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From the Qur'an:

“And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided.”

(*Surah Aal e Imran, Verse 105*)

Selected Hadith:

The Messenger (SAAW) of Allah (SWT) is reported to have said:

“Allah will not take back knowledge (from your memories) after having bestowed it on you. However, He will take scholars, together with their knowledge, from within their communities and take their souls. All that remains will be an ignorant body of people. The people will ask them about their religious needs, and they will issue decrees (religious opinion on a matter) in the light of their own ideas and desires (ignoring the Qur'an and hadith) and will both deviate themselves and lead other into deviation.”

(*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).

Of all the shameless people serving in the administration of the shameless Donald Trump, one looks in vain for one more ignorant, ill-informed and crass than the United States Ambassador to the United Nations. Nikki Haley has proven repeatedly that she is an embarrassment on the world stage, and the fact that she seems completely oblivious to her repeated acts of appalling stupidity is only further evidence of it. Her most recent foray into the world of head-scratching nonsense occurred on Tuesday, February 20. She basically, in her most eloquent way (not!), told the Palestinian government that she would not 'shut up', as was very appropriately suggested to her. She suggested that the Palestinians take "...the path of negotiation and compromise". One wonders what color the sky is on Haley's planet. Her disconnect from reality is so severe that it is a wonder she is able to string two words together coherently (she seldom makes it much past two). Why, one might reasonably ask, is it always the Palestinians who have to compromise? Why is no demand ever made on Israel?

A few facts, those annoying things that Haley apparently disdains, may be enlightening.

1. In 1947, the nation of Palestine, by decree of the newly-formed United Nations, was partitioned to establish Israel. Over 750,000 Palestinians were driven from their homes; many of them, and/or their descendants, live in refugee camps to this day. Thousands of Palestinians were brutally slaughtered.
2. Since that time, Israel has encroached on Palestinian land, destroying tens of thousands of Palestinian homes to make room for Israel-only settlements, which are illegal according to international law.
3. Israel illegally occupies the West Bank, and arrests without charge men, women and children. It also kills unarmed men, women and children, sometimes on camera, with complete impunity.
4. The Israel Defense Forces (read: Israeli terrorists) stand idly by as Israeli settlers (another version of Israeli terrorists), assault and kill innocent Palestinians, raid their homes and forcibly and illegally evict them, and desecrate their sacred buildings.
5. The illegal Israel blockade of the Gaza Strip is slowly and painfully strangling the nearly 2 million people who live in what is often described as the world's largest open-air prison. These people are in this 'prison' despite never having been charged with any crime, other than, what, in Israel's opinion, is the crime of being Palestinian.
6. Israel's leaders have called for the murders of pregnant Palestinian women, saying the 'little snakes' must be destroyed.
7. Israel's leaders justify racism by stating that it is necessary to maintain the 'purity' of the Jewish state.

Does Haley not see that Israel has any role in this? Does she fail to understand why Palestinians, including their spineless leaders, might feel some hostility towards Israel? Does she not recognize that Israel has a dismal human rights record and is in violation of numerous international laws? She seems to buy into the concept articulated by Palestinian activist Hanan Ashrawi: "The Palestinians are the only people on earth required to guarantee the security of the occupier, while Israel is the only country that demands protection from its victims." Haley wants Palestinians to 'negotiate and compromise'. Israel, in its oh-so-magnanimous way, is always willing to negotiate 'without preconditions'. That means that it will talk at the negotiation table as it takes more and more Palestinian land, and kills and imprisons more and more innocent Palestinian people. Such 'negotiations' have occurred off and on for decades; the only result is decreasing Palestinian land and increasing oppression of the Palestinians by Israel. It is our considered position that the U.S. has been the dishonest mediator of these negotiations the entire time, and its clear bias towards Israel is nowhere

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questioned; it cannot now, and never could, be an honest mediator. We will, therefore, ask once again why anyone thinks negotiations are possible or necessary. They are not possible, because negotiations can only occur between two parties, each of which has something the other wants, which it can only get by surrendering something it has. Israel takes whatever it wants from Palestine with complete impunity. Negotiations are not necessary, because international law recognizes Palestine's and Israel's borders as those established in 1947. Israel has stolen huge amounts of land from Palestine. The settlements must all be vacated, and the land returned to the Palestinians. Haley should be reminded that international law forbids an occupying country from moving its citizens permanently onto occupied land. Of course, with her disdain for international law, she would dismiss this concept, assuming she had sufficient intelligence to understand it.

Surveys in the U.S. repeatedly show diminished support for Israel, and increasing support for Palestine. This has alarmed even Israel's leaders, who recognize that the younger generation of U.S. citizens, the U.S.'s future leaders, are no longer supportive of the racist ideology of Zionism. It is time for people who recognize Israel's constant, horrific crimes, to seize the narrative, and confront Haley, the other officials of the Trump administration, and the members of Congress, who are beholden not to their constituents, but to pro-Israeli lobbies, and enable the Palestinians to live in the peace and human dignity that all people deserve, and that the U.S. and Israel have for generations denied them. Haley's ridiculous pronouncements at the U.N. notwithstanding, Palestine will be free. Those of us who believe in "Divine Justice" must make it so.

