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Press Statement

On 5 July 2019, President Uhuru Kenyatta assented the Statute Law (Miscellaneous Amendment) Act 2019 – No. 21 of 2019 that included the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The signing introduced State agencies, which include the National Police Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Kenya Wildlife Service, the Kenya Prisons Service and the Kenya Civil Aviation Authority to membership of the Counter-Terrorism Centre. This is in line with the Prevention of Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2018 which seeks to ensure that all Educational bodies as well as Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) along with religious groups are fully collaborating with other state agencies in enacting special programs to counter radicalization. Once assented into a law, then school administrators will be required to keep and update records for all students in schools. Teachers on the other side will be sensitized to monitor any element of radicalism among students. Apart from that, is Prevention of Terrorism Act No.30, which suggests 20 and 30 years imprisonment for people convicted with acts of terror.

In the context of these legislations, we would like to highlight the following:

'War on terror' is now taking a wider twist risking the lives of the citizens of this country specifically the Muslim faithful who are the prime target of entire anti-terror campaign. The Kenyan police, well known in having poor records on violations of fundamental human rights, through these legislation the Government granted them more powers which we feel the police along with other introduced security apparatus will aggressively oppress the Muslim community.

The inclusion of schools, Non-Governmental Institutions as well Islamic organizations in the so called war on terror is to instigate fear and horror among the Muslims to spy one another, the vicious act which indeed has been prohibited by Islam. In this regard, we wish to warn Muslim parents, Muslim teachers and all stakeholders in all institutions not to fall in the enemies' intention of waging a global war against Islam as this act will lead them into humiliation in this world and the Hereafter face the severe punishment of Allah (swt). As we wish also to remind every single Muslim that has a duty to work as a true ambassador in conveying the pure and noble message of Islam that prohibits violence and terror as means to bring the radical change. Whenever they are, Muslims are responsible in upholding the Islamic values and its identities.

Definitions of the terms: extremist belief and radicalization should be put under thorough scrutiny, as we feel these terms are often used to squarely squeeze the understanding of Islam to mean as merely a spiritual religion rather than an ideology. Furthermore, we see these terminologies as an attempt to deter Muslims from their adherence of their religious obligations, pushing them to the extent they fear to call for Islamic rulings pertaining to social, economic and political systems. Furthermore, we perceive the stipulated fundamental personal rights such as freedom of belief and freedom of opinion as enshrined in the Constitution will be violated. We understand and despite Kenya having numerous wicked politicians who incite the public to violence for their selfish political interests, none of them will be convicted as extremist or radicalists!

As we continue to reiterate that the anti-terror laws are targeting none other than the Islamic community. Indeed, the laws are a part of the US led global campaign aiming at attacking Islamic concepts. Additionally, they are enacted to instigate fear in the hearts of Muslims to abandon Islam and putting them under pressure to embrace the corrupt secular thoughts, which contradict their Deen. This campaign is gearing towards preventing Islam to lead the world in political, economic, social and educational arena via the soon to be reestablished Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the method of the Prophet (saw) whose time is approaching very fast. In Shaa Allah.

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The Secret of Love, Harmony and Respect in Married Life

One of the most unique relationships that Allah (swt) has set for humankind is the relationship between the man and woman. This relationship is the origin of other relationships which form the family structure. Hence, it is vital that it works in a successful manner. Allah (swt) says,

هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَجَعَلَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا لِيَسْكُنَ إِلَيْهَا

“It is He Who has created you from a single person, and He has created from him his wife, in order that he might enjoy the pleasure of living with her”. [7:189]

Allah (swt) has given regulation for all the affairs of humanity, so that the people find a way out of despair into clarity. They will achieve success or failure in this Dunya, and be rewarded or punished in the Akhirah according to their adherence to these regulations. One of the reasons that the Islamic family works is because of its clearly defined structure, where each member of the household knows his or her role. The most beautiful thing about the interpersonal relationships in Islam is, that the person maintains them for the sake of Allah (swt), be it the relationship between husband and wife, parents and children or the whole family ties. Fulfilling them in accordance to the Commands of Allah (swt) is an important Islamic duty and will create love, harmony and respect within marriage and the whole family structure.

The Prophet (saw) had an extraordinarily close and warm relationship with his wives and his family. Allah (swt) says,

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِمَنْ كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

“There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often”. [33:21]

Ibn Maja reported that the Prophet (saw) said: خَيْرُكُمْ خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِهِ وَأَنَا خَيْرُكُمْ لِأَهْلِي “The best amongst you are the ones who are best to their wives, and I am the best of you to my wives.”

In the marriages of the Prophet (saw) was love, harmony and respect. The Prophet (saw) was righteous to his wives and not dictatorial, for justice is the most important duty of a man to his wife. He had a very honorable relationship with them, played, joked, helped in the household when he could, and taught them lessons. Narrated by Saheeh al Bukhari “He always joined in the housework and would at times mend his clothes, repair his shoes and sweep the floor. He would milk, tether and feed his animals and do household chores.” The Prophet (saw) was a protector and guardian over his wives, as Allah (swt) says: ﴿رِجَالٌ مَتَّقِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالصَّالِحَاتِ وَحِينَ يُبْسَأُ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ﴾ “Men are the protectors and guardians over women”. [4:34]

In addition, the Prophet (saw) stressed respectful and attentive treatment of children and the elderly. He (saw) said, «لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَيْسَ يَرْحَمُ صَغِيرَنَا وَيَعْرِفُ شَرَفَ كَبِيرِنَا» “He who does not show compassion to our young, nor honor our elders, is not from us.” (Abu Dawood, Al-Tirmidhi) And Allah (swt) says:

