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Details:

Russia continues to be humiliated by America even while working for America

The diplomatic crisis between Russia and America has intensified one step further. According to the Guardian:

Russia's foreign ministry has summoned a senior US diplomat in Moscow to hand him a note of protest over alleged plans to conduct searches in the trade mission complex in Washington, the ministry said in a statement claiming the United States had threatened to "break down the entrance door".

The ministry said the protest note handed to Anthony Godfrey, deputy chief of mission, described the planned "illegal inspection" of Russian diplomatic housing as an "unprecedented aggressive action" that could be used by the US special services for "anti-Russian provocations" by the way of "planting compromised items".

The Russian-American diplomatic crisis began at the end of the Obama administration, as Russia was caught involving itself in the American elections in favour of Trump and against Obama's Democratic Party and his preferred candidate Hillary Clinton. Even though Putin immediately stepped once Obama's displeasure was made known to him, reverberations continue. Russia was only doing what is normal for Western countries, in particular America which has interfered in elections throughout the world, especially in Russia. It appears that what angered Obama personally, much more than the Russian interference, was the resulting defeat of Hillary Clinton. However, even though Trump is now in office, the crisis continues, as the American establishment makes use of this opportunity to further humiliate Russia. In doing so, America gives no weight to Russia cooperation in Syria in stabilising the Assad regime, which is vital to America's continued control in the region.

Putin's mistake is that he seeks collaboration and respect from America, whereas the only sure way to win America's respect is not to collaborate with the US but to challenge it. The Soviet Union achieved parity with America in world affairs only by challenging the United States, forcing Washington to seek détente with Moscow. Until Putin does so, America will continue to humiliate him, even while he continues to seek to cooperate with America and serve her interests.

America is desperate for Pakistani cooperation in Afghanistan

Despite the cold shoulder that the Pakistani political and military leadership have given to US President Donald Trump's Afghanistan speech, the Americans remain desperate for Pakistani cooperation. According to the Dawn:

US Defence Secretary Jim Mattis, while signing deployment orders for additional American troops to Afghanistan, has also expressed the desire to work with Pakistan to defeat terrorists.

The US defence chief has also announced that American troops in Afghanistan will not only train Afghan national security forces but have also been authorised to engage the enemy.

"We intend to work with Pakistan in order to take the terrorists down. I think that's what a responsible nation does," said Secretary Mattis when asked at a Pentagon news briefing on Thursday "what kind of relationship the US wanted to keep with Pakistan".

Journalists also reminded him that last week Pakistan had cancelled three high-level meetings with the US while the country's parliament also passed a resolution describing recent

US statements on Pakistan as hostile and threatening. Mr Mattis stressed the need for continuing the relationship with Pakistan while responding to these questions.

Unfortunately, Pakistani remonstrations do not translate into concrete actions. Pakistan Army Chief Qamar Javed Bajwa already committed to form a working group with the army of the Kabul-based American puppet regime last Sunday. Despite deep resentment of American hegemony, the Pakistani leadership is unable to conceive of adopting a path that is independent of American policy. The most that they can think is to express their displeasure through complaints or by delaying execution of selected American instructions. Nor is turning to China of any use: it was China that arranged the meeting between Bajwa and the Afghan army chief, fully in accordance with American desires.

Pakistan will only be able to escape the hegemony of external powers once it develops its own sincere indigenous political leadership; and such leadership will only be sincere if it is ideological, fully committed to Islam, placing the Deen above itself, implementing the shar'a within the state and carrying the call for Islam abroad. Only such leadership can bring success in this world and the Hereafter.

Rohingya Muslims calamity reveals Western interests and Human Rights Controversy

The grave humanitarian disaster facing Muslims in Burma has further intensified. According to Reuters:

More than 2,600 houses have been burned down in Rohingya-majority areas of Myanmar's northwest in the last week, the government said on Saturday, in one of the deadliest bouts of violence involving the Muslim minority in decades.

About 58,600 Rohingya have fled into neighboring Bangladesh from Myanmar, according to U.N. refugee agency UNHCR, as aid workers there struggle to cope.

Myanmar officials blamed the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) for the burning of the homes. The group claimed responsibility for coordinated attacks on security posts last week that prompted clashes and a large army counter-offensive.

But Rohingya fleeing to Bangladesh say a campaign of arson and killings by the Myanmar army is aimed at trying to force them out.

The treatment of Myanmar's roughly 1.1 million Rohingya is the biggest challenge facing leader Aung San Suu Kyi, accused by Western critics of not speaking out for the Muslim minority that has long complained of persecution.

The reason that the newly installed Burmese leader Aung San Suu Kyi is not able to speak out against the tragedy facing Muslims is the weakness of her own position. She was only recently released from decades of house arrest by the Burmese military and allowed to participate in the elections, thus going on to win and form the government. The weakness of her position is further demonstrated by the fact that she has been constitutionally barred from holding presidential office, and rules under the title of 'state counsellor'.

However, it is not only Suu Kyi whose position is weak. The West is also extremely hesitant to speak out about the tragedy facing the Rohingya Muslims because Suu Kyi is in fact serving their interests. Under military rule, Burma, which neighbours China, had come under powerful Chinese influence. It was through the efforts of Western powers that the military leadership was reoriented towards the West, and the installation of Suu Kyi is the first fruit of that realignment. Therefore, despite Western talk of its high commitment to human rights, the reality is that they only talk about human rights when it benefits them so to do.

With Allah's permission, the world will soon see a state power that is true and sincere to the welfare of all humanity, in the form of the re-established Islamic Khilafah State (Caliphate) on the method of the Prophet (saw). The foremost priority of this state will be to safeguard the Muslims of the world, reuniting Muslim lands within a single state, and championing the rights of Muslims abroad so that, wherever they are, Muslims will walk with honour and dignity, without fear of persecution by the foreign disbelievers.

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