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

Additional note: *It must be noted that Nimrata "Nikki" Haley was born Nimrata Randhawa in Bamberg, South Carolina, on January 20, 1972 to an Indian American family. Haley was the first female governor of South Carolina and the second Indian-American, after fellow Republican Bobby Jindal, to serve as a governor in the United States. It is no coincidence that the US-Indo-Israel nexus, working hard to demonize and sabre-rattle against the Muslims at large, Palestine and Pakistan, have placed someone like Haley in the UN to constantly put pressure and miss no opportunity to cause hurt to the Muslims.*

Reading Through US Geopolitics and Its Afghanistan War Policy – A Synopsis

US President Donald Trump's "US Afghanistan War Policy", announced towards the end of August 2017, after much prolonged deliberation, had the following main points:

- The American people are weary of war without victory, and "I share the American people's frustration". Trump said his original instinct was to pull out of Afghanistan, but now believes a rapid exit would create a vacuum that "Islamic militants" would fill.
- Despite reports that Trump would announce a 4000-strong troop increase, the president said he would not "talk about numbers of troops or our plans for further military activities". "I will not say when we are going to attack but attack we will."
- Victory in Afghanistan will mean "attacking our enemies" and "obliterating" the Islamic State group. Trump also vowed to crush al-Qaeda, prevent the Afghan Taliban from taking over the country, and stop terror attacks against Americans.
- The US will continue to work with the Afghan government, "however, our commitment is not unlimited, and our support is not a blank cheque". Trump also insisted the United States would not engage in "nation-building". "We are killing terrorists," he said.
- The US "can no longer be silent" about terrorist safe havens in Pakistan. Trump said Pakistan often gives sanctuary to "agents of chaos, violence and terror", the Afghan Taliban and other groups who pose a threat to the region and beyond.
- The US wants India to help more in Afghanistan, especially in the areas of economic assistance and development.

When viewed critically, this supposedly 'new' policy appears to be the continuation of the same old policy, which has been continuing with occasional changes in its momentum during the last over 16 years. President Bush started with the ferocity of spreading devastation in Afghanistan, then there was talk of nation building of Afghans and formation of a democratic Afghan government, followed again by a 'surge' of US troops, then there was again the talk / plan of gradual withdrawal of US troops, and now again there is the plan of inducting additional US troops with additional powers and non-commitment for withdrawal of US military. For the unwary, on the face of it, this US jigsaw policy 'U-turns' appears to be mind-boggling. However, a careful understanding of certain conceptual, policy, and ground realities related to the US Afghanistan War Policy from the beginning till now, brings forth the required clarity and helps in discernment of the latent actualities. These aspects are:

- (a) A clear grasp of the origin of US concept of geopolitics and its prevailing version,
- (b) A critical examination of US Afghanistan War objectives, as announced and oft-amended by US governments,
- (c) Identification of the real US Afghanistan War objectives,
- (d) Human cost of this war,
- (e) The extremely inhuman facet of US Drone War Strategy as part of its Afghanistan War Policy,
- (f) Economic cost of this war,
- (g) Resultant emergence of 'mass human hatred' of the people of targeted countries against the US and its allies,
- (h) The real concern of US about stability or de-stability in Afghanistan, and
- (i) The identified related probabilities / possibilities in the projected time-frame.

Source: Adapted from the Research Paper titled, "Reading Through US' Geopolitics and Its Afghanistan War Policy", authored by Brigadier (Retired) Dr. Ahsan ur Rahman Khan.

Istehkam e Pakistan Campaign

Allama Iqbal (RAA), the Ideologue of Pakistan, had declared the establishment of an Islamic Welfare State in the north-west of the Indian subcontinent to be a final destiny. While enunciating the necessity and raison d'être for the creation of that state he had said, "...so that the stains placed on the real face of Islam during the era of Islamic Imperialism could be washed away by creating a genuine Islamic Welfare State, which could give authentic Islam a practical manifestation...". Moreover, the Founder of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah (RAA), while answering a question had said that the constitution of Pakistan had been laid down (revealed) thirteen hundred (1300) years ago in the contents of the Qur'an.

