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# Bloody Protests in Kenya: A Reflection of a Failed System of Democracy

On Friday 11th August 2017, Kenya's Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) declared the Incumbent President Uhuru Kenyatta as the winner of the 2017 General Election held on Tuesday August 8th. Mr. Kenyatta garnered 8,203,290 votes representing 54.27% of the casted votes. The National Super Alliance Presidential candidate Raila Odinga came second with 6,762,224 votes, which represents 44.7 % of the votes cast.

The declaration came amid strong accusations from NASA's leaders saying the election was not fair, credible and transparent. NASA claimed the IEBC servers were hacked to manipulate the results in favor of Kenyatta. However, the Commission dismissed the claim.

Even before, the announcement, reports of violent protests were emerging in the country especially in the Raila's political strongholds such as Kisumu, Homa Bay and Migori. Gunfire echoed through slums of Nairobi on Friday night after President Uhuru Kenyatta was declared the winner. In Mathare slum two protesters were shot dead where police also fired tear gas at crowds who burned tires and blocked roads throughout the day. In Kisumu, the third largest city several protesters were shot dead.

The President elect Uhuru Kenyatta and his main challenger Raila Odinga —are both members of two of Kenya's main political dynasties who have fought for power in the decades since the East African country became 'independent' from British colonizers in 1964. Both politicians are kingmakers and enjoy a big support from their respective

tribes. Notably, the Kikuyus of which President Kenyatta comes from are the largest tribe in Kenya. The Luos – Raila's Odinga tribe the third largest in Kenya.

With these violent protests, there are fears that the former British colony could witness a reprise of the violence that associate from elections.

Politics in Kenya have been characterized by ethnic tensions since independence in 1963. This was designed by the British colonialists who adopted and used the divide and rule method of governing. For years, they played one community against another, in particular, the Kikuyus and Luo whom they considered a threat owing to their big numbers. The first two main political parties before and during independence Kenya - the Kenya Africa National Union (KANU) and the Kenya African Democratic Union (KADU) - propelled current tribal politics in the country. KANU was a Kikuyu and Luo alliance party while KADU was comprised of other small tribes who feared domination by KANU. KADU was founded by Daniel Arap Moi, a Kalenjin from Rift valley.

In 1992, the Town of Molo was the epicenter of tribal clashes in which 5,000 people lost their lives. In 2007, that the demons of tribalism really flared up after the hotly disputed national elections which left more than 1,000 people dead and thousands others internally displaced. This however should not be taken as a case study rather it is a reflection of the failed political system of Democracy and its politicians all over the world. Democratic politicians including the so-called

mature Democracies such as United States and United Kingdom use tribalism and racism to achieve political objectives. In UK, the name of Enoch Powell is not new for his discriminatory speech known as Rivers of blood speech 1968. What is witnessed in Kenya has exposed the true color of politics of Democracy- a divisive kind of politics inciting violence and keeps dividing people along with tribal, party and regional lines.

Viewing at the Kenya's situation particularly the poll related- violence it can be clearly said that the main agenda of Democratic elections is a race for power. Democracy is for the handful capitalists who yearn for individualistic satisfaction thus its politicians use any dirty means such as dividing masses along tribal grounds to capture or maintain power. The lie of the 'mature democratic states' regarding democracy must be distinguished from the real picture. Their praise of the Democracy and elections in any of the third world countries is just the ambitious propaganda of their Capitalistic-secular agenda. The elections are just masks used to cover Capitalists' inability to unite people and look after their affairs effectively, and a distraction used to divert the people and occupy them from reaching to fundamental change. Additionally, the elections are tools meant to enslave laymen not to work for a radical change i.e. bringing Islam as the only substitute capable for resolving all man related problems and bringing down the fake, false and corrupt capitalist ideology.

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# The Speech of the eminent scholar, Ata Bin Khalil Abu Rashtah, the Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir on the start of the month of Dhul Hijjah 1438 AH



وَالْفَجْرِ\*وَلَيَالٍ عَشْرٍ

“By the #Dawn; by the Ten #Nights” [Al-Fajr: 1-2]

(Translated)

To the virtuous, the pure, the good and the righteous #Dawah carriers, though we do not ascribe purity to anyone before Allah (swt).

To the website visitors who are #determined to the Truth that it proclaims, and the good that it carries with Allah's permission...

To all #Muslims who love Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw).

To all these, I salute you with the greeting of Islam, Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh, As you know, we have been accustomed to congratulating you on the morning of #Eid, but the Imam had read in Fajr prayer the holy verse

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“By the dawn; by the ten nights”. [Al-Fajr: 1-2]

and I decided that I discuss with you the first day of these ten blessed days that Allah has taken oath of,

and that the #Messenger of Allah (saw) had made the good deed more beloved to Allah than in others. Ahmed extracted in his Musnad from Saeed bin Jubayr from Ibn Abbas who said: The Messenger of Allah (saw) said:

ما من أيام العمل الصالح فيها أحب إلى الله من هذه الأيام - يعني أيام العشر - قالوا: يا رسول الله، ولا الجهاد في سبيل الله؟ قال: ولا الجهاد في سبيل الله، إلا رجل خرج بنفسه وماله ثم لم يرجع من ذلك بشيء

“There is no day wherein any good action is more beloved to Allah Ta’ala than these ten days (the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah)”. The Sahaabah (ra) enquired: “Not even Striving in the path of Allah?” “Not even Striving in the path of Allah,” replied Rasulullah (saw), “with the #exception of that person who left with his life and wealth (in the path of Allah) and did not return with any of it (i.e. he is martyred).”

These are great days beginning with the sacred (Muharram) month of Dhul-Hijjah and ending the Day of Sacrifice on Eid al-Adha, that I ask Allah Almighty to make it good and blessing to Islam and all Muslims. And that Allah accepts our acts of worship, and that these ten nights

are good for those who witness them correctly and give them their right. For these are days of truthfulness, sincerity and closeness to Allah with good deeds and answered Duaa (supplications), with Allah’s permission.

Dear #Brothers and #Sisters:

Some Shabab say that the harassment has intensified on us internationally, regionally and locally. Yes, this is true, but it is not a cause of despair or sorrow, rather it is a foreshadowing of relief, since the #intensification of a crisis is a sign of its relief, and the intense darkness of the night is a notification of the true dawn. Thus, the infidels of Quraysh fought the Dawah of the Prophet (saw) and stood in his (saw) face in various ways, with escalating harassment and intensity. Thus, they boycotted the Prophet (saw) and his Companions (ra), in the Shi'b and tortured them and they caused the Prophet’s feet to bleed. They slandered the #Prophet (saw) accusing him of magic, madness and lying.

كَبُرَتْ كَلِمَةً تَخْرُجُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ ۖ إِنَّ يَقُولُونَ إِلَّا كَذِبًا  
“Grave is the word that comes out of their mouths; they speak not  
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except a lie.” [Al-Kahf: 5].

