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From the Qur'an:

"Permission [to fight] has been given to those who are being fought, because they were wronged. And indeed, Allah is competent to give them victory."

"[They are] those who have been evicted from their homes without right - only because they say, 'Our Lord is Allah (alone).' And were it not that Allah checks the people, some by means of others, there would have been demolished monasteries, churches, synagogues, and mosques in which the name of Allah is much mentioned. And Allah will surely support those who support Him. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might."

(Al-Hajj: 39-40)

Selected Hadith:

Allah's Messenger (SAAW) is reported to have said:

"A Muslim is a brother of another Muslim, so he should not oppress him, nor should he hand him over to an oppressor. Whoever fulfilled the needs of his brother, Allah will fulfill his needs; whoever brought his (Muslim) brother out of a discomfort, Allah will bring him out of the discomforts of the Day of Resurrection, and whoever screened a Muslim, Allah will screen him on the Day of Resurrection."

(Sahih Bukhari)

EDITORIAL

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).

On 25 September 2017, a Kurdish Referendum in Iraq took place, claimed by Kurdish leaders as 70% vote cast for a 'yes' to establish an independent 'greater Kurdistan', despite the express objection and dissent of nations worldwide, including the three countries that stand to lose the most from it; Iraq, Turkey and Iran... The entire world objected, including the UN, USA, UK and EU - all except for Israel, a lone supporter, and longtime friend of the Kurds.

However, that did not have any impact on deterring the semi-autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq led by Kurdish Regional Government (KRG) President, Massoud Barzani, from holding the referendum as planned.

In 2014, Time Magazine had this to say about the "Time Person of the Year" runnerup Mr. Barzani and "Kurdistan". "Massoud -Barzani, The Opportunist: When ISIS threw the Middle East jigsaw puzzle into the air, the Kurdish leader reached for a piece. What does it say that the most reliable U.S. ally in its campaign against ISIS is an imaginary country? Kurdistan – Land of the Kurds – exists only in two spheres. One is on maps sold in bazaars wherever the Kurdish language is spoken. The other is on yellow-red-and-green flags Kurds sometimes wave in the countries where they actually reside (according to maps sold everywhere else in the world). Yet in one of those countries, the Kurds have built themselves a state in all but name. Far to the north of Baghdad, where Iraq's deserts rise into stony foothills and then into mountains, the Kurdistan Regional Government holds sway".

Many analysts have written about the Kurdish-Israeli relationship in depth and how it has matured significantly over the years. Since at least the 1960s, Israel has provided intermittent security assistance and military training to the Kurds. This served mostly as an anti-Saddam play – keeping him distracted as Israel fought two wars against coordinated Arab neighbors – but mutual understanding of their respective predicaments also bred an Israeli-Kurdish affinity.

All signs point to this security cooperation continuing today. Israeli procurement of affordable Kurdish oil not only indicates a strengthening of economic ties, but also an Israeli lifeline to budget-starved Erbil (The capital of Iraqi Kurdistan) that suggests a strategic bet on the Kurds in an evolving region.

The Kurds are allied with Syria's fiercest enemy – Israel – whose planned Greater Israel project coincidentally aligns almost perfectly with the Kurds' plans for "Kurdistan." In the Oded Yinon plan, which is the plan for a "Greater Israel," it states the imperative use of Kurds to help divide neighboring countries in order to aid in their plans for greater domination. Interestingly enough, Kurds brush this alliance off as being just another step in achieving their ultimate goal of creating an autonomous Kurdistan.

Every major Kurdish political group in the region has longstanding ties to Israel. In fact, the whole phenomenon is linked to major ethnic violence against Arabs, Turkmens, and Assyrians. From the PKK in Turkey to the PYD and YPG in Syria,

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PJAK in Iran to the most notorious of them all, the Barzani-Talabani mafia regime (KRG/Peshmerga) in northern Iraq.

Thus it should come as no surprise that Erbil supplied Daesh (ISIS) with weaponry to weaken the Iraqi government in Baghdad. And when it becomes understood that Erbil is merely the front for Tel Aviv in Iraq, the scheme becomes clear.

Israel has reportedly been providing the KRG with weapons and training even prior its military encounters with Daesh. On the level of economic strategy, Israel granted critical support to the KRG by buying Kurdish oil in 2015 when no other country was willing to do so because of Baghdad's threat to sue. KRG Minister of Natural Resources Ashti Hawrami even admitted to the arrangement, saying that Kurdish oil was often funneled through Israel to avoid detection.