Furthermore, it is a well-established historical fact that Quaid-e-Azam never used the term "Secularism" during his entire life. Hence, the top leadership of Muslims considered the creation of Pakistan for one purpose alone, viz. the attainment of a 'piece of land' for the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent in order to get the opportunity to not only practice the Islamic way of life in their personal capacity freely, but also to present a working model of the Islamic System of Social Justice in the form of a genuine Islamic Welfare State, based on the pristine principles derived from the Qur'an and Sunnah. It is for that reason that Islam was considered synonymous to the Ideology of Pakistan and the state of Pakistan was considered worthy of being called an Ideological state. Unfortunately, the nation as a whole betrayed that ideology which was at the core of the creation of Pakistan and consequently Pakistan is today like an anchorless ship sailing on the whim of the waves, with no determined direction and no progress towards the destination. Therefore, let alone Istehkam e Pakistan, even the security and existence of the country are facing grave threats.

The question logically arises as to what is the responsibility of a Pakistani Muslim under these circumstances? In our opinion, no Platonic philosophy is required to answer that question. The simple answer is that we ought to revert to the same Ideology that had been abandoned in the first place. The slogan and promise "*La Illaha Ill Allah*" (There is no deity but Allah SWT) had played a vital role in making the Pakistan Movement successful; now "*Muhammad Rasul Allah*" (Muhammad SAAW is the Messenger of Allah SWT) needs to be appended to it in order to practically fulfill the promise.

Doing so will not only ensure the security and continued existence of our country, but will also put us on the path of Istehkam e Pakistan. If the government is unwilling to execute this obligation, then every citizen of Pakistan ought to start this job, become active at every possible level and become motivated for the cause; similar to the fervor and zeal seen during the days of the Pakistan Movement, seventy odd years ago. It must be remembered that deeds, not slogans, would give results. Every Pakistani Muslim ought to implement "Islam" on his own person as much as possible as the initial step, then move on to making efforts to convince his family and friends towards this objective and lastly be willing to commit all his energies for making the effort of implementing Islam at the state level and be willing to sacrifice whatever is necessary for this purpose. The people of Pakistan are very fortunate in this regard because all efforts made in making our country a genuine Islamic Welfare State would not only lead to Istehkam e Pakistan, but also lead to great rewards and success in the Hereafter.

Insha Allah!

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**Press Releases issued by Tanzeem e Islami****Date: 23 February 2018****Lahore (PR): “Implementing punishments in public with regards to duly proven sexual crimes and sins is precisely according to the teachings of Islam.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, in a statement.

The Ameer expressed great shock and sheer disappointment about the fact that certain “renowned scholars and intellectuals” of our country had developed a condemnable attitude of sympathizing with the perpetrators of crimes, rather than those who were the victims and the oppressed. The Ameer noted that the law and purpose in Islamic Shariah for awarding punishments publically was, primarily, meant to make it a sign of admonition (warning) for the general public and to instill fear of the crime and its punishment among them so that they would avoid committing it.

While commenting on the recently concluded meeting of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in Paris, the Ameer remarked that we must not feel a false sense of security due to the postponement of the US motion for including Pakistan in the grey-list from the agenda of the meeting. He insisted that our country needed to become self-reliant in the economic and financial sectors urgently, so that others could not slap such sanctions on our nation that would be undesirable and hostile towards our religious ideology as well as our national security.

While calling it a cause of great concern, the Ameer said that any escalation in the antagonism and conflict between the government and the judiciary of our country would be extremely harmful in the current environment, when our external enemies were busy finding loopholes from which to cause pronounced harm to Pakistan. The Ameer concluded by asserting that if the Islamic System was established in the country, with adherence to the commandments provided for us by Allah (SWT) and His messenger (SAAW) at the individual, collective and state levels, then every person and institution would fulfil its responsibilities and consequently, no antagonism or conflict of any kind would exist.

Date: 16 February 2018**Lahore (PR): “The efforts being made to turn the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) into a ‘moderate’ and ‘enlightened’ state is a matter of grave concern for the Muslim Ummah.”**

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 lamented the fact that cinemas had been allowed to open in KSA and that the wearing of Abaya for women had been declared to be ‘unnecessary’ in KSA. He added that it had also been reported by certain unverified sources that the authorities of KSA had declared that the ‘celebration’ of Valentine’s Day amounted to ‘no harm’.

The Ameer expressed deep concern about the US threat to place Pakistan on the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) watchlist. He was commenting on the news report stating that in a meeting of international powers being held in Paris, it was being considered, on the motion of the US, to declare Pakistan as a state involved in and sponsoring financial terrorism. The Ameer said that, in fact, the US wanted the ‘assistance’ of Pakistan to clean up its mess in Afghanistan. He said that the mistake of assisting US in Afghanistan was first made by ex-President Musharraf, the fallout of which we were facing even today. He warned that, God-forbid, if the same mistake was repeated again, it would become extremely difficult for Pakistan to keep its unity and existence as a state intact. He advised the government of Pakistan to send a clear message that we as a nation will bear all kinds of sanctioned imposed, live at even a subsistence level, but will never assist the US in Afghanistan in any capacity again, nor will we reduce the nuclear capability and stockpile of the country.