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Everybody knows the situation when one feels a certain inertia and because of this feeling it becomes difficult for him to perform specific tasks, apart from how important these tasks are for him, whether it is an Islamic duty, organic needs, desires or instincts, caring for children, economic profit, study or even small household tasks. It's like there's an obstacle in the way, that prevents from doing something and this obstacle cannot be eliminated and that sways unfortunately the specific task can also not be performed. This situation is the situation of laziness.

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) used to say:

«اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَمِّ وَالْحَزَنِ، وَالْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ، وَالْبُخْلِ وَالْجُبْنِ، وَضَعْفِ الدِّينِ، وَغَلْبَةِ الرِّجَالِ»

“O Allaah, I take refuge in You from anxiety and sorrow, weakness and laziness, miserliness and cowardice, the burden of debts and from being overpowered by men.”

Laziness can be very dangerous for a Muslim and can discourage him from the Dawah activity, which is mandatory and also very important in nowadays reality of the Ummah without the Khilafah. If a Muslim feels this kind of laziness towards the Islamic Work for the reestablishment of the Khilafah or other Islamic obligations, then he should wonder why he is in this situation and have this feeling of inertia.

There are some researches in the world about the situation of Laziness. The capitalistic mentality is also affected by this problem. Because of the economic difficulties in the past years various scientific institutes were concerned with laziness because they want to find out if the laziness of the workers has an effect on the economic development or not and why workers become lazy.

Tyler Cowen, a professor of economics at George Mason University said that American workers have become lazy and this is causing the U.S. to stagnate economically. The latest State of the American Workplace Report estimates

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that disengaged workers cost the U.S. between \$450 and \$550 billion in lost productivity each year.

According to a 2015 study conducted by Eden Springs it found that almost half of UK workers are unmotivated and lazy at work and a similar survey carried out by Global health insurance (BUPA) concluded that 46% of workers don't put extra effort into their role.

So because the capitalists have realized that their workers have become lazy in recent years and work less and disagreement and this would lead to an economic disadvantage, they have led studies of why someone might get lazy.

Some studies about motivation suggest that laziness maybe caused by a decreased level of motivation. For the capitalists, it means that their workers work worse due to lack of motivation and this leads to a disadvantage for the company. For us Muslims means this, that if someone becomes negligent and lazy in the execution of his Dawah work, so it may be due to a lack of motivation which leads him to fail to perform the Islamic duty properly. The biggest drawback of this is that it damages his own Akhira. The next question can be when do people get lack of motivation?

A study done at Carnegie Melon University revealed that people lack motivation when they find little value in the projected outcome of their work. However, if people are able to clearly see how their work connects to their interests, goals, and concerns, they are more likely to value their work and be motivated to invest their energy into it. The case of the capitalist workers is that they are exploited for the interests and the goals of others, and therefore it is understandable that after some time they become demotivated at work and thereby tend to laziness. For us means this, that it is virtually impossible for a Muslim who works for the good pleasure of Allah swt and the Akhira, to become demotivated in his Islamic duties and also in the obligation of the reestablishment of the Caliphate upon the Method of the Prophethood. Once he understands that life is just a test and it is only about who lives according to the laws of Allah swt, he will automatically invest a lot of energy and potential in achieving his interests, goals and the end result.

In addition, Australian researchers have identified a new condition characterized by extreme laziness: motivational deficiency disorder (MoDeD). MoDeD is described as overwhelming and debilitating apathy. Consequently is lack of motivation when someone: losing interest quickly, not finishing things that he have started, procrastinating and putting off doing things, avoid doing things, being passive, thinking that he is weak, feeling trapped, feeling misunderstood, feeling lonely, dull and gloomy, wanting to improve his life, but not doing anything about it, having no objectives or goals, or ambitions and knowing that he could achieve more, but don't have the confidence to face new challenges.

Motivation in Latin "movere" is something what moves the humankind to do something. Motivation is the inner drive. It is what powers to take action. Consequently, if a person realizes that he has become lazy in the execution of his Islamic duties as well as the Dawah work, he should consider whether he has enough motivation for this tasks. The motivation for a Muslim is only the pleasure of Allah swt and the eternal Paradise. This means that he must always remember his goal so that he always remains motivated and always moves forward with zeal and sincerity and fulfills his Islamic obligations. The Muslim must have clear Islamic concepts about the life and that he fulfill his duty not out of compulsion but out of his own will. So the likelihood is higher that the clear concepts help him not to lose sight of his goal and thus he will not fall into the claws of this Dunya.

The lore about hell does not allow us Muslims to become lazy and careless in our Islamic obligations at all, as well as the cruel reality of the Ummah, which does not allow us to be lazy in the Dawah for the Khilafah (Caliphate).

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The Solution to Problems Facing the Education Sector Does Not Lie in Wearing of Similar Uniforms but Rather in Abolishing the Secular Colonial Education Policy



Kenyans are left in a dilemma from conflicting statements between leaders in the Ministry of Education and Kenya Parents Association (KPA) relating to a proposal by the parents' association that primary school pupils should wear similar uniform of 'grey' in colour and high school students to wear similar uniforms of 'blue' in colour the only difference to be the school badge. The Chairman of the association, Nicholas Maiyo said that they issued the proposals to the Education Ministry as parents after convening a one-week workshop early July, 2018 in the County of Machakos.