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَيَالِ الَّذِينَ إِحْسَانًا إِذَا يَبْتَغُونَ عِنْدَكَ الْكِبَرَ أَحَدُهُمَا أَوْ كِلَاهُمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا أَفْ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا * وَأَخْفِضْ لَهُمَا جَنَاحَ الذَّلِيلِ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْتَنِی صَغِيرًا

“And treat your parents with kindness. If one or both of them attain old age in your care, never say to them a word (suggesting) disgust, nor reproach them, but address them with

reverent speech. And humble yourself out of mercy before them, and pray: ‘My Lord! Be merciful to them for having cared for me in my childhood.’” [Quran 17:23-4]

The most important feature about a wife where the man really finds happiness and peace is her Iman. The Prophet (saw) said: تُنَكِّحُ الْمَرْأَةَ لِأَرْبَعٍ لِمَالِهَا وَلِحَسْبِهَا وَلِجَمَالِهَا وَلِدِينِهَا فَظَفَرُ بَدَاتِ الدِّينِ تَرَبَّتْ: «يَدَاكَ» “A woman is married for (one of) four reasons: her wealth, her status, her beauty and her religious devotion. So marry the religious woman, else you be a loser.” (Saheeh Al-Bukhari)

A God-conscious wife sees one of her most important tasks in marriage as obedience to and pleasing her husband, for Allah (swt) has imposed it on her as a duty. It does not mean, of course, that the wife should not have an opinion of her own and should not discuss with her husband or give advice on matters. Rather, it means that she should accept her husband as the decision-maker of the house and strive to achieve his satisfaction. This duty does not put the woman lower than the man, but is a duty for which she receives her reward from Allah, just as the husband will receive the reward for his righteousness, good treatment of his wife, and providing and caring for her to the best of his ability. The Prophet (saw) said: «إِذَا بَاتَتِ الْمَرْأَةُ هَاجِرَةً فَرَّاشَ زَوْجِهَا لَعْنَتُهَا الْمَلَائِكَةُ حَتَّىٰ تَصْبِحَ» “If a woman spends the night away from her husband’s bed then the Angels curse her until she returns.” And he (saw) asked a woman: «أَأَدَاتُ بِغُلِّ أَنْتِ؟» قَالَتْ: نَعَمْ، قَالَ: «...فَأِنَّهُ جَنَّتُكَ وَنَارَكَ»

“Do you have a husband?” She replied: ‘Yes.’ He said: “...Then he is your Paradise (Jannah) and Hellfire (Nar).”

It is evident from the Prophet’s tradition that observance of the rights and duties between spouses is the conclusion of a successful marriage and, as a result, a peaceful family life as well as upbringing of the children and cohesion of the whole family ties. Thus, the Prophet (saw) is the best role model for Muslims in all matters of life. Because the Prophet (saw) demonstrates that the Taqwa and sincerity is about fulfilling Allah’s laws in the best way. He (saw) shows us what it means to be willing to sacrifice and what it means not to be the slave of his own desires and his pride. So if the Muslim, be it a man or a woman, performs their duties in marriage and gives their full rights to their partner, then Allah (swt) will put love, harmony and mutual respect into their marriage.

لَيْسَ الْبِرَّ أَنْ تُوَلُّوا وُجُوهَكُمْ قِبَلَ الْمَشْرِقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ وَلَكِنَّ الْبِرَّ مَنْ آمَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِتَابِ وَالنَّبِيِّينَ وَآتَى الْمَالَ عَلَىٰ حُبِّهِ ذَوِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسَاكِينَ وَابْنَ السَّبِيلِ وَالسَّائِلِينَ وَفِي الرِّقَابِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَآتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ بِعَهْدِهِمْ إِذَا عَاهَدُوا وَالصَّابِرِينَ فِي الْبَأْسَاءِ وَالصَّرَاءِ وَحِينَ الْبَأْسِ أُولَئِكَ الَّذِينَ صَدَقُوا وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ

“Righteousness is not that you turn your faces toward the east or the west, but [true] righteousness is [in] one who believes in Allah, the Last Day, the angels, the Book, and the prophets and gives wealth, in spite of love for it, to relatives, orphans, the needy, the traveler, those who ask [for help], and for freeing slaves; [and who] establishes prayer and gives zakah; [those who] fulfill their promise when they promise; and [those who] are patient in poverty and hardship and during battle. Those are the ones who have been true, and it is those who are the righteous.” [2: 177]

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Three Sacred Months in Succession: Lets Strive to do good including the Noble Working for Radical Change

Allah (swt) said:

(إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرْمٌ ذَلِكَ الدِّينُ الْقَيِّمُ فَلَا تَظْلِمُوا فِيهِنَّ أَنْفُسَكُمْ)

“Indeed, the number of months with Allah is twelve (lunar) months in the register of Allah (from) the day He created the heavens and the earth; of these, four are sacred. That is the correct religion, so do not wrong yourselves during them.” [At-Taubah: 36]

Narrated by Abu Bakr (ra) that the Prophet (saw) said:

“The division of time has turned to its original form which was current when Allah created the Heavens and the Earths. The year is of twelve months out of which four months are sacred. Three are in succession Dhul-Qa’da, Dhul-Hijja and Muharram, and the fourth is Rajab of (the tribe of) Mudar which comes between Jumada II and Shaaban.” [Sahih Bukhari]

Narrated by Abu Sa’eed (ra) that the Prophet (saw) said:

“Is not the most sacred of your days this day, is not the most sacred of your months this month, is not the most sacred of your lands this land? Your blood and your wealth are as sacred to you as this day of yours in this month of yours. Have I not conveyed (the message)? They said: “Yes.” He said: “O Allah, bear witness.”

