

## Headlines:

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## Details:

### **Nekkaz: EU Allergic to Muslim Women**

European countries are following an “Islamophobic trend” through their support for laws that are “inherently” discriminatory to Muslim women by targeting their freedom to wear what they want, says Algerian businessman and political activist Rachid Nekkaz who was thrust into the spotlight after vowing to pay the fines of women wearing the niqab in Denmark. Nekkaz is determined to support women’s right to wear what they want, and has publicly supported their choice to not wear the veil in countries such as Sudan and Iran. France as well as Belgium, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark and the German state of Bavaria have all imposed some curbs on face veils in public. Women wearing full-face veils in Denmark are subject to fines and can face up to seven days in jail in the country. Supporting human rights in 18 countries through his organization, Nekkaz, whose American wife does not wear the veil, has so far paid 1552 fines totaling 315,000 euros in several European countries. He said that he is the president of the "Hassiba Human Rights League", which defends civil liberties in Algeria and all over the world. "Thanks to my financial independence, I have the means to pay the fines of human rights activists accused by the Algerian justice system, the fines against women freely wearing a niqab in Europe, and the fines against women refusing to wear the veil in Iran. France today is no longer that of the 1980s. It has become allergic to Islam and to Muslim women. Islamophobia has become the religion of State of France. Unfortunately, since 2010, other European countries have followed this Islamophobic trend, by voting in turn for these laws which are inherently discriminatory against Muslim women: Belgium, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Austria, Bulgaria, Germany and Denmark. I've had to intervene personally in all these countries to communicate clearly to them that I will always assist these Muslim women in order to neutralize these unjust laws and to guarantee the freedom of clothing of these harmless women by paying all the fines that they receive while wearing their niqab on the street. [Source: YaniSafak World]

**Nekkaz efforts are emanate from the freedoms that the West brags about, and will not be a long term solution to the evil practiced by Western governments against Muslim women. The radical solution which reserve Muslim women is the resumption of the Islamic way of life by re-establishing the state of Khilafah ar-Rashidah *'ala minhaj nubuwwah* (Righteous Caliphate on the method of the Prophethood). It is only the Khilafah that defend Muslim women.**

## **Iran, Iraq Stop Dollar-Based Trade**

"Dollar-based trade between Iran and Iraq has stopped and most exchanges are made in euro, rial and dinar," Al-e Eshaq said on Saturday. He added that another part of exchanges between the Iranian and Iraqi exporters are made in the form of barter. Al-e Eshaq said "only a small portion of the \$8bln trade between Iran and Iraq is funneled through the banking sector". In a relevant development on Wednesday, Iranian Ambassador to Baghdad Iraj Masjedi called on the Iraqi foreign ministry to replace dollar with Iran's national currency (rial) to issue visa for the country's pilgrims who are due to visit Iraq in Arbaeen ceremony, one of the currency swap moves Iran is making to counter the US sanctions. Masjedi's remarks, made in a meeting with Iraqi Foreign Minister Ibrahim al-Jafari in Baghdad, were in line with Iran's policies to confront the US sanctions after Washington's withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal. During Arbaeen ceremony the 40th day after the martyrdom anniversary of Imam Hossein (AS), the third Shiite Imam, is commemorated. Jafari, for his part, praised Iran for remaining beside Iraq in hard times, specially in the war on the ISIL terrorist group, and underlined Baghdad's preparedness to cooperate and coordinate efforts with Iran to hold Arbaeen ceremony. [Source: Albawaba]

**Stopping the dollar trade between the two countries will not deter America from attacking Iran. On the contrary, both Iran and Iraq need to drop their false pretenses of anti-American rhetoric and unite to expel America from the region.**

## **US Military to Cancel \$300 Million Pakistani Aid**

The US military has announced that it was cancelling \$300 million in aid to Pakistan over what it calls Islamabad's failure to take action against militant groups. Pentagon spokesman Lt Col Kone Faulkner on Saturday said the US military would aim to spend the money on other "urgent priorities", the BBC reported. "We continue to press Pakistan to indiscriminately target all terrorist groups," Col Faulkner said in a statement, adding that the \$300 million aid — which had earlier been suspended - should be used elsewhere due to "a lack of Pakistani decisive actions" in tackling the issue. The announcement comes just days before US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is due to visit Pakistan to meet the country's new Prime Minister Imran Khan. President Donald Trump has previously accused Pakistan of deceiving the US while receiving billions of dollars. The US state department has also slammed Pakistan for failing to deal with terrorist networks operating on its soil, including the Haqqani network and the Afghan Taliban. In January, the US government announced it was cutting almost all security aid to the country.[Source: Gulf News]

**One by one the America is cutting the wages paid to the Pakistani military brass for spilling Muslim blood. Under Trump the expectation is that Pakistanis military elite will willingly kill Muslims for America's war against Islam.**