The proposals were very clear and the Principal Secretary of Education, Belio Kipsang while attending a function to commemorate the action plan for the upgrade of the textile firm owned by Moi University on Saturday, 7th July 2018, said that his Ministry is working on a policy that will incorporate the parents' proposal, "The proposal came from parents who have been complaining of high costs of purchasing school uniforms ..." He continued, "We want to protect our children against those who lure them ..." He added, "As we come nearer to having similar uniforms in our schools, we want Rivatex to get ready in playing the role of making the required uniforms." The announcement brought anxiety and debate in the social media. On Monday, 10th July 2018; Education Cabinet Secretary Amina Mohamed said the decision that schools should wear similar uniforms has not been officially determined. Speaking to the media at Jogoo House she said, "Schools have sponsors and that means we should seek for their advice before deciding anything."

These statements clearly show that the government does not care for the education sector, what it cares for is uplifting its economy via the industrial sector in order to achieve its popular vision known as the 'Big Four Agenda'. According to the 2018 Budget Policy Statement issued on 19th January 2018; the government has embarked on increasing the earning share of the manufacturing sector from 9% to 15% of the GDP by 2022. In textile manufacturing, the government is planning to increase cotton production through modern means, whose capacity is three times of the traditional means thus encouraging investors in building strong factories. Consequently, this will

create involvement of 50,000 youths and women in the sector through training and eventually establishment of 5 million feet factories through cotton production. In doing this the policy states: 'Kenya will increase earning from the textile industry from Ksh. 3.5 billion to Ksh. 2 trillion, and provision of 500,000 employment opportunities in cotton farming and 100,000 employment opportunities in new clothes manufacturing by 2022.'

It is clear that the Kenya Parents Association (KPA) is not distressed from the situation of the education sector from the fact that it has succumbed and turned to be an arm of the government serving it to achieve its objectives. Basically, what should have occupied KPA throughout is how they would get rid of the education policy which provides a general guideline on education of their children from nursery to the university. Because the education policy existent today is that which was formulated by the colonialist since his arrival in the country; which is that education is a tool used to consolidate slavery/subservience thoughts and concepts to man/colonialist and do as he orders you in accordance with his intellect, either you work for him in the factory or elsewhere. This policy of education molded the children to sanctify and aspire to be like western colonialists who ruled their fathers. Consequently, it has led to their total submission and inferiority complex in the face of orders from the secular capitalist western colonialists.

The education established on a weak limited western colonialists' mind professing secularism as their creed and capitalism as their ideology, has no other outcome except to produce mental slavery to western thoughts which leads them to degeneration worse than animals due to the fact that the thoughts contradict the nature of man. For instance, someone who is a Professor or a Doctor celebrating to be 'gay'. It is very shocking because a scholar is he who the society depends on in leading the future generation by being in the front row with a higher level of thinking. Contrary, it is the scholar who is valueless; how will his student be?

The solution lies with Islam, a divine ideology from the Maker of man and who knows what is right and wrong for his creatures. Islam through the Khilafah State established upon the methodology of Prophethood, whose basis is the Islamic creed on which the education policy is built; the curriculum of education and methods of teaching are all designed to prevent diversion from this basis. The ultimate objective of education is to form an Islamic personality in thought and behavior; and to provide scientific and general knowledge on life affairs. Hence, all subjects in the curriculum of education will be taught on that basis.

As for the issue of wearing uniforms or similar uniforms for that matter, that is not a vital issue and would not have controversy the way it is currently witnessed in Kenya from the fact that people have taken sides and everyone is championing theirs to seek more benefits than his opponent. Since the Khilafah state through a righteous Khalifah will give official guideline within the boundaries of the Shar'iah and aimed at making it easier for citizens living in the state regarding students' not or wearing of uniforms.

Once more the secular creed and its capitalist ideology have clearly shown that they view man as a money making machine and always view him on the angle of benefit that he gives or how he could be used to achieve higher levels GDP or even exploited to justify secret plans of the secular colonial governments.

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Nigeria Faces unstable Future



Since becoming independent in 1960, Nigeria's political history has been marred by several intricacies – tribal clashes, religious wars, oil wars, military coups etc. About 75% of post-independent years were spent under military rule and dictatorship. However, Nigeria's violence has never reached the level of its African counterparts like Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), and the Central African Republic (CAR).

Nigeria was on the radar of European colonialists for centuries. It was part of the 'Slave Coast' and blessed with mineral resources. The British laid claim over it and conducted slave trade and exported palm oil.

Although, it met resistance from the likes of Sokoto rulers and King Koko, their 'Missionary' fleets took over control directly in some parts and indirectly in others. The British came to Nigeria with the ostensible mission of spreading Christianity through the Missionaries. But the truth behind its 'Mission' was colonialism.

The agreement of the world powers at the Berlin Conference (1889-1890) initiated the Scramble for Africa. This made Africa the personal property of the colonial nations. King Leopold of Belgium declared his colonies as his personal fiefdom.

Nigeria discovered oil in 1956. This made Nigeria a more important and valuable 'Protectorate' or 'Mandate'. This also came at a time when the global balance of power was shifting and the struggle for control over oil regions was picking up speed all over the world. Africa was still not part of the global political landscape until 1960. British interests, therefore, faced no threat in Nigeria until the rise of the United States of America as the Superpower after World War II. The whole of Europe was devastated by the war, following the depletion of its resources by World War 1 and the Great Depression of 1929. This made holding a firm grip on its colonies harder.