[Ibn Majah]

In Shaa Allah by next Friday, we will be in the sacred month of Dhul-Qa’da then followed by Dhul-Hijja the last sacred month. After which Muharram the first sacred month of our Islamic calendar will commence. Certainly, it will be a unique opportunity to witness the said months in which every good is multiplied before Allah (swt). Amongst the good to be prioritized is to be steadfast on the main issue of resuming the Islamic way of life by working to reestablish the Islamic state of Khilafah (Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood in one of the Muslim countries in the Muslim world. The said efforts must include study of Islam ideologically, internalize it, practice it and calling for it, in order that it replaces the invalid secular capitalist ideology that is ruling the world today and continues to oppress, spill blood and plunder resources of the Muslims and non-Muslims in all corners of the world.

It is in these sacred months that we Muslims must double our efforts in calling for the reestablishment of the Khilafah since it is a promise from Allah (swt) and a prophecy from the Prophet (saw). Contrary to that is great loss to anyone who is running fast to put obstacles on the way of this da’wah. Including collaborating with agent rulers in the Muslim and non-Muslim world. In order to cast aspersions and cause people to remain in the darkness of kufr and ruled by policies and laws drawn by the hands of Western colonialists and rubberstamped by the parliaments and councils of their agents across the world. On the pretext of fighting Terrorism or Terrorists, Radical Islam/Muslims and Extreme Islam/Muslims. It is a huge loss to declare war to Allah (swt) and His Prophet (saw) in these sacred months by going against His promise and the prophecy!

Undeniably, it is through the reestablishment of the Khilafah that is when Muslims and non-Muslims across the world will feel genuine tranquility, development and prosperity. After almost 98H years, same as 95C years since the destruction of the Islamic state of Khilafah on 28 Rajab 1342AH same as 3 March 1924CE by the hands of the Western agents especially Sharif Hussein and Mustafa Kamal who was a Jewish kufar.

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One Mother and 6 Infants Die every 2 hours in Yemen!

Press Statement

Despite the magnitude of the humanitarian disaster in Yemen, because of the war and the resulting poverty, famine and cholera and lack of health services, and the loss of an entire generation, the decision-makers in the management of this war have succeeded, even relatively, to fool the people that these are internal conflicts in this region that complicates its crisis, involves its parties and provides a cover for them. This explains the extent of marginalization and neglect of the issue of Yemen, having entered its fourth year in the “war of interests”, and having sacrificed for that the blood and lives of the people and the millions of displaced and sick until it reached the brink of the abyss.

Yemen, O Muslims, is a land in which a mother and 6 infants die every two hours in pregnancy and childbirth due to lack of health care and sanitation, and the spread of epidemics and diseases, and the spread of poverty and famine as it is the poorest country in the Middle East!

Yemen, O Muslims, borders the Gulf States that do not consider it part of the GCC despite the fact that it disputes its borders and is neighbouring the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Oman. Rather, the subordination to the Kafir West made the Kingdom of Saudi, at the instruction of America, lead the alliance against it by military intervention with the UAE, Oman and Qatar, before being expelled from the alliance! The rulers of the above-mentioned countries and the rulers of Iran and the rulers of Yemen in the north and south participated in all the crimes that befell our people in Yemen.

Yemen, O Muslims, is part of a single Ummah that shares its Aqeedah, blood, honour and sanctities, not a forgotten or neglected part, such that people may ignore it and forget its crisis and its people, and for the lives of its people, children, women and the elderly to be forsaken. At the same time that shelters are being opened for cats and dogs across the world, a mother and six infants die every two hours in Yemen of starvation and disease. Isn't this alone enough to motivate men and to mobilize people to adopt their Ummah's issues and gather around their problems and seek solutions?

The solution in Yemen is not by financial and international aid advocated by UNICEF, charities and the United Nations. They proved their dubious role in implementing the Kafir Western agenda. It is shameful, disgraceful and cynical to resort to Europe and the White House to intervene and reduce the crisis or to denounce its slow intervention in stopping the disaster.

It is a shame really that this is the ceiling of our demands while our Ummah has enough of the armies to solve the issue of Yemen, Palestine, Syria, Iraq, East Turkestan, Myanmar and the issues of the Ummah combined!! We are not an Ummah without an army or without wealth, to have to stand on the threshold of the West and beg for their aid and wealth. If hoarding of wealth without a need is forbidden in Islam, what about hoarding of ammunition and armies while we need them?! These are armies that hold high ranks in the world in terms of military strength, who fight courageously and brilliantly, but it is shameful that they participate in the crime committed in Yemen.

The tragedy of the death of mothers and newborns like war, poverty, famine, cholera, homelessness, and displacement and every calamity that has afflicted the people of Yemen, is resolved by force and protection, which protects and preserves and protects them from evil, through a great army that saves blood, honour, sanctities and spreads peace, security and stability within one great and mighty state! This is the second Khilafah Rashidah State (Righteous Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood, which Hizb ut Tahrir works for.