In January 2012 the French newspaper Le Figaro claimed that Israeli intelligence agents were recruiting and training Iranian dissidents in clandestine bases located in Iraq's Kurdish region. By aligning with the Kurds, Israel gains eyes and ears in Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Syria. A year later, the Washington Post disclosed that Turkey had revealed to Iranian intelligence a network of Israeli spies working in Iran, including ten people believed to be Kurds who reportedly met with Mossad members in Turkey. This precarious relationship between Israel and Turkey persists today.

All signs point to the creation of a "Greater Kurdistan" in the near future, which would be a significant development in the region and pave the way for the creation of a "Greater Israel" in the not too distant future. Our advice to the Muslim Ummah and its leaderships is to take the matter seriously and chalk-out a plan in unison to counter this rapidly emerging threat. It is still not too late to ponder on strategic countermeasures, while putting all petty differences and whims aside.

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

The silence of self-proclaimed custodians of the world on the rampant killings of oppressed Muslims in Burma

Burma (Myanmar) is a country in South East Asia whose coastal areas range from the Bay of Bengal to the Andaman Islands. Both of these are a part of Indian Ocean. Suffice it to say that a significant portion of Burmese territory is located on the sea coast. In terms of land, Thailand is in the South East of Burma, Laos on the East, China in the North East, four Indian states (Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram) in the South West, whereas Bangladesh is in the South.

As per the 2014 census, the population of Burma is a little more than five crores of which approximately 80 percent are Buddhists and the remaining are Christian, Muslim and other minorities. Going by the area, the population is quite less. One of the primary reasons for low levels of population is rampant killings of Muslims and dearth of peace and security in the country. Though people speak the Burmese language in general, there are other languages too that are spoken by the country's native population. As per the information provided by the government, Muslims constitute five percent of the overall population but the fact is that Muslim population is way more than the figure provided by these official records. As per an estimate, of the entire population of five crores, 50-80 lakhs are Muslims, out of which, tired of atrocities committed against them by the Buddhists, many have sought shelter in various countries, especially Bangladesh, Pakistan, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and India.

Making a false claim about the democratic regime, Burma is now called "Republic of the Union of Myanmar" whose capital is Naypyidaw (not Yangon!). Earlier, Rangoon used to be the capital of Burma. Just like India, Burma too was under the British rule for a very long time. In the year 1937 there started the country's movement for independence and by 1948 it was completely free of British rule. However, what remains an unfortunate truth till date is that when it comes to minority rights, Burma still is not a free country. This is so because the minorities in the country are still treated as slaves and are subjected to an inconceivable degree of oppression, something that has become a part of daily lives of this subjugated lot. The older name of this country is Burma, something that was later changed to Myanmar. This new name has been accepted by various countries. That said, even to this day, there are countries that have not adopted the new name and still call the country as Burma.

The coastal area of this country that borders the Bay of Bengal is called Arakan, the region where the majority of the Muslim community lives. In the North, the region shares its borders with Bangladesh. In this very area, through the Arab traders, Islam entered around 1200 years ago during the reign of Abbasi Caliph Haroun Rasheed (763-809 AD). Since the ports were already functional, the Arab traders used to frequently visit this place even before the entry of Islam. Islam did not enter this region through some political turmoil or war. Instead, the people of this region embraced Islam because of extraordinary attributes and exemplary conduct of the Muslims. So, a lot of mosques were built in this area. As a matter of fact, in the year 1430 AD, with the help of the Muslim state in Bengal, a Muslim state was established in this region that continued till 1784 until a Burmese king, who was a follower of Buddhism, conquered this region. What merits our attention is that without a break as many as 48 Muslim rulers ruled over this region for a period of 354 years. It was in the year 1784 when this area was captured by the Buddhists and the persecution of the Muslims began. The harassment and violence went to the extent that even the mosques, religious schools (Madaaris) and libraries were wiped out. The Buddhists wiped out every possible relic or symbol that was even remotely associated with Islam or Muslims. In addition to doing all this, they indulged in rampant killings of Muslims, built houses of worship as per Buddhism and forced Muslims to worship as per the dictates of the religion of Buddhism. As a result of this absolutely inhuman and unacceptable practice, in order to save their religion and lives, the Muslims left their homes and migrated to other regions. For as many as 40 years, against the Muslims of the country, the Buddhists carried out gruesome acts of violence of the kind seldom witnessed by the world.

In the year 1824, Britain took control of the whole of Burma and made it a part of their government in the larger Indian subcontinent. However, in the year 1937, when voices were raised against the British government, they got Burma separated from the Indian subcontinent and gave them partial independence but held the charge. So, we can say that for approximately 113 years Burma was a part of India. During this period, in the year 1942, the Buddhists tried to fulfil their desire by killing Muslims, especially old aged, women and weaker ones. History is a witness to the fact that whenever the Buddhists got an opportunity to persecute the minorities they did not leave any stone unturned in going ahead with that. There is not even an ounce of humanity in the hearts of Buddhists. They turned into beasts and indulged in the rampant killing of poor and helpless Muslims. Even these days they occasionally indulge in killings of Muslims. In the year 1947, the Buddhists in Burma invited various groups and tribes for a conference to make a strategy with reference to the independence of the country, however, sticking to their ever-followed principle based on hatred and enmity towards Islam and Muslims, the followers of Buddhism did not invite Muslims for the otherwise significant gathering and pondered over ways in which the community could be thrown out of the country.