Then the crisis intensified and they agreed to kill the Messenger of Allah (saw). They chased him, blessings and peace of Allah be upon him, to the Cave of Thawr, where he (saw) and his closest companion Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him, were hiding, and the #disbelievers stood in front of the mouth of the cave, only an arm's length away between them and the Messenger of Allah (saw). This was on the eve of that day, and after a day or two the Prophet (saw) established the state in al-Medina al-Munawwarah and towered up its structure so that it illuminated the Deen and proclaimed the Truth.

إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَذِكْرٍ لِّأُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ

“Indeed, in that is a reminder for those of understanding.” [Az-Zumar: 21].

And so is the call that we carry, following the example of the Rasulullah (saw). #Hizb\_ut\_Tahrir which leads the call, its Shabab and its leadership were exposed to the various harassment and torture leading to martyrdom, from the conspiracies of the plotters, the spies of the oppressors and the spite of the haters:

As for the Hizb, it has been banned and prevented in the countries of the Muslim world. Even those countries that are open to parties of various forms such as #Indonesia, they have banned the party. And countries that open their doors to parties of all kinds, even the wretched ones, like #Tunisia, have banned the Hizb ... As for why is that? It is for the word of truth that the Hizb proclaims.

As for the Shabab of the Hizb, the prisons of the tyrants speak of their status, for they are in their narrow prison being tortured, and in their wider prison are being pursued, indeed, we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return.

As for the leadership of the party, the first Ameer was slandered by the spiteful and spies with exposed lies and #fabrications and they said

and said ... The second Ameer they did not just slander him, but claimed that he had violated the thought and the method... The poor #servant, the third Ameer, they did not limit themselves to slander him or allege his violation of the thought, but had spread rumors of his death, supposing that they would extinguish their rage! They are truly fools, for they have hearts with which they do not understand, because if they understand they would have known that the death of the Ameer of the Hizb does not mean the death of the Hizb. But rather, Ata will be succeeded by a stronger and tougher Ata who will address them by the saying of the Almighty:

وَإِذَا خَلَوْا عَضُّوا عَلْيَكُمْ الْأَتَامِلَ مِنَ الْعَيْظِ قُلْ مُوتُوا بِعَيْظِكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ

“But when they are alone, they bite their fingertips at you in rage. Say, "Die in your rage. Indeed, Allah is Knowing of that within the breasts” [Ali-Imran: 119].

This Dawah belongs to Allah, and it will not be harmed by the conspiracies of the plotters, the spies of the oppressors and the spite of the haters, nor by the slander of the slanderers, but will rise from high to higher and extends its light, with Allah's permission to the sky. And the promise of Allah Almighty and the glad tidings of Rasulullah (saw) will be fulfilled in its three divisions:

This forcible rule will fall into an abyss and there will be #Khilafah (Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood. The Prophet (saw) said:

ثم تكون ملكاً جبرية فتكون ما شاء الله أن تكون، ثم يرفعها الله إذا شاء أن يرفعها، ثم تكون خلافة على منهاج النبوة، ثم سكت

“Then there will a forcible rule, as long as Allah wants, then Allah will remove if He so wants, then there will be a Khilafah on the Method of #Prophethood, and then he (saw) was silent”.

(Narrated by Imam Ahmad from Hudhayfah ibn al-Yaman) The world will enlighten and Allah will establish the truth by His words and eliminate

the den of the disbelievers...

And we will uproot Jewish entity. Muslim said in his Saheeh on the authority of Abu Hurayrah: The Messenger of Allah (saw) said:

لا تقوم الساعة حتى يقاتل المسلمون اليهود فيقتلهم المسلمون...

“The Hour will not come until the Muslims fight the Jews, and the Muslims will kill them...”

In another narration, he (saw) said:

يقاتلكم اليهود وتنصرون عليهم

“The Jews will fight you and you will dominate them.”

And we will enter the Blessed Land as liberators, and pray at Al-Aqsa Mosque by the Adhan of our companion in Iraq, who sent a message in which he supplicates to Allah to be the first Mu'athin in #Al\_Aqsa after its liberation.

As well as we will open Rome, by the permission of Allah. Ahmad narrated in his Musnad and al Haakim and corrected and approved by Adh-Dhahabi on the authority of Abu Qaabeel who said:

كنا عند عبد الله بن عمرو بن العاص، وسئل: أي المدينة تفتح أولاً القسطنطينية أو رومية؟ فدعا عبد الله بصندوق له حلق، قال: فأخرج منه كتاباً، قال: فقال عبد الله: بينما نحن حول رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم نكتب إذ سئل رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: أي المدينة تفتح أولاً قسطنطينية أو رومية؟ فقال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: مدينة هرقل تفتح أولاً يعني قسطنطينية

We were with ‘Abdullaah ibn ‘Amr ibn al-‘Aas and he was asked which city will be conquered first Constantinople or Rome? Then ‘Abdullaah said, “While we were with the Messenger of Allah (saw) writing, the Messenger of Allah (saw) was asked, “The Messenger of Allah ﷺ was asked which of the two cities will be opened first Constantinople or Rome? He ﷺ said: “The city of Hercules will be opened first”, meaning Constantinople.”

Constantinople was opened and Rome will be opened, InshaAllah,

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and the #aspiration of our companion in #Palestine will be fulfilled who sent a letter in which he supplicated to Allah to give him a plot of land in the folds of Rome to be like that of the Seerah of Tamim al-Dari, may Allah be pleased with him.

Therefore there will be no house made of mud or fur that Islam has not reached it by the glory of a powerful or humiliation of the humiliated. A glory that Allah will give to Islam and #humiliation He (swt) will give to the Kufr.

The Prophet said in the hadeeth narrated by Ahmad in his Musnad on the authority of Tamim al-Dari said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (saw) says:

ليبلغن هذا الأمر ما بلغ الليل والنهار ، و لا يترك الله بيت مدر ولا وبر إلا أدخله الله هذا الدين بعز عزيز أو بذل ذليل عزنا يعز الله به الإسلام و ذلنا يذل الله به الكفر .

“This matter will reach all places reached by day (light) and night; Allah will not leave a house of mud or hair/fur, without making this Deen enter it, by the glory of a powerful or humiliation of the humiliated. A glory that Allah will give to Islam and humiliation He (swt) will give to the Kufr...”

Bai'haqi extracted a similar Hadith in As-Sunan Al-Kubra as well as in the Mustadrak of Hakim.

The malevolent and the slanderers, those in whose hearts is a disease or corruption on earth, they may say we are dreaming, or we are dreamers... And their kinds have said it before. They said about the Messenger of Allah (saw), and his companion, may Allah be pleased with them: their religion has deluded those, how can they look to the treasures of Caesar and Chosroes?! And then Allah's #promise was fulfilled despite the malice of those fallen. So, Chosroes and Caesar fell and the State of Islam and the banner of Islam rose, and this will happen again with Allah's permission, and the spiteful will die in their rage and will be followed by the spies of the oppressors and the conspirators and

all those who shout with falsehood

وَسَيَعْلَمُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا أَيَّ مُنْقَلَبٍ يَنْقَلِبُونَ

“And those who have wronged are going to know to what [kind of] return they will be returned.” [Ash-Shu'ara: 227].