The US emerged very powerful with a military after World War 2. It set out to control the world after discovering and tasting the 'stupendous' amount of oil in the world. It then started supporting independence movements in the 'Third World' – colonized nations. Thus, it struck a deal with Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Union Premier in 1961, to share the World between the US and the Soviet Union. This was the reason the US allowed the Communists to make inroads into parts of Africa and Asia.

However, 'Great Britain' was becoming 'Little Britain', the US realized it had to steal from Europe its colonies to consolidate its global position. After giving 'independence' to the Colonies, the Colonialists left control to their agents in order to secure their interests; this was the reason for the coups and counter-coups.

Britain realized it was too weak to face the US directly, so it adopted the policy of Self-Preservation, which was implemented in two ways: siding with the US at times and foiling its plans on other occasions; hoping to influence political outcomes for its own benefits in both cases. As Lord Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston – the then Prime Minister of England in the 19th Century – stated in his most famous quote “We have no eternal allies, and we have no perpetual enemies. Our interests are eternal and perpetual, and those interests it is our duty to follow”. This is a statement revered by all colonial powers.

Despite its weakness, Britain is good in political manoeuvres. In his book, *The Post American World*, Fareed Zakaria encapsulated British Foreign Policy after WW II: “The photographs of Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill at the Yalta Conference in February 1945 are somewhat misleading. There was no ‘big three’ at Yalta. There was a ‘big two’ plus one brilliant political entrepreneur who was able to keep himself and his country in the game, so that Britain maintained many elements of great powerdom well into the late 20th century.”

After years of fluctuating civil and military rulers, the US finally got a stable hold on Nigeria when Olusegun Obasanjo came to power in 1999. The US made sure its agent was elected after Obasanjo until the 2015 election when the long-standing British agent, Muhammadu Buhari, came out with fortune smiling on him to win the election after contesting for years. The US had no choice because it lacked a credible personality to support – Goodluck Jonathan literally messed up its plans. Manipulating the election’s result to hand over victory to its candidate could have triggered violence, especially in the North – which was Buhari’s stronghold. The US obviously did not want that. Buhari took over for the British. He was, however, surrounded by US agents; the likes of Saraki and Kwankwaso.

The US is making significant efforts to find a credible candidate. But 2019 doesn’t seem like the year for it to regain Nigeria. Potential candidate, Atiku Abubakar, has a tainted reputation among Nigerians – especially in the majority North where Buhari is blindly supported. The former governor of Kano, Kwankwaso, might be a better choice.

Nigeria’s predicament was caused by the greed of Western Colonialism. Nigeria’s political history has always been the story of colonial struggle.

Therefore, the election in 2019 is a struggle between Colonial powers – in Nigeria’s case, the United States of America and Britain. Nigeria must break away from the shackles of Colonialism and it must adopt a coherent thought that is productive to humanity for it to truly develop.

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The Sugar Saga is a Consequence of Poor Administration of Imperialistic Governments



The sugar scandal continues to create friction in the Jubilee government between President Uhuru Kenyatta and his Deputy William Ruto. Political allies of Mr. Ruto termed it as that which has objectives of politically undermining them. The saga erupted when a 1.2 tonnes of sugar was discovered in Kitui, Machakos and Nairobi. The sugar is said to be illegally imported in the country. What was more amusing, are the claims that it was contaminated with mercury. In order to understand what is behind this saga, first it is necessary to mention the following incidences:

First: Research conducted by the Danish Think Tank said that there are about 70 businessmen including political kingpins in the towns of Kismayu, Garissa and Nairobi who are involved with the illicit sugar trade which earns them millions of US dollars. Higher percentage of sugar consumed here in Kenya is believed to be illegally imported from Brazil.

Second: In 2014, 230 trucks used to leave Kismayu every week with 14 tonnes of sugar each. Despite Al-Shabab losing control of the port of Kismayu, they used to levy \$1000 for each truck (Ksh 100,000).

Third: According to Journalists For Justice Lobby group's report published in 2015, it stated that in 2014, 150,000 tonnes of sugar was illegally imported in the country from Kismayu. The value of these tonnes was equivalent to \$400 million (Ksh 40 billion). The income was alleged to be shared between the KDF, Al-Shabab, local businessmen, politicians, police together with officials of KRA. The report published in **The Sunday Nation of 1st July 2018**, stated that Al-Shabab and KDF were sharing the check points from Kismayu to the Kenyan border. Furthermore, it states that KDF together with officials of Somalia in Jubaland were levying a tax of \$2 (Ksh 200) for every 50 kg bag of sugar or sometimes for every 100 kgs. In the Somalia's border area of Dhobley the Jubaland administration was levying \$600 per truck. Owners of these trucks were paying \$600 to the KDF at the Liboi border so that they are allowed entry and pay another \$600 to the police at the Dadaab refugee camp.

Fourth: On 19th June 2018, majority leader in the National Assembly, Adan Duale, criticized Finance CS Henry Rotich and his Internal Security counterpart Fred Matiangi for protecting some tycoons involved in the importation of counterfeit sugar. Duale mentioned 100 companies he purports to be involved in the importation of the poisonous sugar in the country worth of Sh. 39.2 billion. On the other hand, Aldai MP, Cornelly Serem said that Uhuru Kenyatta's brother, Muhoho, is involved in this saga.

Fifth: Contradicting statements from Cabinet Secretaries were issued with Industrialization CS Adan Mohammed denied the claims of there being mercury in the sugar while Fred Matiang'i saying that indeed the sugar is poisonous!