Though Burma was declared independent in the year 1948, the atrocities against the Muslim community continues till date. The condition has become so horrible that even after someone like Nobel Peace Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi becoming the head of Burma, killings of poor and helpless Muslims go unhindered. What it informs us that since the year 1948, the Buddhists have neither demonstrated any regard for international laws or conventions nor is there any component of humanity left in them. Instead, in an absolutely barbaric manner, from time to time, they kill thousands of poor Muslims in a way that is shameful for humanity in general. Looking at the scenes and images of their barbarity that are going the rounds all over the world through social media, anyone who has an ounce of humanity in him/her is crying over the situation. However, what remains exceedingly disturbing is that the self-proclaimed custodians of peace and security in the world, those who call the Muslims as terrorists and criticise Islamic education and teachings, are not going to utter a single word against these oppressors. As of now, across the world, Muslims are subject to the worst and extreme form of violence and it is none but the Muslim community that has suffered most at the hands of terrorism. Yet, global media malign the image of Muslims. What is even more saddening is that Muslim rulers, too, have not taken any promising step in response to this severe crisis. Peace loving people of the world who are aware of the overall global situation can say this with utmost conviction that in the present world there is no other group or tribe that has been subjected to atrocity and violence more than the Muslim community. Alongside the Buddhists, the Burmese government, too, is a party to committing this genocide where poor Muslims are being killed in large numbers. Although I have not studied the religious teachings of Buddhism but given the unacceptable and condemnable practices diligently upheld by the followers of this religion, it seems that perhaps their religion solely instructs them to indulge in orthodoxy and extremism, commit atrocious act against poor and

helpless individuals, turning them homeless and not letting them breathe in fresh air. I hold this opinion because, for ages, these poor resource-less Muslims are being killed solely because they want to practice their own religion. This is being done to them even though these poor Muslims do not even confront the establishment by pelting stones, something that Muslims of Kashmir have been doing for some time now.

Since the year 1948 millions of individuals have been rendered homeless. Thousands have been martyred, thousands of women have turned widows and countless children have been orphaned. The employment opportunity extended to everyone is not for Muslims. In general, for their livelihood, the entire community relies on agriculture but that too is subjected to numerous restrictions. When it comes to constructing their own house or, for that matter, simply repairing their house, there are various restrictions that these poor Muslims confront. They do not have the right to vote. In fact, they do not have the right to live and this continued persecution of the community does not seem to have an ending. Notwithstanding all this, the international and regional organisations that were/are formed on grounds of peace, security and humanitarianism stay as mute spectators.

During the days of Eid-ul-Azhaa, the Buddhists once again were indulged in the rampant killing of those poor Muslims who cannot manage two meals a day for themselves. However, the so-called guardians of the world remain silent. To expect from these political leaders to do something desirable or appropriate is not reasonable.

Therefore, in such circumstances, we must provide exemplary instance of humanitarianism and brotherhood by financially helping the persecuted Muslims of Burma to the extent we can, remember them in our prayers, and strengthen our relations with mosques and learned scholars alongside living our lives in the light of the verses of the Holy Quran and sayings of Prophet Muhammad (SAAW).

If we manage to strengthen our connection with mosques and learned scholars, Insha Allah, the evil forces of the world cannot succeed in their ambitions. If we do not do so, we must realise that even in a secular country like India there is a strong likelihood of confronting terrible situations of this nature. In the Arakan area of Burma, the Muslims ruled for 354 years. At present, the Muslims of that area are also economically weak. From the point of religion too they are weak and they are subjected to such violence and oppression that their forefathers might not even have imagined. Therefore, with 15-20 percent share of the country's population, we should not consider the future of our children safe because in India too politics of hate, enmity and antagonism are being carried out as opposed to the Ganga Jamni pluralist tradition.