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We do not work in fantasy, rather we work and are confident of the promise of Allah, which is not only for the prophets, and not only in the Hereafter, but also for the #believers in this world and the Hereafter.

إِنَّا لَنَنْصُرُ رُسُلَنَا وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْأَشْهُادُ

**Surely We do help Our messengers and the believers in the worldly life as we as on the Day on which witnesses will stand (to give their testimony).**” [Ghafir: 51].

I assure you, brothers and sisters, that the Hizb has almost reached its goals many times since its inception until today, but

لِكُلِّ أَجَلٍ كِتَابٌ

“For every term is a decree.” [Ar-Ra'd: 38].

And Allah has the extensive wisdom... If Al-Qaw'iee Al-Aziz decrees a matter, He makes the reasons for it easy and it will not be delayed

إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِأَلْعِ أَمْرِهِ ؕ قَدْ جَعَلَ اللَّهُ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدْرًا

“Indeed, Allah will accomplish His purpose. Allah has already set for everything a [decreed] extent” [At-Talaq: 3].

In conclusion, I go back to where I started, I saw that I discuss with you on the first day of these ten blessed days, that Allah has taken oath of, and that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said about them:

ما من أيام العمل الصالح فيها أحب إلى الله من هذه الأيام - يعني أيام العشر (من ذي الحجة

“There is no day wherein any good action is more beloved to Allah Ta'ala than these ten days

(the first ten days of Dhul Hijjah)”.

These are great days, beginning with the sacred (Muharram) month of Dhul-Hijjah and ending with the day of Sacrifice on Eid al-Adha, that I ask Allah Almighty to make it good and blessed for Islam and all Muslims. And that Allah accept our acts of worship, and that these ten nights are good for those who witness them correctly and give them their right. For these are days of truthfulness, sincerity and closeness to Allah with good deeds and answered prayers, with Allah's permission.... I ask Allah to return those days and we are under the shade of Rayat ul Okab and we are on a pure ground bearing the Good (al-Khair) in our hands, and our tongues chant for it, so the hearts are assured, and breasts expand for it:

وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ\* بَنَصْرِ اللَّهِ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ ۗ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ

“And that day the believers will rejoice; In the victory of Allah. He gives victory to whom He wills, and He is the Exalted in Might, the Merciful.” [Ar-Rum: 4-5].

In conclusion, I reiterate that this Dawah belongs to Allah, and will not be harmed by the #conspiracies of the plotters, the spies of the oppressors or the spite of the haters, nor by the slander of the slanderers, but rather the call of Allah will rise, and its light will please the sincere onlookers and its brightness will repel the hearts of the spiteful envious.

وَلَتَعْلَمَنَّ نَبَأَهُ بَعْدَ جِينٍ

“ And you will surely know [the truth of] its information after a time.” [Sad: 88]

Wasslamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

Your Brother,

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# Let not Our Striving for Personal Wealth become a Source of Anguish for Our Ummah



At a time when the enemies of the Muslims have increased in their aggression and the Muslims, from Masjid al-Aqsa and Syria, to Occupied Kashmir and Afghanistan, have increased in noble defiance, every officer of our armed forces must look deep within himself now. He must accept that the obstacle to the revival of the Ummah does not lie outside of himself for he is of the men of Nussrah (Support), power and protection.

He, with others like him, can break the current stalemate, advancing the Ummah from subjugation before her enemies, to dominance over them. So, he must ponder on what has prevented him from moving before and what is holding him back now. In doing so, he must perceive correctly the atmosphere which has been created within the military today in order to prevent movement for change and true independence. He must seek guidance from the Deen so that he does not remain a mere spectator of the clash between the Ummah and the subduing

colonialists. Only then can the military officer step forwards as the faithful guardian who secures a resounding victory for the Ummah.

Let the officer consider that the current stifling, retarding atmosphere did not arise by accident. Due to the global dominance of the materialistic ideology of Capitalism, the striving for material wealth has become the primary purpose in life. For lowly material benefit, friendships are made and broken, relations are maintained and cut off, duties are fulfilled and neglected. In the absence of Islam as a way of life, wealth has become the measure of success and status in society. The striving for immense wealth has become a major preoccupation, amongst the influential in general, and the armed forces in particular.

In the case of Pakistan, which possesses the Muslim World's largest and most powerful armed forces, we see in the golf clubs, exclusive clubs and gymkhanas a culture of rivalry over worldly gains.

The discussion is dominated by the comparing of houses, cars, institutions of education for children, extravagant weddings, business investments and the size of savings. In foreign military training, as well as all other forms of foreign contact, the Westerners take care to sense and nurture the materialist tendency within each officer, for this is the key to control. It is thus no surprise that many in the armed forces, particularly at the senior levels, have amassed enough wealth for many lifetimes and this becomes the standard for those junior to them. The Panama Papers and the National Accountability Bureau cases give insight into the massive wealth gathered by the influential and privileged. Whilst this wealth is claimed by some to be ill gotten, and by others, legitimate, none can deny the huge amounts involved and the corrupting atmosphere created as a result.

If we look to better times for our Ummah, the era of Khilafah (Caliphate) and Jihad, we find

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revealing insight into our current situation. How were we able to taste victory and might over our enemies for centuries then, and not now? Then, the competition within our armed forces was over opening new lands to Islam and embracing martyrdom. The Ummah thus prevailed over her enemies, despite overwhelming numbers and force. The Muslims previously saw wealth merely as a tool, whilst the purpose of life and the measure of success was striving for the dominance of our Deen. Here, let the army officer consider that in the Introduction to the Constitution, as prepared by Hizb ut Tahrir for the coming Khilafah, the military education will have a strong Islamic component.

As Hizb ut Tahrir has adopted in Article 67, "It is obligatory to provide the Army with the highest level of military education and raise its intellectual level as far as possible. Every individual in the Army should be given Islamic culture that enables him to have an awareness of Islam, to at least a general level." Today, the Muslim officers must reach within themselves, using our Deen as a standard, to overcome the privileges and temptations of their rank, in order to come forwards at the Ummah's time of great need.

