

Press Release**Fighting Occupation is not "Terrorism"****Only the Visionary Leadership of a Khaleefah Rashid can Unify the Ummah as an Effective Force Against the US**

In a written submission addressed to the Senate Armed Services Committee ahead of his confirmation hearing on 13 January 2017, the incoming US Secretary of Defense, James Mattis, stressed on "a focus on Pakistan's need to expel or neutralize externally-focused militant groups that operate within its borders." However, submission to US demands has always compromised the security of Muslims, plunging the Ummah into new perils. What of the blind submission to the US demand to neutralize the tribal resistance to the US occupation in Afghanistan? Well, the US "thanked" our armed forces for the respite that they granted the cowardly US crusaders, by promptly opening the doors of Afghanistan to India, from where it is working day and night to undermine our security. And what of submitting to the US demand to neutralize the resistance against India's occupation of Kashmir? Well, the US "thanked" Pakistan's visionless leadership for the respite that India was granted, by extending opportunities to India to both arm itself to the teeth and seek regional dominance to counter China and the Muslims. And India "thanked" Pakistan by escalating its attacks from across our borders and creating instability within our borders, whilst increasing its brutality upon our long-suffering Muslim brethren in Occupied Kashmir.

A visionless leadership that submits to US demands is Pakistan's greatest burden. The visionary leadership that Pakistan and our armed forces are in dire need of is that of Islam and the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood. By adhering to the Quran and Sunnah, the Khaleefah Rashid will provide the Muslims a clear path for ensuring the dominance of Islam, which is the sole guarantor of justice, prosperity and security. He will ensure that the Ummah of RasulAllah (saaw) is unified under the banner of RasulAllah (saaw), as a single powerful state, to end the occupation of Muslim Lands, wherever it is found. He will mobilize all the immense resources of the Ummah effectively, such that we can act independently, according to Islam, without being caught in the lethal trap of alliance with our enemies. He will sever the hands that our enemies have into our homes, by cutting all ties with the hostile states, ending their presence on our soil and expelling their personnel. Rather than submitting to the enemy states, he will walk the path of Khalid (ra), Salahudin and Muhammad bin Qasim, by fighting for the cause of Allah (swt) with full material preparedness and complete dependence on Allah (swt). Nothing less can ever secure the Muslims from the mischief of US and India.

Allah (swt) said,

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَاتِلُوا الَّذِينَ يَلُونَكُمْ مِنَ الْكُفَّارِ وَلْيَجِدُوا فِيكُمْ غِلْظَةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ﴾

"O you who believe! Fight the Unbelievers who gird you about, and let them find firmness in you: and know that Allah is with those who fear Him." [Surah At-Tawba 9:123]

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