With respect to creating and spreading hatred between groups and communities, inculcating a sense of fear and anxiety among the minority groups and unabashed killings, a specific group's interests are there, a group that is extremely dangerous for the secular character of India. The roots of Hindutva are getting stronger and deeper. Every now and then Muslims are being killed in the name of cow slaughter. Mosques, madrasas, learned scholars and Muslim organisations are targeted. Interventions (with a negative intent) are being made in Muslims' religious affairs for example Triple divorce issue. Therefore, it is imperative on our part to leave behind all our internal differences and hold on to the Islamic Shariah as firmly as possible. I do not mean to imply that differences that have been there for centuries could be sorted out within a span of days. Nevertheless, we can demonstrate harmony and unity in their practical spirit. Ninety five percent of issues on which the entire Muslim community agrees need to be incorporated in our daily lives and massively spread across the community. As for those five percent issues in relation to which there is disagreement among schools of jurisprudence, rather than fighting with each other people should consult their respective learned scholars. Rather than wasting our energies in sorting out differences that have not been sorted for centuries, we should, through our words and action, enliven those 95 percent of issues on which the Muslim community agrees.

The way Burmese people had embraced Islam because of the exemplary conduct and extraordinary attributes of Muslims, we too should work on our conduct, behave well with our neighbours regardless of their religious affiliation, treat our employees nicely no matter where they hail from. We must keep ourselves away from the ills that otherwise grip the society. And lastly, in addition to earnestly acquiring the knowledge associated with the Holy Quran and sayings of Prophet Muhammad (SAAW), we must make every effort possible in relation to attaining worldly education.

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**Press Releases issued by Tanzeem e Islami****Date: 29 September 2017****Lahore (PR): “The Foreign Minister of Pakistan, Khawaja M. Asif, is disseminating the Indian narrative in his speeches and talks.”**

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, during the Khitab e Jumu'ah at Quran Academy, Lahore.

The Ameer noted that in the past, Pervez Musharraf, the ex-chief of army staff had committed unconditional support to the U.S. and the coalition forces attacking the Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan and now our civilian and political ruling leadership was crossing all boundaries in their attempt to woo the Americans.

The Ameer said the recent statements given by our Foreign Minister at various forums in which he had categorically stated that “We (Pakistan) have to do more...” was a matter of serious concern. The Ameer added that the Foreign Minister’s words implying that both India and Pakistan were ‘stalks of the same tree’ was tantamount to a blatant refutation of the Two-Nation Theory. He remarked that the deposed PM of Pakistan, Nawaz Sharif, had used the same narrative in the past when he had stated that the culture of India and Pakistan was one and the same, both countries had similar lifestyle and social structure, ate the same kind of food and that the two countries were separated by just an ‘imaginary line in the sand’ (borders) created in 1947 as the result of Independence.

The Ameer said that Pakistan was facing serious problems, difficulties and threats because the country had violated the fundamental Ideology that was the basis of its creation. He raised the question that how could we expect the blessings and support of Allah (SWT) when we had willingly adopted a riba-based economy and vulgarity in the culture.

The Ameer concluded by supplicating that may Allah (SWT) give us the vision and courage to make Pakistan a genuine Islamic Welfare State in real terms. Aameen!

Date: 22 September 2017**Lahore (PR): “The enforcement of *Shariat e Muhammadi* (SAAW) in Pakistan is possible only through a popular movement.”**

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, during the Khitab e Jumu'ah at Quran Academy, Lahore.

The Ameer noted that in light of the virtually perpetual and year-on-year defeats faced in the electoral politics of the country, the religious parties needed sincere introspection regarding the method and strategy they had chosen for the implementation of Islam in Pakistan. He added that the total vote count of all religious parties in the recently held by-election in Lahore was embarrassingly small as compared to the tally bagged by the secular political parties of the country. He remarked that history had proven that whenever Islamic religious parties had resorted to a focused movement and non-violent campaigning in order to achieve their objective(s) they had been very successful.

While commenting on the commencement of the new Hijri year and the Umar Farooq (R.A.) Day, the Ameer said that the Islamic calendar year commenced with a series of martyrdoms. He noted that the martyrdoms of Hadrat Umar Farooq (R.A) and Hadrat Hussain (R.A.) had occurred during the Holy month of Muharram. The Ameer said that the system and style of governance adopted by the 2nd righteous Caliph, Umar (R.A.), was iconic and an example for the rulers of today. The Ameer said that the world would become a peaceful abode for all if his (R.A.) example of governance were to be followed. He remarked that the exemplary government (Caliphate) of Umar (R.A.) focused on the protection of the masses and the basic needs of every citizen were fully satisfied.

The Ameer expressed deep anger on the mysterious appearance of posters and banners displaying slogans of “Free Baluchistan” in Geneva and lamented that Switzerland, which posed as a “neutral country” and officially claimed itself to be “neutral towards all belligerents”, was doing so with the backing of the global enemy powers of Pakistan. He said that these global enemy powers were tightening the noose in their campaign to encircle Pakistan. The Ameer concluded by remarking that the rulers and leaders of our country ought to seriously analyze the circumstances being fomented and foil all designs being hatched by the enemy powers against Islam and Pakistan.