

Press Release

Belt and Road is a Ball and Chain

**Is American Colonialism not Destructive Enough, without
Introducing Chinese Colonialism Alongside it?!**

Having repeatedly praised the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), Pakistan's Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, enthusiastically attended China's Belt and Road Forum (BRF) on 15 May 2017, in which China promoted its colonialist policies for the region. Then when widespread public outcry erupted over the details of the draft of the Chinese deal, the government's weak defense was to say that the final deal is to be signed later this month after modification. However, regardless of the Bajwa-Nawaz regime's reassurances about the details, the broad guidelines of the CPEC as the regime itself has admitted of implementation already are far from reassuring.

It is imperative for any leadership devising foreign or economic policy to consider that China is far from a friendly country for Muslims and the people of Pakistan. It is a greedy state, oppressive to Muslims at home and abroad. This is obvious from its brutal treatment of the Muslims of East Turkestan, where Muslims are prevented from fasting in Ramadhan, entering Masajid and growing beards. Muslim women are forbidden to wear Islamic dress and now Muslims cannot even name their children "Muhammad" after our beloved RasulAllah (saaw). And China has politically supported colonialist projects by other major powers throughout the Muslim World. China itself is a state looking out for its interests alone, just like Russia, Britain and the US. As for CPEC, it is nothing but a one way deal, where China benefits from Pakistan's resources for Chinese industry and Pakistan's markets for sales of Chinese goods.

As for the dangers to Pakistan of exposing itself to dealings with yet another colonialist state, CPEC has already established Chinese ownership of key resources, which is a game loser, not a game changer. CPEC has already drowned Pakistan in even more interest based foreign debt, adding to its huge debts to other colonialist powers and institutions. Through CPEC, the regime has established dependence on Chinese imports and labor, which is further crippling the long suffering local agriculture and industry. If anything, Pakistan is only grabbing crumbs from China and even these crumbs are for the Bajwa-Nawaz regime and its cohorts, rather than Pakistan as a whole.

So, despite Pakistan's huge potential, the visionless Bajwa-Nawaz regime has reduced Pakistan to spoils for foreign powers to exploit. It is high time that the Muslims rejected this failed leadership and worked for the project that will put an end

to this damaging era of dependency on foreign powers, which is the Khilafah project. Only then will the Muslims have a leadership that will strive to strengthen the Muslims, such as unifying the current Muslim states as one Khilafah and building transport, communication and energy links between the hugely resourceful Muslim lands. Moreover, rather than depending on foreign technology and investment, the Khilafah itself will invest heavily in establishing a strong heavy industry, including the manufacture of engines, heavy machinery and arms, so that the economy is built on a strong footing, giving it the capacity to become the world's leading state.

O Sincere Officers of Pakistan Armed Forces! See how the Bajwa-Nawaz regime presents Pakistan on a plate to the colonialists, just so that they can make quick financial killings for themselves. As for you, the Bajwa-Nawaz regime has reduced you to the role of security guards for the Chinese projects, when Islam demands that you are mobilized for the dominance of Islam and Muslims. Remember your brother in arms from the era of our shield, the Khilafah, the Muslim commander Qutaiba bin Muslim Al-Bahilee who opened Turkestan. When he stopped at the gates of China and his army was about to set foot on Chinese soil, the Chinese Emperor was so stricken by fear and panic that he sent a delegation to the Muslim commander to pay Jizyah, as well as present him soil in which he could fulfill his oath to step on Chinese soil. Such is the role of the Muslim armed forces under the Khilafah! So will you not now grant Nussrah to Hizb ut Tahrir for the re-establishment of the Khilafah on the Method of the Prophethood, so your steel, fire and blood is fuel for the dominance of Islam, rather than the plots of our enemies, from the atheists, Mushrikeen and People of the Book?!

﴿مَا يَوَدُّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا مِنْ أَهْلِ الْكِتَابِ وَلَا الْمُشْرِكِينَ أَنْ يُنَزَّلَ عَلَيْكُمْ مِنْ خَيْرٍ مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَخْتَصُّ بِرَحْمَتِهِ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ﴾

“Neither those who followed earlier revelation who deny the truth, nor the Mushrikeen like to see good bestowed upon you from your Sustainer; but Allah bestows grace upon whom He chooses- for Allah is limitless in His great bounty.” [Surah al-Baqara 2:105]

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