Yemen, O Muslims, is one of the issues of our Ummah and we should not ignore or forget it, under the pretext of the many calamities that surround us, for Muslims are one Ummah to the exclusion of other people and the Messenger of Allah (saw) said:

«إِذَا مَرَّ بِكُمْ أَهْلُ الْيَمَنِ يَسُوقُونَ نِسَاءَهُمْ، وَيَحْمِلُونَ أَبْنَاءَهُمْ عَلَى عَوَاتِقِهِمْ، فَإِنَّهُمْ مِنِّي، وَأَنَا مِنْهُمْ»
“If the people of Yemen pass by you, bringing their women and carrying their children on their shoulders, then they are from me and I am of them.”

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The Primary Education System in the Ottoman Khilafah “Caliphate”

Negative campaigns against Muslims and anti-Islamic sentiment have existed since the revelations of the first Ayat of Quran. One of the common assertions made by those wishing to attack the Islamic viewpoint in life is that the Islamic teachings promote ignorance, blind following, create personalities with little tolerance for others and zero respect for technological or social progress, particularly in regards to the issues relating to girls and their empowerment through knowledge.

However if one carefully reviews the historical evidence in an unbiased manner we will find that the Islamic Political System places Knowledge and learning as a matter of the highest priority for both males and females.

Islam promotes a clear understanding that seeking knowledge as an act of worship that will raise you in rank in this life and the next life.

أَمَّنْ هُوَ قَائِمٌ أَنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ سَاجِدًا وَقَائِمًا يَحْذَرُ الْآخِرَةَ وَيَرْجُو رَحْمَةَ رَبِّهِ قُلْ هَلْ يَسْتَوِي
(الَّذِينَ يَعْلَمُونَ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ إِنَّمَا يَتَذَكَّرُ أُولُو الْأَلْبَابِ)

“Is one who is devoutly obedient during periods of the night, prostrating and standing [in prayer], fearing the Hereafter and hoping for the mercy of his Lord, [like one who does not]?” Say, “Are those who know equal to those who do not know?” Only they will remember [who are] people of understanding.” [Azzumar: 9]

It is this very vision of success that spurred the Islamic rulers to encourage mass literacy in order to understand and practice Quran and Sunnah. The first Islamic State in Medina established the tradition of public learning from the inception of the Prophets Mosque, which was used as a place of educating the young and the old, as well as functioning as a social center for the Muslim community.

The Islamic duty to educate led to the establishment of the first Islamic University in the world that of Al Qarawiyin in the city of Fez, Morocco.

The trend for innovation in education made the Muslim lands a world leader in the field of knowledge and learning, so much so that many elite figures from outside the Muslim lands sought to educate their citizens in the Khilafah “Caliphate” State at various periods in history. The most recent Khilafah “Caliphate” that of the Ottomans in Turkey, had an outstanding educational model that rivals most institutions in existence today. According to Lord Paul Ricaut (British diplomat, historian, and authority on the Ottoman Empire), “The education and discipline system of the Turks is one of the main strengths of the politics, and the most important elements that sustains the empire. In this system, neither wealth nor bribery nor being inherently in a superior class nor flattery is not valid; however, it applies virtue, prudence, diligence and discipline. The sultan himself rises a man by calling these characteristics”.

Given that the 600 year span of the Ottoman Khilafah “Caliphate” encompassed a 14 million square kilometers of land that included Cypriot Turks, Greeks, Bulgarians, Pomaks, Serbians, Croatians, Montenegrins, Bosnians, Albanians,

Hungarians, Poles, Romanians, Armenians, Georgians, Syriacs, Chaldeans, Arabs, Romanians, Persians, Kurds, Coptics, Ethiopians and Berbers, Ricaut’s comments prove how education system of the Khilafah “Caliphate” was a truly inclusive one where the opportunity to learn and improve oneself was denied to none, a problem that no current modern political model has achieved in such a comprehensive manner. With such a vast array of ethnic groups and cultures under one authority we can also see how the Islamic education system was a unifying force as nationalism has no value in the Islamic ideology, ayat from the Quran were taught such as:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتْقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

“O Men, We created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may KNOW one another (NOT THAT YOU MAY DESPISE EACH OTHER).” [Hujuraat: 13]

وَمِنْ آيَاتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ أَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَأَلْوَانِكُمْ إِنَّ فِي ذَلِكَ لَآيَاتٍ لِّلْعَالَمِينَ
“And among His Signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the difference of your languages and colours. Verily, in that are indeed signs for men of sound knowledge.” [Ar-Rum: 22]

With young minds introduced to such ideas, personalities were molded from an early age to be tolerant and humane to all persons as they were unified as citizens of the Khilafah “Caliphate” so sectarian rivalry and hatred was minimalized which fostered a safe and secure society.

An analysis of the Primary education system alone will prove how truly vanguard the Ottoman leadership was in securing a truly accessible, practical and praiseworthy educational experience for the youngest most sensitive minds in its care. In the Ottoman Khilafah “Caliphate” schooling started at the age of 3 in what was known as the Sibyan (Primary) Schools (Sibyan Mektepleri)

In his article published by the International Journal of Humanities and Social Science in 2013 Professor Dr. Selami Sonmez of Atatürk University in Turkey listed the aims of the Primary education system of the Ottoman Khilafah “Caliphate” as follows:

1. Teaching Turkish and Muslim children to read Quran fluently and to write in Arabic properly
2. Teaching basics of Islam
3. Teaching the forms of worship in Islam
4. Teaching the principles of ethics in Islam and customs
5. Introducing and teaching true Islamic morals
6. Identifying the abilities of the children
7. Preparing the students for Madrasas.

