clause F, the evidence with respect to the implementation of all the rules of Islam is derived from all what has just been mentioned that the disbeliever is obligated to abide by the foundations and the branches, thus, he is commanded to submit to all the rules of Islam. This is general, and it includes the Dhimmi and the non-Dhimmi from among those who live under the authority of Islam. Hence, all the disbelievers who enter Dar Al-Islam must be subjected to the rules of Islam except the 'Aqeedah matters, the rules related to 'Aqeedah matters and any action which the Messenger of Allah allowed them to do whether these disbelievers were Dhimmi, under covenant or asylum seekers. However, the ambassadors and their likes are excluded from this and the rules of Islam would not be implemented upon them for they would be given what is known as diplomatic immunity. This is so because Ahmed reported on the authority of Ibn Masoud who said:

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لَا تُقْتَلُ

“Ibn Nawwaha and Ibn Uthal came to the Messenger of Allah as Musaylima envoys - the liar - and the Messenger of Allah said to them “Do you bear witness that I am the Messenger of Allah?” They said “We bear witness that Musaylima is the Messenger of Allah.” Upon this the Messenger of Allah said: I believe in Allan and His Messengers. “I give you security by Allah and His Messenger. If I were to kill an envoy I would have killed the two of you” Abdullah said: the precedent of the sunna is that envoys are not killed.” (reported by Ahmad and declared Hasan by AlHaythami). So, this narration indicates that it is not permitted to kill the envoys of the disbelievers and nor to apply the punishments (Uqubat) upon them. However, this is exclusively applicable upon

those who have the capacity of an envoy such as the ambassador and the “Chargé d'affaires” and the like. As for those upon whom the capacity of an envoy does not apply such as the Consul and the Commercial Attaché and the like, they would not have any immunity for they do not have the capacity of an envoy. This matter should be referred to the international convention because it is a terminological expression whose reality should be understood by way of looking into the convention and it is part of establishing the Manat (reality); in other words, establishing whether they are considered envoys or not] **End Quote from the explanation from the book, The Draft Constitution.**

The prohibition of imposing the death penalty and other penalties applies to the permanent ambassador, to the temporary ambassador and messenger as long as the reality of the “messenger” applies to them. There is no difference in the issue of not applying punishment to the permanent ambassador and to the temporary ambassador, as both are messengers to which the rules of the messenger apply to them in the matter of punishment.

As for the last part of your question: (Also, if either of the ambassadors commits a crime or undertakes an illegal activity beyond their remit as an ambassador, are they both judged and punished accordingly by the Khilafah? Or are temporary and permanent ambassadors treated differently in this matter.)

We did not detail the reality of the penalties that are included under the immunity and those that are not included, but we will detail this in the executive regulations of the articles of the constitution that we started with, and we ask Allah for help in completing them at the appropriate time, Allah willing.

I hope that this is sufficient, and Allah is All-Knowing and Most Wise.

**Your Brother,
Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah**

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