For the men who seek to break the stalemate, let them consider carefully the wisdom in the warnings of RasulAllah (saaw) regarding the unchecked desire for wealth. Ka'b bin 'Iyad narrated that the RasulAllah (saaw) said:

«إِنَّ لِكُلِّ أُمَّةٍ فِتْنَةً وَفِتْنَتُهُ أُمَّتِي الْمَالُ»

**"Indeed there is a fitnah for every Ummah, and the Fitnah for my Ummah is wealth." [Tirmidhi]. Ibn Ka'b bin Malik Al-Ansari narrated from his father, that the Messenger of Allah (s.a.w) said,**

«مَا ذُنْبَانِ جَانِعَانِ أَرْسِلَا فِي غَنَمٍ بِأَفْسَدَ لَهَا مِنْ  
«حِرْصِ الْمَرْءِ عَلَى الْمَمَالِ وَالشَّرْفِ لِدِينِهِ»

**"Two wolves free among sheep are no more destructive to them than a man's desire for wealth and honor is to his Deen." [Tirmidhi].**

So how can the one who witnesses the destruction of the Ummah before him and Fitnah upon Fitnah, remain as a passive spectator due to his desire for wealth? If he remains chained by the pursuit of personal wealth, he denies himself the chance to being honored in the Aakhira (Hereafter) forever through supporting our Deen!

Let them consider that the desire for wealth which comes from the nature of man, his instinct of survival, is strong. Indeed, like anything else that we seek to overcome, we cannot underestimate this desire. Nor can we underestimate its ruining effects upon the duties of the servant who seeks to please Allah (swt), as his foremost pursuit in life. Anas b. Malik reported Allah's Messenger (saaw) as saying:

لَوْ كَانَ لِابْنِ آدَمَ وَادٍ مِنْ ذَهَبٍ أَحَبَّ أَنْ لَهُ وَادِيًا  
آخَرَ وَلَيْنَ يَمْلَأُ فَاهُ إِلَّا التُّرَابَ وَاللَّهُ يَتُوبُ عَلَيَّ مَنْ  
«تَابَ»

**"If there were two valleys of gold for the son of Adam, he would long for another one. And his mouth will not be filled but with dust, and Allah returns to him who repents." [Muslim]**

Moreover, the desire for wealth is strong even in the one who ages and rises to senior ranks in the institution, although death becomes more likely. Anas bin Malik narrated that the Prophet (saw) said,

يَهْرَمُ ابْنُ آدَمَ وَيَشَبُّ مِنْهُ اثْنَتَانِ الْحِرْصُ عَلَى  
«الْعُمُرِ وَالْحِرْصُ عَلَى الْمَالِ»

**"The Son of Adam grows old, but two things keep him young: Desire for life and desire for wealth." [Tirmidhi]**

However, Islam, as revealed by the Creator (swt) of both man and wealth, treated this desire in the best manner. If only we were to learn, reflect and reform, we would not be chained to the short worldly life, forsaking our everlasting life in the Aakhira.

So, Islam reminded us that the

real wealth that benefits us is not what we amassed and left behind for our inheritors, The wealth that benefits us is that spent for the sake of Allah (swt). Mutarrif reported on the authority of his father: I came to RasulAllah (saaw) as he was reciting:

أَلْهَانُ التَّكَاثُرِ

**"Abundance diverts you." [Surah at-Takaathur 102:1].**

He said: «يَقُولُ ابْنُ آدَمَ مَالِي مَالِي» "The son of Adam claims: My wealth, my wealth. And he (saaw) said:

وَهَلْ لَكَ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ مِنْ مَالِكَ إِلَّا مَا أَكَلْتَ فَأَقْنَيْتَ أَوْ  
«لَبِستَ فَأَقْنَيْتَ أَوْ تَصَدَّقْتَ فَأَمْضَيْتَ»

**"O son of Adam. is there anything as your belonging except that which you consumed, which you utilized, or which you wore and then it was worn out or you gave as charity and sent it forward?" [Muslim].**

In a similar Hadith, Abu Huraira (ra) reported Allah's Messenger (saaw) as saying:

يَقُولُ الْعَبْدُ مَالِي مَالِي إِنَّمَا لَهُ مِنْ مَالِهِ ثَلَاثٌ مَا أَكَلَ  
فَأَقْنَى أَوْ لَبِسَ فَأَقْنَى أَوْ أَعْطَى فَأَقْنَى وَمَا سِوَى ذَلِكَ  
«فَهُوَ ذَاهِبٌ وَتَارِكُهُ لِلنَّاسِ»

"A servant says, My wealth. my wealth, but out of his wealth three things are only his: whatever he eats and makes use of or by means of which he dresses himself and it wears out or he gives as charity, and this is what he stored for himself (as a reward for the Hereafter), and what is beyond this (it is of no use to you) because you are to depart and leave it for other people." [Muslim]. And Anas bin Malik (ra) narrated that the Messenger of Allah (saaw) said,

يَتَّبِعُ الْمَيِّتَ ثَلَاثَةٌ، فَيَرْجِعُ اثْنَانِ وَيَبْقَى مَعَهُ وَاحِدٌ:  
يَتَّبِعُهُ أَهْلُهُ وَمَالُهُ وَعَمَلُهُ، فَيَرْجِعُ أَهْلُهُ وَمَالُهُ، وَيَبْقَى  
«عَمَلُهُ»

**"Three things follow the deceased person, and two of them return while one remains behind with him. The things which follow him are his family, his wealth and his deeds. His family and his wealth return while his deeds remain." [Bukhari].**

So, let the officers in the senior most ranks consider that were they to die tomorrow, few would say that they died young. Let them ask themselves, what then of the wealth they sought solace and comfort within? Who will such wealth benefit, beyond their inheritors? Such wealth will be of no benefit, as he faces Allah (swt) to be questioned regarding his capability and what he did with it in this era of humiliation. So let him consider when Allah (swt) said,

يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ مَالٌ وَلَا بَنُونَ \* إِلَّا مَنْ آتَى اللَّهَ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ

**“The Day when there will not benefit [anyone] wealth or children- But only one who comes to Allah with a sound heart.”** [Surah ash-Shura’a 26:88-89]

And let the officer consider that the desire for wealth must never supersede the striving in good deeds at any time, let alone at a time when his good deeds can turn the tide for his beloved Ummah. Allah (swt) said,

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْبَاقِيَاتُ الصَّالِحَاتُ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَ رَبِّكَ ثَوَابًا وَخَيْرٌ أَمَلًا

“Wealth and children are [but] adornment of the worldly life. But the enduring good deeds are better to your Lord for reward and better for [one’s] hope.” [Surah Al-Kahf 18:46] Ibn ‘Abbas (ra) said,

هي ذكر الله ، قول : لا إله إلا الله ، والله أكبر ، وسبحان الله ، والحمد لله ، وتبارك الله ، ولا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله ، وأستغفر الله ، وصلى الله على رسول الله ، والصيام ، والصلاة ، والحج ، والصدقة ، والعق ، والجهاد ، والصلة ، وجميع أعمال الحسنات . وهن الباقيات الصالحات ، التي تبقى لأهلها في الجنة ، ما دامت السموات والأرض

**“This is the celebration of the remembrance of Allah, saying ‘La ilaha illallah, Allahu Akbar, Subhan Allah, Al-Hamdu Lillah, Tabarak Allah, La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah, Astaghfirallah, Sallallahu ‘ala Rasul-Allah’, and fasting, prayer, Hajj, Sadaqah (charity), freeing slaves, Jihad, maintaining ties of kinship, and all other good deeds. These are the righteous good deeds that last, which will remain in Paradise for those who**