Sixth: Sugar consumption in Kenya keeps on increasing while on the other side production is diminishing. For instance, in 2014 production of sugar used to satisfy 70% of local consumption. Four years later i.e. 2018 the production was already unable to satisfy sugar consumption by 62%. In 2014 Kenya was already facing a shortage of 200,000 tonnes of this commodity.

Seventh: Sugar production sector like the rest has been experiencing corruption from its stakeholders ... tycoons deliberately kill local sugar factories giving excuses that they are overhauling them! In addition, sugar farmers are denied their pay for several months. While this was happening, businessmen imported sugar from countries like Brazil. This led to the locally manufactured sugar to be very expensive compared to the illegally imported.

The above reality confirm the following:

It is clear that the sugar trade is hijacked by rogue politicians in the government who control production and supply of this essential commodity. And they are the ones who cause this problem out of their imperial greed. Thus, the sugar saga is artificial and it's not true that there is sugar shortage in Kenya or it needs sugar from outside. It should be remembered that there is also the maize scandal which is following the same trend. As for the saga pursuing a political course, this is indicated by the fact all politicians are corrupt and know each other therefore it depends on who is more cunning to see the corruption of the other and use the opportunity very well to undermine him politically. Nevertheless, money from the sugar is used by the politicians to run their political campaigns. What should be noted here is that commissions of enquiry and anti-corruption are nothing but circus rather the commissions themselves are hired by the corrupt! Above all, capitalism in itself is corruption therefore a capitalist government or institutions are never expected to end this scourge.

Imperialistic governments have failed to protect factories producing essential commodities to their citizens. Likewise, these authorities fail to administer foreign trade. This is a betrayal of leadership since a true leader is he who is required to put the interests of his citizens first before his personal interests.

Islam views trade with a particular perspective which cares for the interests of its citizens. The trade that happens between citizens within the Islamic leadership, its basis is Halal and Haram; every citizen has a right to participate in buying and selling as long as it is lawful. The government on the other hand is forbidden to interfere with its citizens' businesses but rather should only be a general supervisor i.e. ensuring that the citizens abide to the Shari'ah in their business dealings.

Islamically, it is not allowed to prevent citizens to do business with other nations except that the government is obligated to oversee the foreign trade because it entails foreign relations between it and other states. For instance, the government could restrict buying of commodities of some states while allow buying from others and also allow sale of certain goods. Businessmen are also scrutinized to ascertain their nationality whether from the states allowed to trade with it or otherwise.

It is the duty of the government to ensure that there is no shortage of essential commodities like sugar and should there arise any shortage, the government is mandated to investigate its cause and provide an immediate solution. For instance it is confirmed that is negligence of some stakeholders then immediate steps are taken to account them. Furthermore, the state is responsible to provide loans to farmers to enable their farming for both personal consumption and trade.

As for the issue of poison in the sugar, this is among the cruel aspects of the imperialistic ideology and its establishments. What should be noted is that numerous foodstuffs today in the market are of low nutritional value. Cooking oil, flour, rice and even cooking gas are mostly counterfeits and unfit for human consumption. This is a deliberate attempt out of the same imperial greedy for profit maximization by shortcut means. This is why many companies have been criticized for production of counterfeit products. Islam has solved this mess by obliging the leader to supervise the issue as he is the custodian of his citizens. Islam designated a special judge known as Muhtasib who has no particular office rather his office exists anywhere there he sees crime being perpetrated which leads harm to citizens like selling of counterfeit goods, there and then he issues judgement. Therefore, whether at the market, by the roadside or at home, he is mandated to issue his judgement according to the Shari'ah whenever he sees infringement of trading rights as he neither needs a prosecutor nor a complainant.

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America Should Learn from Her Independence



On 4 July every year, America commemorates her independence from Britain in the year 1776. The independence was attained after hardship, serious atrocities and great sacrifice, something that clearly cost lives of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of Americans. The American independence occasion is an immense one that led to a rise of a super power, full of might after uprooting oppression, which was deeply entrenched and longtime injustices which were rampant from the British colonialists.

The claws of imperialism ruled America for about 150 years in her various states, something that led her into a very difficult time in history. Throughout that time, it endured a strong grip, suffering, oppression including denial of its people the right to vote and elect their representatives, high taxes, business sanctions and looting of her resources for interests of imperialists and British companies. The situation worsened during the reign of British Monarch George III.

Eventually in the 18th century, the movement for independence and emancipation from colonialism commenced and gained confidence in the hearts of

Americans, and the strong wave for opposition clearly manifested and received support of many Americans.

The opposition movement acquired a broader image in 1773 in the state of Boston when Americans ultimately decided to sink a British consignment of tealeaves they were offloading from a cargo ship at the port of Boston. This led to a rise and strengthening of their urge to fight for their rights and direct demand for their freedom. Britain quickly responded and confronted the movement issuing threats and legislation of intolerable Acts with the aim of immediately disbanding what they saw as a 'threat against the monarchy'.

However, despite measures of the British empire, Americans were determined, neither did they despaired nor surrendered in their fight for independence, they persisted in their struggle with great zeal and bravery until the first official fierce war termed as 'Bunker Hill' broke up in the state of Massachusetts in 1775.