Schools were either directly sponsored by the state itself or were built and funded by the wealthy individuals or community groups sharing the responsibility to educate the youth. It was not uncommon to have such schools attached to the mosque itself.

Ergin Osman in his 1977 book, Turkish Education History,

wrote of the immense importance educating all levels of society was to the Ottoman Government that Fatih Sultan Mehmet pioneered that idea of specific funding for schools that only allowed children from poor families or orphans to attend so as to ensure that no needy individual slipped through the net of having the right to an education. He documented the specific protocols adopted for Primary education:

- a. Education in the Primary Schools was free of charge.
- b. A daily monetary allowance of 2 akche was given.
- c. Clothes, fez, shirt, pants, cummerbunds or belts, shoes and hats were distributed to all children.
- d. Food was given.
- e. A trip was organized once a year.

It was not uncommon that richer families would also sponsor poorer children hence promoting social cohesion in the Islamic State.

He also remarked that a child's first day of School was of such social significance culturally that parents, rich or poor, would hold special parties and street parades to commemorate the noble event. The official term for this was known as the "Amen Parade of Children". Ahmet Rasim in his 1927 work, *Falaka*. Istanbul detailed the ceremony as one that involved feeding of relatives and friends where the child would be honored with gifts and dressed in new beautiful clothes and prayers would be said for their success.

The elaborate celebration of a child's first day at school had the following social function:

- a. To encourage the parents to send their children to the schools
- b. To encourage the fathers of other children next door to the schools to send their children to the school
- c. To encourage the child to start the school
- d. To encourage even growing sisters or brothers and the their neighbours' children to start school
- e. To provide dignity for the child's family

Osman Ergin is quoted in his 1977 research findings that such social importance to schooling cannot be found "in any other nations' education history!"

Dr Selami Sonmez (2013) documents that the teaching styles were flexible allowing children to learn at their own pace with more able students being allowed to progress faster and less able student were afforded more time to achieve. Larger classes were supported by the brightest students who were appointed as 'teaching assistants' to the other students, a phenomenon that is only now a recent development in the western schooling system.

In light of the immense historical and sociological evidence available we can conclude that the Ottoman Khilafah "Caliphate" model of Primary education completely debunks the myth that the Islamic political system is devoid of respect for knowledge, progress and the education of it girls. On the contrary the limitations on access to education for citizens living in established democracies due to wealth, gender, ethnicity, and social class are well known and all western nations face an ongoing crisis in establishing true equality for its citizens.

In the same 2013 article previously mentioned, Dr. Selami Sonmez commented that the outstanding features of the Ottoman Khilafah "Caliphate"'s Education System were:

"...even (by) today's world, the features and functions of the Primary School.... are luxury, and there are many countries which has still not reached this concept. " (Primary Education System in Ottoman Empire Assist. Prof. Dr. Selami SONMEZ Atatürk University 2013).

Armed with this knowledge we can now review our fears of a return to the Islamic Political Ruling system and instead carry a positive, hopeful and inspirational vision to all people regarding the great possibilities of elevating humanity with the return of the Khilafah "Caliphate", Islamic State.

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The Prophet's (saw) Methodology for Revival

23rd Halaqa: The Necessity of Jihad and the Inevitability of Using the Material Power to Remove Obstacles Hindering the Spread of the Da'wah



Indeed, a matter that is accepted rationally, and clearly known, rather known in religion by way of necessity, and that every creed (Aqeedah) and ideology when its adherents want to further it and be in existence it is inevitable that there must be existence of a power that would protect, defend and preserve it so that it remains alive in the hearts of its adherents, and which is consolidated and strong in its people's hearts who support it, and the rest submit to it.

And the evidence of the above is in the Qur'an and in the Sunnah

First in the Qur'an Allah (swt) says:

وَأَعِدُوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ وَمِنْ رِبَاطِ الْخَيْلِ تُرْهِبُونَ بِهِ عَدُوَّ اللَّهِ وَعَدُوَّكُمْ وَآخَرِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَهُمُ اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُهُمْ ۗ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِنْ شَيْءٍ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ يُوَفَّ إِلَيْكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تُظْلَمُونَ

"And prepare against them whatever you are able of power and of steeds of war by which you may terrify the enemy of Allah and your enemy and others besides them whom you do not know [but] whom Allah knows. And whatever you spend in the cause of Allah will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged." [An-Anfal: 60].

And the best evidence that power is imperative in spreading the ideology, is the conquest (Fath) of Makkah. The day the Messenger (saw) opened Makkah, people used to embrace Islam individually.