**do them for as long as heaven and earth remain.”**

Allah (swt) also warned,

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّمَا أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَأَوْلَادُكُمْ فِتْنَةٌ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ عِنْدَهُ أَجْرٌ عَظِيمٌ

“And know that your possessions and your children are but a trial and that surely, with Allah is a mighty reward.” [Surah Anfaal 8:28]

And Allah (swt) warned,

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ

**“O you who believe! Let not your wealth or your children divert you from the remembrance of Allah. And whosoever does that then they are the losers.”** [Surah Munafiqun 63:9]

Let the officer who seeks to walk in the path of the great Ansaar (ra), who granted Nussrah for Islam previously, fix firmly in his heart true success and status is not achieved through wealth. Abu Huraira (ra) reported Allah’s Messenger (saaw) as saying:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يَنْظُرُ إِلَى صُورِكُمْ وَأَمْوَالِكُمْ وَلَكِنْ يَنْظُرُ «إِلَى قُلُوبِكُمْ وَأَعْمَالِكُمْ»

**“Verily Allah does not look to your faces and your wealth but He looks to your heart and to your deeds.”** [Muslim]

It was narrated from Samurah bin Jundab that the Messenger of Allah (saaw) said:

«الْحَسَبُ الْمَالُ وَالْكَرَمُ النَّفْسُ»

**“Being honorable is wealth and noble character is piety.”** [Ibn Maajah].

Let him purify himself of the corrupting influence and stand as the savior of this Ummah. Let him come forwards now, without hesitation, seeking the status of his brother-in-arms who preceded him in granting Nussrah for Islam as a state and a rule, the honorable Saad ibn Muadh (ra). When Sa’ad (ra) died, his mother wept and RasulAllah (saaw) told her,

ليرقاً (لينقطع) دمعك، ويذهب حزنك، فإن ابنك أول «من ضحك الله له واهتز له العرش

“Your tears would recede and your sorrow be lessened if you know that your son is the first person for whom Allah smiled and His Throne trembled.” [At-Tabarani].

So let the army officer of today offer his soul and properties to Allah (swt) for the sake of Jannah in the magnificent trade that is to be envied! Allah (swt) said,

إِنَّ اللَّهَ اشْتَرَى مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ أَنفُسَهُمْ وَأَمْوَالَهُمْ بِأَنْ لَهُمُ الْجَنَّةُ يُفَاتِلُونَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَيَقْتُلُونَ وَيُقْتَلُونَ ۖ وَعَدَا عَلَيْهِمْ حَقًّا فِي التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ وَالْقُرْآنِ ۖ وَمَنْ أَوْفَى بِعَهْدِهِ مِنَ اللَّهِ ۖ فَاسْتَبْشِرُوا بَبَيْعِكُمُ الَّذِي بَايَعْتُمْ بِهِ ۚ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ

**“Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their properties [in exchange] for that they will have Paradise. They fight in the cause of Allah, so they kill and are killed. [It is] a true promise [binding] upon Him in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur’an. And who is truer to his covenant than Allah? So rejoice in your transaction which you have contracted. And it is that which is the great attainment.”** [Surah At-Tawba 9:111]

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# Corrupt Structural Effects of The Capitalist Economic System



It is undeniable fact that any structure built on a corrupt foundation becomes hazardous and could collapse any time. Allah (swt) said:

أَقْمَنْ أُسَسَّ بُنْيَانَهُ عَلَى تَقْوَى مِنَ اللَّهِ وَرِضْوَانٍ خَيْرٍ  
أَمْ مَنْ أُسَسَّ بُنْيَانَهُ عَلَى شِقَا جُرْفٍ هَارٍ فَانْهَارَ بِهِ  
فِي نَارٍ جَهَنَّمَ وَاللَّهُ لَا يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Then is one who laid the foundation of his building on righteousness [with fear] from Allah and [seeking] His approval better or one who laid the foundation of his building on the edge of a bank about to collapse, so it collapsed with him into the fire of Hell? And Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people. [TMQ At-Tawbah: 109]

This reality is depicted in the structure of the capitalist economic system established on an invalid creed of secularism that deprived the Creator the right of regulating the life of His slaves and instead conferring that right to slaves themselves, who possess elements of intellectual limitation and selfishness. The outcome of this is what we witness of human hardship and misery in all aspects of their lives including economics.

The structure of the capitalist economic system stands on three pillars:

1) Financial System and Banks

2) Capitalist Companies  
3) The System of Paper Currency

On this UQAB Issue, we will focus on the first pillar by indicating its wicked effects that has brought to humankind.

## Financial System and Banks

The capitalist financial institutions and banks are established on an unethical objective which is 'acquisition of material benefit to satisfy a need of an investor', putting no consideration as to the harm that this objective will bring to an individual or the entire society.

According to our Islamic viewpoint, capitalist financial system and banks is based on two prohibited matters:

a) Interest (Riba), which Allah (swt) has warned us against:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَذَرُوا مَا بَقِيَ مِنَ الرِّبَا  
إِن كُنْتُمْ مُؤْمِنِينَ \* فَإِن لَّمْ تَفْعَلُوا فَأْذَنُوا بِحَرْبٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ  
وَرَسُولِهِ...

**O you who have believed, fear Allah and give up what remains [due to you] of interest, if you should be believers\* And if you do not, then be informed of a war [against you] from Allah and His Messenger. But if you repent, you may have your principal - [thus] you do no wrong, nor are you**

wronged. [TMQ Al-Baqara: 278 - 279]

b) Hoarding of Wealth (Kanz) which Allah (swt) has also thoroughly warned us against by saying:

وَالَّذِينَ يَكْنُزُونَ الذَّهَبَ وَالْفِضَّةَ وَلَا ينفِقُونَهَا فِي  
سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ فَبَشِّرْهُم بِعَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ

**And those who hoard gold and silver and spend it not in the way of Allah - give them tidings of a painful punishment [TMQ At-Tawba: 34]**

These institutions formation are by private companies owned by wealthy individuals or by a group of wealthy individuals, or through joint stock. The nature of operations of these institutions manifested in the following three ways:

**First:** using the money collected from different account holders in exchange of a small interest, then lending the money to others at a higher interest rate.

**Second:** is by these institutions depositing their money to other large financial institutions locally or abroad and reap a higher rate of interest.

**Third:** establishing various projects whose financing is done by depriving owners of some accounts for longer periods of time with a reciprocal compensation of a slightly higher interest rate on their deposits.

## Corrupt Effects

The effects of these institutions are uncountable. The following two are among the most fatal:

### 1) Circulation of Currency

Currency circulation is limited to a few within the economy. In other words, through interest, money is taken from the hands of people and through interest again, the capitalist tycoons who are capable of repaying loans, take large sums of money from these banks resulting to the poor becoming poorer and the rich become richer through business expansion. Eventually these tycoons establish big projects that dominate the economy making the destitute live under the mercy of this class by depending on commodities and services produced at a price dictated by them (rich).