Under General George Washington and with the support of Spain and France, Americans were able to emerge victorious in this war, and immediately in the

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month of July 1776 American conference of colonial representatives of 13 states was convened where they officially met to announce 'Declaration for Independence' which was organized by the task force that was under stewardship of Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin.

This declaration made it clear that from now onwards the states are free from the shackles of the British rule. Americans dared to declare their independence with courage and bravery knowing very well that the status, caliber, power and authority of Britain the world superpower and moreover the significance of the American colony to it, would never recognize the declared independence, nevertheless the Americans did not turn back rather they stood firm in their resolve.

In the following year, the British Empire suffered a worst defeat in the fight against freedom fighters. In addition, with disgrace and humiliation it accepted and surrendered at the region of Saragota and Yorktown. However, and as it was anticipated notwithstanding the 'Declaration for Independence' announced by the conference of the 13 states of America and Britain's worst defeat and humiliation in the field of war, out of its pride and dominance it took about seven years for Britain to officially recognize the 'Declaration for Independence'. It was in 1783 when Britain having no any other option was forced to totally recognize America's independence under the Paris Treaty.

After the independence, which was secured by great deal of struggle, hardship and huge sacrifice, America had to face various challenges such as the American Civil War, uniting other states to reach 50 in number, falling into the arena of international conflict including the two World Wars and eventually working tirelessly to where it is today.

Unfortunately, and with astonishment, every year America commemorates her independence day, she has not learnt a lesson from such an imperative event in her history yet. With arrogance American is pretending to forget its history, it ignores and disregard it and does not take a lesson from the history of its struggle for independence especially in the four major aspects:

First, that America reached an extent, after oppression, of fighting for her independence. Moreover, after the independence, they worked sheer hard at greater costs to unite their country, through the 'Doctrine of Monroe' and they refused completely for European countries to interfere with their affairs, not only internally but also in the entire American continent.

How come is America today forgetting this by turning other countries as their grazing lands by meddling and forcing issues down their throats against their wish and making their leaders and people as their servants if not their slaves?

Second, America must note that dictatorship and pride is not a sign of a state's power, rather to some extent it is a sign of its decline. America must take a lesson that at the commencement of the uprising of the American 'colonies' demanding for their independence from Britain, some of the sober minds in United Kingdom like Edmund Burke once advised the Kingdom to refrain from using force against its American colonies. However, due to King George's III pride together with some of his cabinet they rejected that. The results were disgrace and humiliation to the United Kingdom.

Third, it should be remembered that the coming in of Spain and France in aid of America's independence fight was for one key issue, interests. They resorted to remove the British influence in the colonies so that they could establish their influence afterwards. This means that all imperialistic states only focus on one thing i.e. 'interests' and can never be relied upon as friends. Therefore, even today should there arise another major powerful state, full of resources employing benefit as their criterion there is likelihood that some of these Western states which America considers its close friends would abandon her and rally behind the new state expecting to rip more benefit from it than what they get from her. This is because in the capitalist ideology **'there are no permanent friends but permanent interests'**. Consequently, it is easy for those states to be incited against each other based on interest-agenda.

Four, America should also learn that what led its people to sacrifice in the fight for their independence is the natural survival instinct inherent in every man. By this feeling, every man loves to lead a good life full of peace and tranquility, free to undertake their own affairs as much as possible. Where this is not the case, due to oppression and exploitation, it reaches a point where man decides to remove that exploitation at all costs in order to usher for himself good life full of happiness because this is a natural drive. Unfortunately, America pretends to be blind and ignores taking up the lessons from within its history and instead abandons it by letting it remain as mere 'philosophy' without taking it as a radar for its life.

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The Prophet's (saw) Methodology for Revival



15th Halaqa: The Prophet's (saw) introduction of himself to Banu Shaiban

In this Circle, we will talk about the Prophet's (saw) Introduction of Himself to Banu Shaiban.

Indeed, the Prophet's (saw) introduction of himself to tribes to seek for their defense and protection so that he is able to propagate the message of his Lord, is a command from his Lord, and is a vital part which cannot be detached from the Shari'ah method of establishing the Islamic State.

And that is not the opinion of the Prophet (saw) rather it is a command from Allah organized by the Shari'ah and revealed by Wahyi from Allah (swt), thus it is a Shari'ah rule which must be adhered to the same way the Prophet (saw) adhered to.

Extracted by Abu Naim from ibn Abbas (ra), from Ali bin Abi Talib (ra) said: When Allah ordered His Messenger (saw) to introduce himself to Arab tribes, he went out together with me and Abu Bakr (ra) until we reached Mina, we arrived at the gathering of Arabs and Abu Bakr (ra) advanced and offered greetings, and Abu Bakr (ra) always used to advance, he was a man of kinship he said: What people are you? They said: We are from Rabi'ah, he said: You are from which Rabi'ah? He narrated the long Hadith and in it, he said: Then I reached at a peaceful gathering, Abu Bakr (ra) advanced and offered greetings, Ali (ra) said: And he always used to advance, Abu Bakr asked them: What people are you? They replied: We are from Banu Shaiban bin Tha'labah, he turned to the Prophet (saw) and said: by my father and mother and you (oath) there are no people full of glory than these...!