But when they saw Allah's power and victory, and conquests people began embracing Allah's religion in groups, Allah highlighted that for us in His The Necessity of Jihad and the Inevitability of Using the Material Power to Remove Obstacles Hindering the Spread of the Da'wah noble Book, saying:

إِذَا جَاءَ نَصْرُ اللَّهِ وَالْفَتْحُ، وَرَأَيْتَ النَّاسَ يَدْخُلُونَ فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ ۗ إِنَّهُ كَانَ تَوَّابًا

"When the victory of Allah and the conquest come, And you see the people entering into the religion of Allah in multitudes, Then exalt [Him] with praise of your Lord and ask forgiveness of Him. Indeed, He is ever Accepting of repentance." [An-Nasr: 1 - 3]

لَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلَنَا بِالْبَيِّنَاتِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا مَعَهُمُ الْكِتَابَ وَالْمِيزَانَ لِيَقُومَ النَّاسُ بِالْقِسْطِ وَأَنْزَلْنَا الْحَدِيدَ فِيهِ بَأْسٌ شَدِيدٌ وَمَنَافِعُ لِلنَّاسِ وَلِيَعْلَمَ اللَّهُ مَنْ يَنْصُرُهُ وَرُسُلَهُ بِالْغَيْبِ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ قَوِيٌّ عَزِيزٌ

"We have already sent Our messengers with clear evidences and sent down with them the Scripture and the balance that the people may maintain [their affairs] in justice. And We sent down iron, wherein is great military might and benefits for the people, and so that Allah may make evident those who support Him and His messengers unseen. Indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might." [Al-Hadid: 25]

In the above noble verse Allah informs us that it is He who sent down messengers with clear proofs, and gave them Books, Allah set up a measure on earth so that people are guided and follow the methodology of Allah which will assure them justice and equality in the worldly life. However, Allah the Almighty the Wisest knows that people cannot accept the Da'wah of the Truth with this ease and smooth, thus it is inevitable that there must be power, which will back up those messengers and books.

It is inevitable that the Da'wah of the Truth possesses enough powers to defend and protect it; thus why Allah (swt) correlated the revelation of the Qur'an with iron, and stated that inside the iron there is so much strength, then at the end of the verse he stated that He Allah (swt) is the Most powerful the victorious.

The third Caliph Uthman bin Affan (ra) translated this meaning when he said: [Indeed, Allah removes by use of Power (Sultan) that which cannot be removed by Qur'an (sermons only)]

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Second in the Sunnah: It was narrated by Bukhari in his Sahih that the Prophet (saw) said: (I have been ordered to fight people until they say: LAA ILAAH ILLA LLAH MUHAMMAD RASULULLAH, when they say it, I will protect their blood and property except for what is due for them)

Amongst the actions of the Messenger (saw) is the action of running fast to seek for the nusra from the people of power and influence. Since he (saw) was seeking for power that will drive the da'wah of truth, he was searching for power, which will defend and enable him convey what he was ordered by Allah.

In addition, it is witnessed in the history of Islam that wherever people are denied their rights, and their cities are captured they cannot return back to its people without force.

One poet says telling the Ummah:

يا أمة لخصوم ضدها احتكمت

Oh Ummah who wants to be ruled by its rival

كيف ارتضيت خصيما ظالما حكيما

How are you contented of a rival oppressor to be a ruler?

بالمدفع استشهدى ان كنت ناطقة

Be martyred with a bomb if indeed you are truthful

أو رمت أن تسمعي من يشتكي الصمما

Or have you heard someone reporting to the deaf?

سلي الحوادث والتاريخ هل عرفا

Refer to the events and history, did you know

حقا ورأيا بغير القوة احترما؟

Any Truth or opinion that was honored without force?

لا تطلبي من يد الجبار مرحة

Do not demand mercy from the hands of a tyrant

ضعي على هامة جبارة قدما

Place your footstep over the head of an imperialist

Muslims' cities including Palestine etc. that are invaded by the imperialists and continue to be ruled by kufr ideology of secular capitalism. Therefore, they need liberation from the darkness into the light of Islam.

Q&A

The Reality of the Tensions between American and Iran in the Region



Question:

America suddenly announced the dangers to its forces and interests in the Gulf, originating from Iran and its pro-groups; it raised the level of readiness and sent aircraft carrier and military ships, and even sent a naval hospital suggesting a near confrontation in the Gulf. This coincided with the end of America's policy of exemption for countries which import Iranian oil to stop Iran's oil exports. Iran threatened to close the Strait of Hormuz to the oil exports of the Gulf states, and tension continues to prevail in the region! Is this a prelude to a war that will be waged by America in the region? Or there is another objective? May Allah reward you with the Good.

Answer:

In order to clarify the picture, we will review the following issues:

1- Indeed, there is a significant increase in tension in the region, including what is mentioned of American shipping of its naval vessels, including the Lincoln aircraft carrier, the largest aircraft carrier with 90 military aircraft, and it sent a squadron of B-52s to its bases in the Gulf region, raising the alert among its troops in the region and evacuating non-essential staff from its embassy in Baghdad. What was noticed was the accompanied quick threats to Iran: [The United States sent an aircraft carrier to the Middle East to send Iran "a clear and an unmistakable message." National Security Adviser John Bolton said his country was acting "in response to a number of troubling and escalatory indications and warnings". "The dispatch of the

warship to the Gulf follows reports of a possible attack on US forces, according to Reuters quoting an unnamed US official ... Bolton said in a statement that "The United States is deploying the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a bomber task force to the US Central Command region to send a clear and unmistakable message to the Iranian regime that any attack on United States interests or on those of our allies will be met with unrelenting force." (BBC 6/5/2019)]. In fact the aircraft carrier entered the Suez Canal on 9/5/2019, and then arrived at the Arab Sea waters on 14/5/2019. The media reported that America [wants to send 120 thousand troops to the region, which was denied by US President Trump, although Acting Defense Minister Patrick Shanahan has put forward the plan to Trump ... (RT 14/5/2019, quoting the New York Times)], all on the backdrop of possible Iranian threats (CNN was quoted, quoting its sources, on May 7th, that the authorities of the United States got intelligence information indicating that Iran plans to deploy short-range ballistic missiles on its small vessels in the Gulf. (RT 14/5/2019)