Therefore, depositing of money in banks by ordinary people is what provides a leeway to result such atrocities, contrary to what they believe that depositing will bring them benefit; and that interest 'benefit' given to them by banks is what constitutes a tributary that fills the ocean of the rich.

### Solution

Within the Khilafah state there shall be no such institutions established on the two matters mentioned above prohibited by the Islamic shari'ah. And because this is the basis of these banks, their extinction will be inevitable.

Practically, the Khilafah undo the effect by undertaking the following steps:

- Culturing the umma with an Islamic personality, who love and hate for the sake of Allah, in education curricula of schools and universities.
- Giving interest free loans or awarding grants from department of grants (ديوان العطاء) thus obliging the individual rich to follow suit.

c. Prohibiting hoarding of wealth by establishing a parastatal (say: Chambers of Business Partnerships and Associations (CBPA) within the department of state affairs (ديوان مصالح الدولة) whose mandate will be to sensitize and supervise business partnerships between individuals with surplus wealth and technocrats in various fields including the state itself to make use of the surplus.

d. The state opening up branches of state treasury (bait ul-maal) in every province, district and even at the suburbs to simplify the carrying out of financial transactions between citizens and the state or between citizens themselves.

e. Putting tough punishment (Ta'azi) to whoever engages in interest or hoarding of wealth.

### 2) Transfer of Wealth to Abroad

Through these institutions, the wealth transferred is from the poor countries or the so-called 'Third World Countries' to the 'Developed' countries. This is done in two ways:

i. Opening up foreign banks within the countries, the money directly taken away from the hands of the locals and put to the benefit of foreign governments.

ii. Local banks taking away the money from the hands of citizens at a small interest probably at 7 or 8 percent, and eventually invest in western banks abroad with the intention of reaping higher interest rate approximating to billions of US Dollars.

This is a very big threat to a country, by depriving her wealth, which could have been essential capital for her various projects, and instead putting it on the hands of imperialists' countries benefitting their projects.

Example of Muslim countries which have submitted their wealth on the hands of imperialists' countries according to 2013 statistics are: (Among Top 50 countries it includes: No.34 UAE; \$61,960,000,000, No.35 Kuwait; \$60,760,000,000, No.41

Turkey; \$33,440,000,000 No.42 Qatar; \$28,860,000,000, No.43 Kazakhstan; \$26,530,000,000, No.44 Saudi Arabia; \$26,080,000,000, No.46 Tajikistan \$18,500,000,000, No.47 Libya; \$17,820,000,000, No.48 Indonesia \$17,410,000,000,).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_countries\\_by\\_FDI\\_abroad](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_FDI_abroad)

The total wealth submitted abroad by these countries is more than 291 billion US dollars.

### Solution:

As a way of encouraging local investment and preventing the transfer of wealth abroad; the following are three policies that the Khaleefah and his deputies can practically employ in the economy:

#### a) Financial Policy

The state should give interest free loans to entrepreneurs, enter into partnerships (Mudharaba), and give grants to for instance to those who will invest more on sectors whose production is weak or to those who will invest in hardship areas. This will encourage investment in these sectors and areas.

#### b) Fiscal Policy

The state should focus a considerable amount of its expenditure on research and science by building public laboratories and libraries, and funding researchers. This will enable the Ummah to conduct continuous inventions on various development projects within the state.

#### c) Infrastructure Development Policy

This is through development and enhancement of state infrastructure like roads, railway and Information Communication Technology (ICT) and others. This will highly motivate entrepreneurs to invest locally as all the key incentives to investment are available within the state hence retaining circulation of wealth within the economy.

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# The Global Economic Crisis: 10 Years on

The summer of 2017 is the decade anniversary of the global economic crisis. Lehman Brothers in the US collapsed, Wall Street went into meltdown and the world economy plunged into crisis. Trillions were lost in output (\$22 trillion in the US, within just five years), millions of workers were made redundant and thousands of promises were made by politicians and policymakers – everyone from Barack Obama and Gordon Brown to David Cameron and Christine Lagarde – that things would change. Yet, nearly a decade later, what is most striking is how little has changed. A decade on the underlying issues that caused much of the crisis remain unresolved, whilst the perpetrators have been looked after by the governments in the West with bailouts and Quantitative Easing (QE) – the printing of money.

The world's major economies continue to struggle to achieve sustainable growth, despite years of monetary and fiscal stimulus. Many of the world's premier economies also face long-term structural challenges, including rising debt, aging populations, and inadequate or aging infrastructure.

Much of the cheap money created by the US Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and the European Central Bank (ECB) has been pushed by financial speculators into the higher-yielding markets of South Africa, Brazil and India, among others. Economists at the Bank for International Settlements, the central banks' central bank, believe \$9.8 trillion was pumped out in foreign bank loans and bonds in the first half-decade after the Lehman Brothers collapse. Around \$7 trillion of that was pushed through to emerging markets.

Since the financial crisis in 2007 a range of emergency measures were adopted to not only save the western economies but to save the banking

system. There was a very real risk of a widespread banking collapse and a 1930's style depression was also forecast. The bank bailouts included up to \$21 trillion of money and a range of further "unusual" central bank policies followed. All were designed to save the system, save the banks and generate growth in western economies. Despite these measures which included Quantitative Easing (money printing) and the lowering of interest rates to virtually zero, the economic recovery in the West has been painfully slow.

At the Annual World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland from January 20th -23rd 2016, World leaders decided to dramatically escalate the War on Cash making it easier for them to impose negative interest rates. Their solution to this "problem" in 2016 was to push the world closer to a cashless society. Central Banks in 2016 started this process by phasing out larger denominations of currency notes, which makes large cash transactions impractical. Former US Senator Ron Paul highlighted: "The cashless society is the IRS's dream: total knowledge of, and control over, the finances of every single American."

One of the most significant events in recent economic history was the leak of 11.5 million documents covering the daily business of the Mossack Fonseca law firm in 2016 which advised the world's largest corporations, dictators, monarchs as well as democratically elected leaders on how to hide their money and avoid tax.

This incident revealed once again and with a treasure trove of evidence that whilst many in the world have been forced with austerity the rich and powerful pay little taxes through the use of offshore accounts. The biggest implications of the leak will come from the light these revelations shed upon the banking and financial

system itself. It is not a secret that vast riches are stored in offshore havens estimates include the total sum of hidden assets at 8% of global financial wealth. But never before have we had access to the details. And the phenomenon of offshore wealth is a symptom of a more malignant condition. The disparity between rich and poor has been growing for decades, and these giant offshore sums are reflection of that trend.

Western governments saved themselves from economic collapse by bailing out the banks that created the crisis. This was funded by cutting government budgets and social security for the masses under the guise of 'we are all in it together.' They papered over the cracks and continue to propagate their ideology around the world. They continue to present their ideology as essential to solving global poverty and global debt, despite the fact that their very ideology caused the global economic crisis.