And among the people were Hani bin Qusayyi, and Muthanna bin Harithah, and Mafruq bin Amr, and Nu'man bin Sharik, he mentioned the long Hadith until he said: The Messenger (saw) said: "I call you to the Shahada that you bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship but Allah who has no associates, and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, and you offer me shelter, defence and protection until I am able to accomplish what Allah (swt) ordered me to." Indeed the Quraysh rejected the command of Allah, defied His

Messenger, and were contented with their falsehood instead of the Truth, and Allah is the Most Self-sufficient and Praise-worthy. They said: we have a covenant with the Chosroes, that we should neither talk to a stranger nor welcome him, and it could be that this is one of the matters that offend the kings...! If you want us to defend you from the Arabs, we will.

The Messenger (saw) said: "Your reply was not bad when you spoke the truth...! By Allah no one can establish the Deen of Allah except he who is able to roam all over."

It is not allowed to study the future through the reality, which the Da'wah carriers live in.

Then the Messenger (saw) told Banu Shaiban: "How about if within a very short period of time Allah blesses you with conquests of their cities and properties, and give you access to their daughters, will you invoke and sanctify Allah?!"

Nu'man bin Sharik told the Prophet "Indeed that belongs to you oh brother from the Quraysh...!" Then the Messenger (saw) recited:

وَدَاعِيًا إِلَى اللَّهِ بِإِذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا

"And a caller to Allah by His permission, and a light that glows" [Al-Ahzaab: 46].

Then the Messenger (saw) stood up while holding Abu Bakr's (ra) hand...!

In this noble Hadith, the Messenger (saw) is teaching us and the Da'wah carriers a very important lesson, i.e., it is not allowed to study the future via the reality which the Da'wah carriers live in. Regardless of how big the forces of falsehood are they cannot turn them away from uprooting and wiping it completely...! And despite how big the forces of falsehood are its their end is to collapse...! It is not for the Da'wah carriers except to increase their confidence in the victory (Nusrah) of Allah, and wait patiently for the arrival of the promise of Allah...!

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Q&A

The Presidential Summit between America and North Korea



Question:

A presidential summit between North America and North Korea was held by the meeting of the two Presidents, Trump and Kim on 12/6/2018 in Singapore. They signed a joint document at the end of the summit. The agreement was swift, noting that tension between them reached its peak last year when each of them threatened to hit each other with nuclear weapons. How did the agreement take place so quickly? What are its contents and results?

Answer:

In order to understand the truth of the matter, we review the following:

1- America has tried repeatedly with escalating threats to make North Korea agree abandon its nuclear weapons, but these threats were of no avail, and North Korea did not surrender and did not abandon its program and nuclear weapons. Subsequently America resorted to other methods, including the political and diplomatic methods and economic pressures. One of

those methods was for America put effort to make China pressurize North Korea. We mentioned in the Answer to Question dated 23/4/2017: Because of all the above, America is not prepared for the war in North Korea now, and has no other suitable solutions. It is waiting for China to pressure North Korea, and is trying to speed it up, and its statements that America is ready to solve the problem on its own (i.e., without China) is increasing, as if it is threatening China to obey America and pressurize Pyongyang to disarm its nuclear weapons.

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America announced through the Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Susan Thornton, said her country is not seeking conflict with North Korea or changing its regime: "The United States has clearly stated that it wants to solve this problem with North Korea through disarmament of nuclear weapon peacefully on the Korean Peninsula, we certainly do not focus on conflict or regime change." (Russia Today, 17/4/2017). Diplomatic contacts between the two parties began through China. The pressures have been imposed through the imposition of economic sanctions and political siege by working to isolate it internationally and raise propaganda against it to force them to submit and prepare for nuclear disarmament. It also added the temptations of promises of a booming economy directly and through South Korea, which has begun to converge with North Korea and internationally open towards it.

2- Secret diplomatic contacts began through China, where former Secretary of State Tillerson contacted North Koreans via China in July 2017. He expressed his opposition to Trump's reckless approach, which threatened to remove North Korea from the face of the earth, while Tillerson was secretly talking to the North Koreans in China! When the North Koreans heard the threats of Trump they left the talks and left China for their country... Tillerson was angry and called his President a moron on 20/7/2017 as revealed later NBC American channel on 4/10/2017 when it quoted three US officials. Trump wrote in a tweet on Twitter the day after Tillerson announced that America had direct channels of communication with North Korea: "I told Rex Tillerson, our wonderful Secretary of State, that he is wasting his time trying to negotiate with little rocket man." The same took place, that is the use of the threat during the talks when US Vice President Mike Pence tried to meet the North Koreans in South Korea when he visited it on the pretext of participating in the

Winter Olympic Games. He was preparing for it when he said on 7/2/2018, when addressing the US forces present in Yokota Air Base in Japan " will always seek peace. We will ever strive for a better future..." (Reuters, 7/2/2018) He said this when he was preparing to go to South Korea in an attempt to meet North Korean officials under the guise of attending the opening of the Winter Olympics in Pyeong Chang, about 80 Km from the border with North Korea... But Pence three days later on 10/2/2018 said: "There is no daylight between the United States, the Republic of Korea and Japan on the need to continue to isolate North Korea economically and diplomatically until they abandon their nuclear and ballistic missile program," (Al Arabiya, 10/2/2018). This prompted North Korea to cancel the meeting with Pence, all of which indicates that the American political method adopted by Trump is to use threats to pressure the opponent during the talks and diplomatic contacts to make the opponent subject to what America wants. This is also confirmed by Mike Pompeo during his tenure as CIA chief: "The president is intent on delivering a solution through diplomatic means... We are equally, at the same time, ensuring that if we conclude that is not possible, that we present the president with a range of options that can achieve his stated intention," (Reuters, 23/1/2018), and thus it combines with the diplomatic solution other options suggestive of the threat. It seems that this method, the threat during the diplomatic talks, did not please Tillerson because it embarrassed him as Secretary of State, so Trump removed him...

