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From the Qur'an:

"O you who believe! Take not My enemies and your enemies as friends. You befriend them while they have disbelieved in what has come to you of the Truth. Besides, they have driven out the Messenger and yourselves [from Makkah] since you believe in Allah, your Lord! If you have come forth to strive in My Cause and to seek My Good do Pleasure [then not befriend them]. You show friendship to them in secret while I am All-Aware of what you conceal and what you reveal. And whoever of you does that, then verily he has gone astray from Straight Path."

"Should they gain the upper hand over you, they would be your bitter enemies and mistreat you with their hands and their tongues with evil and they desire that you should desist from believing in your faith and disbelieve."

(Surah al-Mumtahana: verses 01 & 02)

Selected Hadith:

Abu Huraira reported Allah's Messenger (SAAW) as saying:

The last hour would not come unless the Muslims will fight against the Jews and the Muslims would kill them until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree and a stone or a tree would say: (O) Muslim, or the servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me; come and kill him; but the tree Gharqad would not say, for it is the tree of the Jews.

(Sahih Muslim)

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers (AS), in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAAW).

In the previous issue of Perspective, we started the editorial with the question; Does Donald Trump have a policy for Afghanistan? We all know the answer to it by now... Donald Trump does have an Afghan policy, albeit one that is a classic no-brainer! We will not focus on the elements of that policy, as it has already become the Talk of the Town. Nor will we comment on its possible impact on the entire region including but not limited to Afghanistan and Pakistan. We will only state the obvious meekness that the US President has shown when confronted by the American Military-Industrial-War Complex and the forked tongue with which this 'Macho Man' has tried to justify the foolish decisions that he has made since becoming the President of USA.

If one moment stands out as the clearest signal yet of US President Trump turning his back on supporters, it was his announcement this week to re-escalate American military intervention in Afghanistan.

His signature campaign promise of putting "America First" and ending the folly of overseas wars launched by previous administrations was shredded on prime time television when he gave orders for thousands of more US troops to be sent to Afghanistan. The already 16-year war in that country – America's longest – will now go on indefinitely longer.

Not only that, but this president is refusing to give any public information on force numbers or timescale. America's overseas wars are not just expanding under Trump; they are going secret and unaccountable. This surge in militarism is precisely what candidate Trump said he would not do when he campaigned for votes among blue-collar workers in the Rust Belt states, vowing instead to channel US economic resources to revive "forgotten" communities at home. Recall his blustering inauguration speech on January 20 when he bemoaned the "American Carnage," at home and abroad.

As the Huffington Post writes: "When Obama was still in office and overseeing a massive troop presence in Afghanistan, Trump repeatedly bashed the operation as a waste of money and called for a quick withdrawal from the country."

How is that for a U-turn? This is at a time when support among Trump's voter base in the Rust Belt states has plummeted. There is weakness in the heartland, reported NBC, because workers fear Trump is reneging on past commitments to revitalize their livelihoods. Their concern is that this president is too interested in giving tax breaks to corporations and kowtowing to the Pentagon. Ironically, Donald Trump likes to portray himself as an "alpha-male" who is his own boss. It is abundantly clear now that Trump is a mere manikin who sits in the White House taking orders from his generals. When Trump ousted Stephen Bannon, his staunchest ally in the White House, it was under the orders of the military figures who are now dominant in his administration. Trump's chief of staff, former

Marine General John Kelly, wanted Bannon out because of his

contrarian views. When Bannon gave a surprise interview last week

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contradicting the militarist policy on North Korea

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that was the last straw. Bannon said there was no military option in solving the North Korea standoff, which flew in the face of what the Pentagon has been advising Trump, with "all options on the table." Only days later, he was kicked out. Bannon has now returned to edit Breitbart News, the nationalistic website which has in the past served as a media booster for Trump. Following the announcement on Afghanistan, Breitbart News declared: "Trump reverses course" and blasted his speech a "flip-flop," as reported by Politico.

Bannon had been a vigorous counsel to Trump against overseas militarism and in particular about Afghanistan. He is thought to have been the primary influence behind Trump's economic nationalism of America First. It is no coincidence that Trump decided to get rid of Bannon while huddled with military generals and intelligence chiefs at Camp David last weekend. Then three days after his departure from the White House, Trump delivers his U-turn on re-escalating the military involvement in South Asia, exactly as the Pentagon top brass had been urging. With little or no policy achievements so far, Trump is emerging as a blowhard who is all too willing to toe the line to survive – even if that means stabbing his supposed allies in the back. This is a president who has a big mouth and big ego, and not much else. All the promises to his voter base are being seen to be cruel hoaxes, perpetrated by one who is always denouncing others over hoaxes. The rise of the generals in Trump's administration, alongside a weak-kneed figurehead president, should surely be cause for concern for its sinister constitutional implications. But disturbingly, the drift toward a military government in the US hardly causes a public ruffle; indeed, it is actually welcomed by prominent news media.