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# The Prophet's (saw) Methodology for Revival

## 4th Halaqa: Interaction Stage

Today we will discuss on the second stage among the stages of the prophet's (saw) da'wah which is the stage of interacting with society which was meant to achieve an imperative object: **Public Opinion (Rai 'Aam) emanating from Public Awareness (Waa' yi Aam).**

This second stage involved both **intellectual struggle and political action.**

The Prophet (saw) made Ummul Quraa (Holy City of Mecca) to be the launching point of his da'wah to reach all other surrounding villages/cities/towns, after having inculcated his noble companions with Islam, where Islamic thought and method became their way of life.

The Quraysh stood against the prophet (saw) and his followers using four (4) styles:

We will mention them in this Halaqa and expound them in the coming issue In Shaa Allah:

1. Bargaining with the Prophet (saw) to abandon the da'wah
2. Propaganda against the Prophet (saw) and the da'wah.
3. Boycotting carriers of the da'wah.
4. Nuisance and persecution against the Prophet (saw) and the da'wah carriers.

It will continue in UQAB Issue 9... In Shaa Allah

# Q&A:

## Implications of the French-American Rapprochement!



US President Donald Trump is back on Thursday to talk about his recent visit to France. Trump said in an interview with The New York Times “He’s a great guy,” Trump said of Macron. “Smart. Strong. Loves holding my hand.”. Adding, “People don’t realize, he loves holding my hand ...” (Al-Arabiya.net-Washington France Press, 20/7/2017). President Trump visited Paris on July 13, 2017. The current president, Macron, welcomed him warmly. While the former French President, Hollande, had shown his displeasure with the US President, as well as there were heavy accusations of President Trump by European leaders! What are the indications of this French-American rapprochement and the objectives of Trump’s visit to Paris? And are there any implications of this visit to the situation in Syria, especially since French President Macron talks about a new French-American strategy in Syria?

**Answer:** Trump’s haphazardness in international politics has had

strikingly disturbing results, for example, his shocking statements on the feasibility of NATO led to harsh reactions against American policy, and the most noticeable of those reactions were issued from Berlin. During his election campaign and after his inauguration as president on 20/1/2017, Trump did not hide his annoyance with the European Union. He praised the British referendum, Brexit. The American ambassador to Brussels expected the EU to be disbanded, and America awaited the Dutch and French elections in the hope of winning of the anti-EU parties, so that this dismantling of the EU takes place in 2017. This is what Europe stood against; it succeeded in preventing the influence of the British domino effect on the Netherlands and France, and thus removed the specter of dismantling its union. And then his haphazardness in international politics increased and he retreated from his decisions. Trump changed his views of NATO as an outdated alliance, as he

described, and then retreated from these positions publicly. He also withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement, then offered to renegotiate it, and he stood on the brink of war with North Korea, then backtracked. Moreover, he held a negative view of China, and then stood with it waiting for its outcome in North Korea’s file, and he made strong statements on the Syrian arena, and then left things to its neighbours in Astana and Geneva.

What can also be noticed is the disturbance of his internal situation especially what was raised by the opposition to his policy on the subject of Russia’s support for him during the elections. The result of these problems and this opposition is that the contacts of the president and his administration members with Russia became a very sensitive issue in America, and this situation did not help the president to achieve the Russian-American agreement and it was delayed, and Trump only held one meeting with the Russian

president on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Hamburg, Germany on July 7, 2017. US-Russian relations have become more complex at a time when Congress is imposing additional sanctions on Russia. On top of the increasing US reports on Russia's intervention in the elections, adding more embarrassment to the President internally, not to mention embarrassment to continue restoration of his country's relations with Moscow.

All these have caused disruption in the international policy between America and the EU countries, and this disruption wavered between positive and negative according to the interests of these countries and their ability to exploit the new situation in US policy, and we will review the positions of these countries related to the Trump policy and then touch on the implications of the French position which led to Trump's invitation to visit Paris and welcome him warmly.

1- With regards to Britain: British Prime Minister Theresa May's early visit to Washington on January 26, 2017 and her eagerness to sign a trade agreement with Washington would serve as a model for other EU countries to encourage them to leave the EU. Thus, Britain restored its attachment to the United States and was very much in favor of the Trump administration, but after the American hopes of dismantling the European Union were shattered, as evidenced by the victory of the pro Europe parties in the elections of the Netherlands and France, Trump's positive view of Britain declined as he wanted it to lead the process of dismantling Europe, and when London's Brexit was not repeated in Paris and Amsterdam, America has come back to tarnish the international interests of Britain in a shocking manner to London. America is pushing its agent, Sisi, to increase support for Haftar without any regard to the interests of Britain in Libya, and America pushed its agents in a semi shocking way to pressure on Qatar, which is Britain's

spear head in the Arab and Islamic region. With this and others, Britain's policy was shaken and lost trust in America's Trump, finding itself between the hammer of America, on the one hand, and the anvil of Europe that it negotiated to leave its union on the other. In the face of these broad doubts, the British Prime Minister announced early elections, and this was surprising even to members of the Government, and with that programmed result of the election of 8/6/2017, Britain has fluctuated between the departure of the European Union or to return to it. The elections have shown that supporters of the exit were increasingly weak, which increased the possibility of remaining if negotiations with Brussels do not produce the agreement that pleases it. This shows how the new US policy has confused Britain.

2- On the more important side is the Russian side; the European trends were compatible with those of America after the annexation of Russia to the Crimea in 2014 and igniting eastern Ukraine. The US and European sanctions reflected the consensus of views between them regarding the Europeans' fear of Putin's demarcation in Eastern Europe, but since his election campaign, Trump has been critical of these sanctions and vowed to build close ties with Russia which has confused Europe and put it alone in the face of Russia's new rise. Although Europe's leaders realized that America, during the Obama administration, was the one that allowed Russia to rise, especially after its involvement in the Syrian war, Trump threatened to go further in bilateral agreement with Russia on global issues, which would eliminate European hopes of having a role in the International crises.

3- As for Germany, it took clear steps in rejecting the new American policy; it rejected the American criticism of the European NATO countries, denounced that Germany and Europe become in debt to America on defense issues, denounced

America's departure from the climate agreement and rejected any new negotiations on it. It criticized the arms deals that Trump signed with Saudi Arabia and considered them as pouring fire on oil in an inflamed region, and remained so despite a change in the French position. According to the evening broadcast of the German Deutsche Welle: (German Chancellor Angela Merkel's positions were harsh towards the US President during the G20 in Germany, but the French president was careful not to upset Trump...), (Deutsche Welle, 14/7/2017). Overall, it can be said that Germany has significantly increased its attempts to revive Germany as a superpower; all in the wake of new American policies.