3- So this method did not work with North Korea, and they would stop the negotiations if there was any kind of threat. If China did not interfere, the summit would have not taken place, this is why Trump following the summit with Kim during his press conference in Singapore, "He thanked the Chinese President Xi Jinping, for his efforts in the past months to facilitate this historic

summit" (AFP, 12/6/2018). China has exerted pressure on North Korea to make concessions. "North Korean leader Kim Jong-un made an unofficial visit to China from Sunday (25/3/2018) to Wednesday (28/3/2018)," the official Xinhua news agency reported on March 28, in which they comprehensively discussed the situation in the world and the Korean Peninsula, and the Chinese President Xi Jinping told his North Korean counterpart that China is committed to the goal of nuclear disarmament on the Korean Peninsula and to ensure the existence of peace and stability as well as solve the problem through dialogue and negotiations. The North Korean news agency reported "its leader Kim Jong-un visited China to personally congratulate Xi Jinping on the occasion of his re-election as president of China in line with the friendly traditions between the two countries..." and "He expressed the hope that his first visit to China will contribute to the establishment of peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula, declaring that he is ready to start a dialogue with America and South Korea as well as holding meetings with their leaders," and he added: "Nuclear disarmament in Korea is possible if Washington and Seoul took concerted and united action to achieve peace. " this is why Trump announced on his Twitter account on 28/3/2018 his joy of what was achieved from that visit: "Received message last night from XI JINPING of China that his meeting with KIM JONG UN went very well and that KIM looks forward to his meeting with me". China presented North Korea to American as a sacrifice for its own interests, putting pressure on North Korea until it made its president ready to make concessions and meet the arrogant Trump. Especially since China has already been involved in political pressure, and in taking decisions in the Security Council to apply sanctions on North Korea. This has been a crucial factor in making North Korea ready to make concessions on its nuclear program. It believes that if it loses China's

support and aid and China works to contain it and restrict it, North Korea will therefore suffer! North Korea therefore has made concessions! The Chinese Foreign Ministry revealed its influential role in North Korea's decision, announcing that "Beijing has played a positive role on the Korean Peninsula" (Reuters, AFP, 23/5/ 2018). China has shown that it is keen to achieve its trade interests with America more than its ally that it does not achieve commercial profits from, and may even be harmed commercially because of it, even if it is a communist companion. The great communist state's worries have become commercial and not the protection of other communist countries allied to it! As if China does not realize that America, while seeking to disarm North Korea, is using this issue to encircle China and prevent its control of the East China and South China Sea!

4-This is confirmed by China's announcement of welcoming the summit and declaring its ally North Korea has given up its nuclear weapons for America. The Chinese top diplomat and State Councilor, Wang Yi, said after the summit: "We welcome and support the outcomes achieved at the summit... We hope that the DPRK and the US could follow through on the consensus reached by their leaders... towards achieving the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula," he added, "At the same time, there is a need for a peace mechanism for the Korean Peninsula to defuse reasonable North Korean security concerns." (Reuters, 12/6/2018) If China had enough political awareness and strong political will, it would have not to pressed on North Korea, its ally in this way! But it proved that its horizon and political awareness of international politics are still narrow and its political will is still weak, so it was sufficed by taking care to ensure that their trade relations with America are good in return for subjecting North Korea to America, and did not look far ahead to what will this lead to. It is not unlikely that America works to win North Korea, bringing

it closer to America than China, and that the United States is seeking to find a unity or a union between the two Koreas so that the new Korea becomes a force separate from the influence of China. Vietnam is not so distant example, as it became hostile to China after America united South Vietnam with the North in the Paris Convention in 1975!

5- China has played the key role in making North Korea agree to the summit meeting and to have nuclear disarmament at the table without discussing the nuclear disarmament of the United States. America is the only country that used it and spread corruption in the land, but China's pressure has had an effective impact! So the summit was held... The summit was expected to last for two days but was shortened by one day and a comprehensive framework was agreed, indicating the speed with which North Korea responds to what America wants. North Korea destroyed a test site for nuclear testing to prove its willingness to give up its nuclear program, as well as the release of three Americans held it imprisoned. Trump expressed his joy for what he achieved: "A really fantastic meeting. A lot of progress." while Kim considered this a historic event and said: "The world will see a big change." (Reuters, 12/6/2018). They have signed a joint statement consisting of four points: First: the two parties are committed to establishing good relations according to the aspiration of the two peoples to peace and prosperity; second: the two sides will work to establish and promote a lasting and stable peace on the Korean Peninsula. Third: North Korea must commit to taking measures of full disarmament on the Korean Peninsula. The fourth point was linked to the humanitarian aspect, pledging to return the remains of American missing persons and prisoners since the Korean-American War (1950-1953). Trump described the agreement as "very comprehensive and very important" and Kim pledged in the statement "full disarmament of the Korean Peninsula". (BBC,

12/6/2018). This statement indicates that there is a framework agreement, not an agreement on points that specify what was agreed upon, how to implement nuclear disarmament, its mechanisms and time and supervision of its implementation, and other things required by the agreement that can be immediately implementation as in the nuclear agreement with Iran, in which all these details were written...