2- What made the American tension in the atmosphere more than just statements is what happened to four commercial vessels near the port of Fujairah in the UAE and the attack on the vital Saudi oil facilities, and this was as follows:

A- [Four commercial vessels near the UAE's territorial waters were subject to sabotage without causing any casualties, according to what the UAE Foreign Ministry said on Sunday. These developments come as US pressure mounts on Iran, whose president Hassan Rouhani admitted earlier that his country is actually facing a difficult situation (Middle East

B- [The Yemeni group “Ansar Allah” announced, on Tuesday, carrying out of attacks by drones on vital Saudi facilities ... Al Masira channel quoted a military source, confirming that “7 drones carried out attacks on vital Saudi facilities,” the source pointed out that “this large scale military operation comes in response to the continued aggression and siege on our people,” adding that “Ansar Allah are ready to carry out more special and cruel strikes in the event of continued aggression and unjust siege.” (Sputnik Russian Agency 14/5/2019)]. With these two incidents, American statements became of an imminent danger in the Gulf and found good grounds, and the US tension and fueling of the situation in the Gulf is different from similar cases in the past.

3- However, with all this tension in the Gulf, which suggests that the war is at the door, the statements of both sides, America and Iran, give another picture that the war is excluded! These statements include:

- [Trump said in a press statement on Thursday, at the White House, in response to a question on whether the United States intends to wage war on Iran: “I hope it does not happen.” (RT 16/5/2019)]

- [(Reuters 16/5/2019) Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi said on Thursday that the Trump administration does not have a mandate from Congress to wage war on Iran, amid escalating tensions in the Middle East. Pelosi told reporters that the Republican administration will make a statement in closed session to senior members of the so-called Gang of Eight, on Iran on Thursday)]

- [(Reuters 16/5/2019) The New York Times stated on Thursday, quoting unnamed officials in the US administration - President Donald Trump has told acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan that he does not want to go to war with Iran. The paper said that the president told Shanahan this on Wednesday morning)]

- [Iran’s supreme leader Ali Khamenei said there would be no war with the United States, in comments published on state media and on his Twitter account on social media network site, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said: “We are not seeking war, nor are they seeking it.” (BBC 14/5/2019)]

- [US Acting Defense Secretary, Patrick, told a news conference that the US administration’s goal of strengthening its military presence in the Arabian Gulf is “detering acts not going to war .” (France 24, 22/5/2019)] End quotes

These American and Iranian statements indicate that what the media is reporting about a major American-Iranian war is uncertain. What the Iranian leader’s statement to his people that Iran is neither seeking war nor America is seeking it, is the strongest. That is according to the statements about war, and the destruction of American warships in the Gulf is excluded. And in the extreme expectations, if the military action takes place, it will be limited to save the face of the parties. The statements of US officials are frequent that they do not want to change the regime. US National Security Adviser, John Bolton, said: [“Our policy is not intended to change the Iranian regime, but we want to put unprecedented pressure on the government of Iran to change its behaviour “... (Ad-Dustoor website 3/10/2018)]

4- So what are the reasons for this escalation and tension in the region? The answer is that by taking a close view, the reasons are three:

The first reason is the world oil markets: America has a different view today on the oil issue than a decade ago, since the technology succeeded in extracting shale oil, and allowed the export of its oil although it is an importer of oil, and the Chinese exit to reduce the trade deficit with America is to increase its import of US oil. At the same time, America continues to import cheap oil from cheap rulers in the Gulf states, especially Saudi Arabia, whose oil money is accumulating in America without being able to withdraw until the need arises, so it borrows and its sovereign funds are not touched except by America. According to this reality, the US pressure on Iran and the denial of oil exports will raise the price of oil globally and America will benefit from it, as the increase in the price of oil is suitable for the cost of production of shale oil, the International Energy Agency talks about the aggravation of “confusion in the outlook for supply” of oil, and it talks about America’s ability to compensate the reduction of Iran’s and Venezuela’s exports. [The International Energy Agency said on Wednesday that the world would need a very small surplus of oil from OPEC this year, as the recovery of US production will compensate for the drop in exports from Iran and Venezuela. (Reuters, 15/5/2019)] As well as [The International Energy Agency said the US oil production from the seven major rock formations will rise to a new record of 8.49 million barrels per day in June. (Reuters, 17/5/2019)], that is, the US oil companies are pumping more oil in the wake of the Gulf tension and is pushing Iran’s production back through sanctions.

Most importantly, oil prices are rising as US tension threatens to sabotage oil tankers and oil facilities. [Oil futures rose on Wednesday amid rising tensions in the Middle East, hurting global supplies, overshadowing the unexpected surge in US crude inventories. Brent crude futures were up 53 cents, or 0.7 percent, to settle at \$71.77 a barrel, while US crude futures closed at \$62.02 a barrel, up 24 cents, or 0.4 percent. Oil prices were supported after Saudi said on Tuesday that drones bombed two oil pumping stations two days after the sabotage attacks on oil tankers near the United Arab Emirates. (Reuters 05/15/2019)].

Thus, it is clear that America as a result of the tension in the atmosphere with Iran benefits from the high price of oil, and is able to raise its production of rock oil, and the higher the price of oil, American companies rushed to produce more shale oil in an unimaginable quantities in America. There is no doubt that America sees this tension as a benefit to its oil companies, especially in light of the business thinking that dominates the Trump administration.

