

The Price of Humiliation is Higher than the Price of Honor: The Iranian-American Negotiations as an Example

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It is customary for gains achieved on the battlefield to translate into a position of strength imposed by the stronger party. Negotiations are a method politicians resort to in order to resolve critical issues, sparing countries and their people the burden of continued fighting and war, or even its initiation. The Prophet Muhammad (saw) negotiated with the mushrikoon as an equal in the Treaty of Hudaibiyyah and other agreements, without conceding any of the Shariah rulings Allah (swt) had ordained regarding negotiations, which differentiate between belligerent warring states (فِعْلَانِ fi'lan), and those considered to be at war by Shariah legal status (حُكْمَانِ hukman).

Similarly, the Muslim armies, in their Jihad and their propagation of Islam, negotiated before engaging in combat, presenting three options, and no fourth: Islam, the jizya (Shariah tribute), or war. They were given only three days to decide. An example of this is what happened with Rabi' ibn 'Amir (may Allah be pleased with him) in his negotiations with Rustam, the Persian commander. Islam spread throughout the world for over thirteen centuries by implementing these Shariah rulings.

Such were the negotiations; Decisiveness, strength, honor, and might. Wars in Islam do not know a truce that includes concessions on even a single Shariah ruling, and the sovereignty of the ideology of Islam is not subject to negotiation. War is a war of ideologies, existence, and a clash of civilizations. There is no intersection or common interests between Islam and other disbelieving civilizations of the world except as determined by Allah (swt). Our cause is to implement the Shariah Law of Allah (swt) and to live according to it, and this is greater than our blood and our money, indeed greater than all our worldly possessions. It is the cause of Allah (swt) and His Authority on His earth over His servants.

This brief introductory framing was essential, when discussing the negotiations taking place between Iran and America. After America and its protégé, the Jewish entity, launched a war on Iran, assuming the regime's swift collapse and the ability of certain politicians connected to America to control Iran, and transform it from a state orbiting in America's sphere of influence into a subordinate state implementing its interests, surrendering its independence in decision-making, resources, and elements of power...

However, what America had hoped for did not materialize. The voices that advocated liberation from American dependency, and for Iran to become the first Muslim country to achieve true independence from the disbelieving West, managed to seize control of the country. Their missile response inflicted significant damage on America and the Jewish entity ("Israel"), and they skillfully utilized the Strait of Hormuz as leverage. This had a profound impact on the world, shaping global public opinion against the unjustified aggression of America and the Jewish entity ("Israel"). Their allies refused to stand with them or assist them in their war, further deepening America's predicament and confusion, adding to its existing woes. Severe domestic divisions and a crippling economic crisis have led some countries to offer Iran technical and military assistance, according to media reports. Europe understands the significant damage it would suffer if America were to achieve its ambitions in Iran and the region, whilst China, which imports most of its oil, shares this concern. Therefore, they have refrained from assisting America or extricating it from its predicament.

The reckless Trump scrambled to find a way out that would save face, finding no other path than negotiations, a tactic America excels at through cunning, deception, intimidation, and enticement, hoping to achieve what its advanced military machine failed to accomplish in war. Contradictory statements followed, and then America instructed its agents and proxies in Egypt, Turkey, and Pakistan to push Iran to the negotiating table. America presented its

fifteen conditions for negotiation, which amounted to surrender terms. Iran rejected them and offered an alternative, which Trump seized upon, declaring it suitable for initiating negotiations, even though it omitted any mention of the nuclear program or ballistic missiles, which he had previously cited as the reasons for war. This underscores the predicament Trump found himself in and his reliance on negotiations to achieve something. He dispatched his delegation, headed by US Vice President Vance, to Pakistan for the first round of negotiations, which lasted 21 hours. Vance then emerged to declare the negotiations a failure, hoping to pressure Iran into concessions. Two days later, he contradicted himself, claiming that good progress had been made in the Pakistani negotiations and that another round could be held! This confirms our assertion that American policy is floundering and its military power is waning, its last remaining card to remain the world's leading power.

The kafir (disbelieving) West has a history of luring its adversaries into the traps of negotiations and political maneuvering when it fails to achieve its objectives through war and intimidation. In doing so, it reassesses its strategies and reinforces its forces, attempting to mitigate the consequences of its actions, particularly the growing global opposition.

A message to those in power in Iran:

What the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the army have done is blessed and commendable. Do not allow America to achieve what it failed to achieve through its aggression and siege against you. America is suffering greatly; its domestic divisions are severe, its economic crisis is suffocating, and its weakness and frailty are as clear as day, as evidenced by the dismissals and sidelining of military commanders. Its midterm elections are approaching, and even the presidential elections are in two years. It is sinking, and were it not for its treacherous agents, the despicable ones among the Muslims, it would not survive.

So be resolute and sever the ties that America has extended to Iran. Extend your hands to the Islamic Ummah and distance yourselves from any vile sectarian or nationalistic conflicts. The Islamic Ummah is one, and its Lord, Allah (swt), is One. Call upon the armies in Muslim lands, in the language of Islam, to overthrow their agent rulers and join you in the war against America and the Jews, liberating the lands and people from the oppression of capitalism to the justice of Islam.

Know, O leaders of Iran, that negotiations with the enemy only allow buys them time to regroup. The deployment of troops and warships continues, and they have even ordered their subservient agent, Asim Munir, to send his aircraft and soldiers to Saudi Arabia to fight their own brothers, should the situation demand it. The war is on our land, their planes take off from our soil, and they fight with our armies, which they have built with our own wealth, to maintain their control over our country and plunder our resources.

Take heed from those who came before you and negotiated in Palestine, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, only to be turned on by America after it achieved its objectives. Learn from what the politicians in Iran have done over the years in service of American interests, only to be assassinated when America thought it could implement its project in the Middle East without them.

Do not allow America to get out of its predicament. There must be no negotiations or truces in which the Shariah rulings of Islam are compromised. Either we shake the earth with our great Islam so that the system of the disbelieving West collapses, by mobilizing all the energies of the Ummah, from its armies, its ulema, and the best of its sons and daughters, and all the assets of power it possesses, so that the cause of Islam, raising its Kalimah as the highest and establishing its state becomes the cause of the Ummah, until the equation of the conflict between Islam and the Crusader West is balanced, or we will continue to live one tragedy after another. Know that the price of humiliation is higher than the price of honor, if you but considered until you knew.