6- Therefore, it is expected that the US will conduct negotiations and lengthy discussions with North Korea that may be extended for years. It seems that Trump wanted to complete a preliminary agreement quickly and settle the problem with North Korea, since he made the threats and can not retreat from them except by accomplishing something that shows that he succeeded in subjugating North Korea. As we said above, without China's pressure, the Trump threats would not have resulted in this summit and North Korea's announcement of its willingness to nuclear disarmament and sign it. Trump therefore has recorded a historic victory that could make him successful in the second round of the US presidential election when it takes place in just over two years and covers all the scandals that have been raised against him and has not stopped so far, and accusations of failure and criticism of others for his arrogance and stupidity. This is evidenced by Trump's own words: "Un told me that his country is already destroying a missile test facility... We will lift sanctions when we take important steps on the issue of nuclear disarmament... We have not given up anything during the negotiations... We will stop military maneuvers targeting North Korea. I will call the White House at the right time," he also said: "He signed a nuclear disarmament agreement with UN for nuclear disarmament; I think we have the framework for preparing for nuclear disarmament for North Korea." (Al-Jazeera, 12/6/2018) Thus Trump wanted to end the file of tension with North Korea, showing

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that he achieved a great victory.

7- The termination of the file of tension with North Korea or calming it down helps Trump to devote himself to his commercial war with his allies and enemies! He has strained relations with his allies when he announced that he imposed on their exports of steel and aluminum to his country high customs taxes, considering the previous trade agreements with them unfair, he wrote on Twitter on 8/6/2018 when heading to the G7 summit in Quebec, Canada: "Looking forward to straightening out unfair Trade Deals with the G-7 countries. If it doesn't happen, we come out even better!" French president Macron, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, said in a joint press conference rejecting these measures. "They are not ready to accept everything in order to issue a joint statement with America," (AFP, 6/6/2018) Trump accused France and Canada of imposing huge fees on US goods and accused Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau of being "indignant".

"There will be some big differences on many issues," a Canadian official told reporters on the evening of June 7, 2018 (Reuters, 8/6/2018). Even French President Macron, who worked on the French-American rapprochement, could not contain himself and continue to move with America and hide his real opposition, which France does not master like the British. Macron said: "The other six members of the G7 may make up their own group if necessary," he added criticising Trump "No leader stays forever." (Reuters, 8/6/2018) The English cunningness appeared when Britain wanted to show that it does not accept these responses to keep its relation with America while inciting others against it. Prime Minister May told reporters: "She wants the EU to exercise restraint in its response to American tariffs and that the response should be proportionate and legal" (Reuters, 8/6/2018). The German Chancellor said in an interview with German television ARD on 10/6/2018 on

Trump's decision to withdraw his signature: "The withdrawal, so to speak, via tweet is of course sobering and a bit depressing, but it is not the end". German Foreign Minister Haiku Maas in a tweet on Twitter in response to Trump's tirade, "destroying a tremendous amount of confidence." The tension surrounded the G7 Summit in Canada culminated in the attack on Trump by the leaders of other countries participating in the summit. Trump withdrew his signature in the joint statement of the G7 summit and accused the Prime Minister of Canada who presided over the summit as "dishonest and weak" (AFP, 10/6/2018). Trump arrived late to the summit and left before the end of the summit. Thus it appears that a trade war started, and it was declared by Trump on 2/3/2018 when he tweeted: "When a country (USA) is losing many billions of dollars on trade with virtually every country it does business with, trade wars are good, and easy to win." All this shows that the trade war file is very important for America, as it continues to suffer from the repercussions of the financial crisis that erupted in 2008 with debts amounted to more than \$ 20 trillion dollars, and President Trump who is business minded works to save the economy of America, raising the slogan "America first". This threatens the disintegration of international institutions long used by America to impose its influence globally and thus the disintegration of the world order and the emergence of a new international position, where America no longer sacrifices in order to remain the leading state of the world, with the help of other countries and tolerance by making the balance of trade on its side, but it only cares about sovereignty with commercial profit without help from its allies so as to keep them under its umbrella and walk behind it.

8- The United States does not abide by any agreement and quickly withdraws or abandons it if it believes that its interests require to withdraw and break the agreement. It did so with North Korea in 2003 under

George W. Bush, the son, and withdrew from the 1994 agreement signed with it by Bill Clinton. And its current president, Trump, who signed a joint statement with his allies at the G7 summit in Canada and then broke his agreement and withdrew his signature one day later. He broke the Iranian nuclear deal signed by his country under Obama in 2015. This agreement with North Korea is not guaranteed and it will threaten to break it to pressure North Korea to implement it when negotiations over it begins, whenever it opposes or rejects any of its items!

Breaking agreements and the arrogance and indifference to others and blackmailing others became a constant characteristic of America, and all these are factors of decline, sooner or later... The Khilafah Rashida (righteous caliphate) state will return to be the leading first state, Allah willing, to establish justice and maintain the covenant and spread the guidance and implements the truth and removes falsehood bringing the good to humanity and people live in security and safety in all fields. The Messenger of Allah (saw) gave the glad-tiding of its return after this oppressive governance: «ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً» «عَلَىٰ مِنْهَا جِ نُّوَةُ النَّبِيِّ» "then there will be Khilafah on the method of Prophethood", narrated by Ahmad from Hudhayfah may Allah be pleased with him, and this is easy for Allah to accomplish.

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