The second reason: the signing of a new nuclear agreement with Iran guarantees the lion’s share to the American companies in the Iranian market.

It is well known that America is playing an open game with Iran in order to sign a new nuclear agreement with it, including its missile program and its influence in the region. When the US Secretary of State visited Iraq: (what Pompeo told Abdul Mahdi in fact, according to the source familiar with the details of the meeting was quite different, and even the Iraqi prime

minister was surprised by the tone in which Pompeo spoke to him. Pompeo asked him to deliver a message to Tehran that the United States was not keen on the war and that all Trump wanted was a new nuclear deal - An agreement that he can attribute to himself ... Noon Post 15/05/2019, quoting the British Middle East Eye). And the American president does not hide this goal: (The US President expressed his desire to contact the leaders of Iran to resolve the crisis, which is becoming increasingly volatile, and his administration left his telephone number with the Swiss so that the Iranians can contact him if they wanted to negotiate. The American President said: "What they should be doing is calling me up, sitting down and we can make a deal, a fair deal," Trump said. "We just don't want them to have nuclear weapons. It's not too much to ask. And we would help put them back into great shape." "We're not looking to hurt Iran," Trump said in remarks to reporters at the White House. "I want them to be strong and great and have a great economy. But they should call, and if they do, we're open to talk to them."

The White House left a telephone number with the Swiss, who represent Iran in its diplomatic relationship With America, to be the link of communication if Tehran wants to negotiate with Washington (CNN, 11/5/2019). As well as what RT reported on 15/5/2019 that US President Trump said he is sure that Iran will want to negotiate soon). In the same context, the "Intikhab", the Iranian site close to the reformers, revealed on Tuesday the objectives of the visit of Omani Foreign Minister Yousef bin Alawi to the capital Tehran. The site said in a report on 21/5/2019 that (the purpose of that visit is mediation between the United States and Iran, and to discuss the subject of targeting the US embassy in Baghdad, and other developments in the region ...) The site added that (the Omani minister, Yusuf bin Alawi, carried with him on his surprise visit to Tehran a message from US President Donald Trump) without giving details.

Third, and the most important reason, is the process of forming a US-Arab coalition that would include a Jewish entity against Iran.

Looking at a number of American policy objectives in the region and the regional positions. it shows that the most important reason for America today to escalate tension with Iran is to build this alliance and bring it out officially, that is, to transfer the issue of the conflict in the region from the (Israeli) aggression and occupation of the blessed land of Palestine which must be fought to remove it and return Palestine to the land of Islam, to a sectarian conflict in the region with Iran! In other words, the integration of a Jewish entity in the region. This goal, which America and Britain have failed to achieve for decades. Today it hopes to achieve it through the treacherous rulers, especially in the Gulf, who are rushing to normalize with the Jewish entity under the American pretext itself "fear of Iran"

This is clearly manifested in the position of the Jewish entity: "On the backdrop of tension in the Gulf, the prime minister of the Jewish entity, with the presence of US Ambassador Friedman, said, "There is a new efflorescence, a new renaissance of relations between us and many of our Arab neighbours, and many non-Arab Muslim countries. We are united in our desire to stop Iranian aggression. Israel and all the countries of the region and all the countries who seek peace in the world should stand together with the United States against Iranian aggression. We have to keep on strengthening

the State of Israel and keep on strengthening the indispensable alliance with America." (RT 14/5/2019). For the Jewish entity to stand with Arab and maybe Islamic countries, with America to stop the Iranian aggression indicates that the talk of the American tension plan is about building a regional coalition against Iran, led by the United States, in which a Jewish entity is involved, and that tension, inflammatory statements and some military actions as in Fujairah and Aramco's facilities are a process to produce this regional NATO, and the process of production is still taking place. Its prelude is the hosting of Riyadh on Monday, 6/4/2019 to the Arab-American meeting in which Qatar participated in preparation for the launch of the Middle East Strategic Alliance, known as the "Arab NATO" in the media. "Saudi Press Agency reported: [The meeting was held "with the high participation of Saudi Arabia, the United States of America, the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain, the State of Kuwait, the Sultanate of Oman, the State of Qatar and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan." The meeting, it explained: "is an important step in the process of launching this alliance, which aims to enhance security and stability in the region and the world." (RT 10/4/2019)]. Therefore, the process of building this military alliance is in full swing. The joy of the Jewish entity of the security coordination with Arab and (Islamic) countries against Iran means that the Jewish entity is involved in those American deliberations with these rulers, but without a declaration. Its announcement may be delayed till after America's plan for peace, with the most important article being the normalization of the Gulf traitor rulers with the Jewish entity.

In Conclusion:

1- The escalation of events and tensions in the atmosphere is not a prelude to a comprehensive war between America and Iran, but is likely to achieve the three reasons mentioned above, but this does not prevent limited short strikes from taking place to save the face of the parties to lift the embarrassment because of their inflammatory movements and their statements of threat, intimidation, deterrence and behaviour change!!

2- It is painful that although America does not conceal its objectives in its statements and threats, the rulers in our countries, especially the Gulf region, justify America's arrogance and domination over the region as if they are deaf, dumb and blind and do not understand, and then they lose this world and the last. Allah (swt) says the Truth:

وَمَنْ كَانَ فِي هَذِهِ أَعْمَىٰ فَهُوَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ أَعْمَىٰ وَأَضَلُّ سَبِيلًا
"And whoever is blind in this [life] will be blind in the Hereafter and more astray in way" [Al-Isra': 72].

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