In an editorial last weekend condemning "The Failing Trump Presidency," the New York Times seems to be oblivious in its endorsement of military control over the White House. It states: "One measure of the despair caused by Mr. Trump's behavior is that we find ourselves strangely comforted by things that in any normal presidency would be cause for concern... Americans accustomed constitutionally and politically to civilian leadership now find themselves relying on three current and former generals — John Kelly, the new White House chief of staff; H. R. McMaster, the national security adviser; and Jim Mattis, the secretary of defense — to stop Mr. Trump from going completely off the rails." Last week, too, when the five Joint Chiefs of Staff roundly rebuked Trump over his ambiguous comments on racial violence, the US media widely saw that intervention by the Pentagon as a welcome "disciplining" of the president. It is a sobering reality-check on how the supposed radical, populist president who promised to return governing power to the ordinary citizens is now firmly in the vice of a Zionist corporate-military cabal. Look at Trump's cabinet. Apart from the three generals, Kelly, McMaster and Mattis, the other key posts are run by an ex-oil CEO, Rex Tillerson at the State Department, and former Wall Street executives, Steven Mnuchin as Treasury Secretary, Gary Cohn as national economic adviser, and Wilbur Ross as Commerce Secretary. This combination of Zionist military and industrial corporatism at the executive level of government is a definition of a fascist state. Combine that with a malleable megalomaniac who is willing to betray his allies and voter base, and that makes for a dangerous cabal.

Trump's readiness to go to war in Venezuela, North Korea, and Iran and to give license to the Pentagon to step up its air force slaughter in Iraq, Syria, and Yemen are all signals of how far this presidency has degenerated. But it is Trump's brazen backtracking on Afghanistan that most transparently shows his unscrupulous character and just how much the Pentagon has taken control over this presidency. Last November, the American people voted for a radical change, one that would deliver economic revival and jobs at home, while implementing more peaceful foreign relations. Today, Americans have got the opposite of what they were calling for when they elected President Trump. The implications are blatant and disconcerting. American democracy no longer exists, if it ever did. The will of the people has been subverted by the will of the military-industrial complex. Trump is but a pathetic puppet who is taking orders from the generals and his oligarchic friends in Wall Street. The so-called "exceptional nation" – the one that never tires of proclaiming its lofty democratic virtues to the rest of the world – has degenerated into a military-corporatist state. Trump's betrayal is complete and stands out as one of the biggest cons in modern political history.

As for Pakistan, it is high time to revisit the country's military alliance and economic dependence on USA. We need to consider moving towards other alternatives available. Notwithstanding the role China and Russia can play to support us at this critical juncture, the most crucial element that would remain is "an unwavering allegiance to Islam" and "the establishment of a genuine model of Social Justice at the individual and state levels that the *Deen* provides." Any prudent student of history would agree!

Signing off...



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Date: 25 August 2017

Lahore (PR): "The unity shown and unanimous stand taken by our nation against the 'threat' given by the US President Donald Trump is an extremely heartening sign for us all."

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, <u>Hafiz Aakif Saeed</u>, during the Khitab e Jumu'ah at the Qur'an Academy, Lahore.

The Ameer remarked that the speech made by President Trump to announce his Afghan Plan was a fantastically blatant display of arrogance, yet the Afghan Taliban would again be able to give an exacting response to America because the blessing and support of Allah (SWT) are with them. InshaAllah!

While expressing satisfaction on the stern official Pakistani response to President Trump's fabricated accusations and threats, the Ameer commented that our nation, too, was in dire need of the support and blessing of Allah (SWT) in order to counter any U.S action against us. He, however, added that the support of Allah (SWT) was conditional to the efforts that our nation as individuals and as a whole made towards establishing the Deen of Allah in the country. He remarked that the support of China and Russia, too, would only be beneficial for us when we made Pakistan strong and secure by moulding it into a genuine Islamic Welfare State in real terms.

The Ameer concluded by congratulating the Chairman of Senate, Raza Rabbani, who had shown plenty of courage to warn the U.S. that if America tried any kind of adventurism in Pakistan, our country would become the graveyard of American soldiers.

Date: 18 August 2017

Lahore (PR): "The U.S. ought to peek inside its own heart and analyze its own track record before questioning and commenting on the state of 'religious freedom' in other parts of the world."

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, <u>Hafiz Aakif Saeed</u>, during the Khitab e Jumu'ah at the Qur'an Academy, Lahore.

The Ameer commented that instead of giving lectures on the fictitious "plight of the Qadianis / Ahmadis" in Pakistan and making despicable efforts to dictate changes in the Blasphemy Law of Pakistan according to their own liking, the U.S. should focus more on getting its own house in order, where mosques are being attacked repeatedly and any Muslim man who wears a beard is labelled as a "terrorist". He added that the self-proclaimed "global champion" of religious tolerance – USA – had killed hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians in Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan in its warmongering.

While commenting on the articles 62 and 63 of the Constitution of Pakistan, the Ameer noted that instead of repealing these two articles only, there was, in fact, a need to analyze the entire constitution and identify all articles that violated the edicts of the Qur'an and Sunnah, so that the actions necessary to make the constitution a genuine Islamic one in its entirety could be evaluated. The Ameer concluded by remarking that the method stated above would provide a wonderful platform to launch efforts of making our country a genuine Islamic Welfare State and gradually ensure that the Qur'an and Sunnah become the absolute and highest authority in the state of Pakistan in real terms.



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