4- After that, we touch on the significance of Trump's visit to France, the apparent American-French rapprochement, France's goals of inviting President Trump to visit and participate in the National Day of July 13, 2017, highlighting what France called the centennial of America's participation in World War I, which is an old event that is rarely held for celebrations except for a specific objective. At a time when President Trump was straining ties with all of Europe, France invited him to participate in its National Day holiday! (Macron in a call on Tuesday renewed his invitation to Trump to visit France and to participate in its National Day holiday. The first invitation was during the NATO summit at the end of last May in Brussels ... (Elaph newsite, 28/6/2017). At the G-20 Summit, held in Germany on 7/7/2017, French President Macron warmly undid his (Trump) isolation among the leaders, especially the Europeans, who drew harsh criticism to the United States for its withdrawal from the climate agreement. Trump himself was surprised by Macron's invitation in this atmosphere. (Trump said he was "surprised" to receive this invitation after his decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement on Climate, signed by 195 countries in 2014 ...) (Al Arabiya.net, 20/07/07)

5- As for the objectives of this new French approach, it must be emphasized that France, the European Union's most important pillar, was most critical of Trump and fear of the impact of his policy on American-European relations. This was not exclusive to the former French President Hollande. The current president, Macron, has also been highly critical of Trump since his election campaign and until recently. And this French turn towards America has emerged only weeks ago, and has emerged clearly in the invitation of US President Trump to France and received with a great welcome and surrounded by a halo of respect. And the study of this turn is likely to have two dimensions; each one is no less important than the other:

The first dimension of that shift concerns the Syrian dimension. After Macron announced that: He sees no legitimate alternative to Bashar, and that France no longer saw Bashar's departure as a condition for settlement. (Reuters, June 21, 2017). And he said after that and before receiving the American president: "We changed the view of France on Syria to reach a comprehensive political solution, and will not put Bashar's departure as a condition for this ..." (Middle East, 13/7/2017), and thus France has become closer to America, which holds the card of the regime and many of the factions in Syria. This approach is to have a role in Syria that it has been longing for, for some time. France knows that it will not get to even smell the role only by a passing permit from America.

Thus, the warm welcome and not insisting on the departure of Bashar are because they (the French) know that America does not want his departure now, but only after the arrangement of an alternative agent to take place of the current agent, and America has not found it yet. France started to get rid of its previous positions because they were obstacles hindering its

participation. France started to sing the tune of "anti-terrorism", proceeding according to the same musical notes as Trump. French President, Emmanuel Macron, said during a joint press conference with his US counterpart Donald Trump: That he agreed with President Trump on a road map for the post War in Iraq and Syria. Macron added on Thursday in the French capital that he also agreed with the US President to make every effort to combat terrorism ... (Russia Today, 13/7/2017)

The second dimension is France's fears of the escalation of the German role; these fears have made France oppose Germany. While Germany's criticism of Trump increases, France is getting close! Immediately after the visit of the US President to Paris, France's ambassador to the United Nations, Francois Delattre, said that: "the contact group on Syria, which Paris proposes to be formed, should include members of the UN Security Council and regional actors. The diplomat told reporters before a closed session of the Security Council, On Friday evening, that the team mentioned above must carry out "the deployment of peace and the preparation of the road map." The French delegate added that the most important thing now is uniting the international community and launching new initiatives in support of the efforts of the Special Envoy to Syria, Stefan de Mistura ... (Russia Today, 14/7/2017). Thus, France calls for the formation of the "Contact Group on Syria" to "include member states of the UN Security Council and regional actors" and "to provide a concrete initiative for the five countries to deal with it", i.e., Germany's exclusion from this role as it is not in the Security Council, which reveals French concerns about the rise of Germany; it does not want it to have an international role.

6- Thus, the disruption of Trump's policy, especially his visit to France, has created a change in the international policy between America and the European Union to the point

that some media considered that visit was the beginning of a new world order: (The British Times newspaper considered the visit of US President Donald Trump to the French capital, Paris, a beginning of a new world order, where French President Emmanuel Macron leads his country to a new relationship with America and Germany. The newspaper said that Macron presents himself as a pragmatic leader of the European Union after Britain's exit from the Union. The European cards will be redistributed after the exit of Britain, according to the newspaper. The newspaper's editorial concluded that the European Union had been built in a way that neither Germany nor France could be unique as a single dominant power and that the two countries were able to overcome centuries of hostility between them and work together to lead the European continent with or without Britain. But now they swim on different currents; France is under the leadership of Macron, aspiring to lead Europe, and Germany, under Merkel's leadership, wants to focus on maintaining a sound and full Europe. (Al-Wafd website, 14/7/2017).

7- But what we want to conclude this answer by is that France's dreams of entering the Syrian theater will not be for long, and will clash with the reality of the American position which accepts only its unilateral control of the Syrian crisis, and some of the softness shown by America towards the French orientations to Syria is to fuel the French-German conflict within the European Union to dismantle it.

As for France's fear of the rise of Germany, it is a genuine fear; the elements of the foundation of state in Germany outweigh the elements of the state in France. This is known historically and geographically. At a time when Germany is abandoning its current (ethical) commitment to the World War II agreements that prevent it from the influential global military role, and imposes on it to focus only on industrial and

economic influence without the military role, while getting rid of it, it is likely that it will emerge in Europe again, superior to France, no matter how close it gets to America.

We ask Allah (swt) to make the conflict among them severe and that their structure collapses: (فَأَتَى اللَّهُ بُنْيَانَهُمْ مِنَ الْقَوَاعِدِ فَخَرَّ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّقْفُ مِنْ فَوْقِهِمْ وَأَتَاهُمُ الْعَذَابُ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَشْعُرُونَ) "... but Allah came at their building from the foundations, so the roof fell upon them from above them, and the punishment came to them from

where they did not perceive.” [An-Nahl: 26] and the state of Islam take their place, and spread good in the world, and the Prophet’s saying in the Hadith materializes. In Ahmad’s Musnad he extracted from Tamim Ad-Dari who said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (saw) say: «لَيَبْلُغَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرُ مَا بَلَغَ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ وَلَا يَتْرُكُ اللَّهُ بَيْتَ مَدْرٍ وَلَا وَبَرَ إِلَّا أَدْخَلَهُ اللَّهُ هَذَا الدِّينَ بِعِزِّ عَزِيزٍ أَوْ بِذُلِّ دَلِيلٍ عِزًّا يُعِزُّ اللَّهُ بِهِ الْإِسْلَامَ وَذُلًّا يُذِلُّ اللَّهُ بِهِ..» “This matter will reach all places reached by day (light) and night; Allah will not leave a house of mud or hair/fur, without making

this Deen enter it, by the glory of a powerful or humiliation of the humiliated. A glory that Allah will give to Islam and humiliation He (swt) will give to the Kuffar.” Bayhaqi extracted a similar Hadith in As-Sunan Al-Kubra as well as in the Mustadrak of Hakim. And this will be achieved with the help of Allah and support, and that is not difficult to Allah.

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