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From the Qur'an:

"Indeed, the penalty for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and strive upon earth [to causel corruption [fas'ad] is none but that they be killed or crucified or that their hands and feet be cut off from opposite sides or that they be exiled from the land. That is for them a disgrace in this world; and for them in the Hereafter is a great punishment." (Surah Al-Mai dah: Verse 33)

Selected Hadith:

Narrated Ibn Umar (RA), the Prophet (SAAW) said:

Muhaji'run (migrants)! Beware of five practices, to be afflicted with, I take refuge in Allah that you may not be hit with; if ever lewdness (sexual depravity and immorality) spreads among people till it is regarded as a common open practice, plagues and new diseases which did not exist before will spread among them. If they decrease the measures and weights, they be overcome by poverty, their provision will decrease and their ruler will be unjust. If they refrain from paying Zakah due on they will properties. deprived of rain, and if it were not for the sake of the cattle, they would not have any rain. If their they renounce commitment to Allah and His Messenger, they governed by an enemy who is a stranger to them and who will take away some of what they possess. If their rulers do not rule according to Allah's Book, they will be afflicted by civil war". (Sun'an of Ibn Ma'jah)

EDITORIAL

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers (AS), in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAAW).

American president Donald Trump is set to fuel war across the entire world by increasing American global arms sales. Multiple sources confirm that president Trump is planning to roll back restrictions on U.S. arms sales abroad, despite the fact that he is already selling record numbers of weapons to other countries. Trump is planning to make these changes via an executive order or memorandum at some point this fall according to a recently published report in Politico. In doing so, experts around the globe worry that the Trump administration will both intensify existing conflicts and spark new ones across the globe.

According to Dr. Brandon Valeriano, Donald Bren Chair of Armed Politics at Marine Corps University, Quantico, Virginia:

"The transfer of arms and the process of arms racing has been a long-standing reason that conflicts begin, spread and escalate. New weapons give states the confidence they might not otherwise have to launch or exacerbate ongoing antagonisms and hatreds. This new expansion of U.S. effort to promote the transfer of arms will have devastating effects on the international community and will be the root of the evil that will spread throughout the Military-Industrial-Banking complex."

However, the Trump administration is seemingly more concerned with the economic benefits of increasing arms sales than the overall impact it might have on the wider world. History proves that the presence of weapons invariably exacerbates conflict, particularly in places of existing conflict or rising tension. The Trump administration is sending a clear signal that profit, not people, is what matters most to his government.

According to Allison Pytlak, a program manager in the disarmament program of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom:

"The implications (of this move) will be felt by the people living in countries and cities that are already drowning in weapons."

The National Security Council of USA has already confirmed that Trump has undertaken a review of the U.S. policy on arms sales and wherever possible is working to remove "unreasonable" constraints on the ability of American weapons manufacturing companies to compete.

It has also been reported that generally, president Trump wants to make it easier for American arms manufacturers to sell to international buyers, however, he is also looking at revamping export regulations on drone technology. On the latter point, most experts say Trump might be willing to "outsource" the "security goals" of America by building the capacity of allies, partners and private military contractors (such as Blackwater). Analysts also point out that by outsourcing "war", the U.S. would also be in a position to dictate the terms of using drones to buying countries in a way that complies with the "American law of war", sans the blowback at home of dead American soldiers. From a broader standpoint, both reducing restrictions on arms exports overseas and increasing drone exports synergize to form a slippery slope.

The U.S. has long been the world's number one exporter of arms and Trump has built on this precedent in a massive way since entering the White House. The Obama administration was hardly reserved when it came to international arms deals, but Trump is poised to outsell his predecessor on a historic scale, according to recent data on weapons sales. In the first eight months of 2017, Trump almost doubled the total value of U.S. arms sales (to \$48 billion) than under Obama during the same period in 2016. *(continued on page 2)*

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Moreover, Trump could be complicit in war crimes due to some of the arms sales he has already made. In Yemen, for example, it was recently discovered an American-made bomb was used by the Arab coalition in a strike last month that allegedly killed civilians, including children. It is possible this bomb was made under Obama, but the larger point is Trump's unyielding determination to sell plenty more that increases the probability that it will be him, not Obama, who will be linked to atrocities committed by other countries. This sentiment was expressed by Amnesty International's advocacy director for the Middle East and North Africa, Raed Jarrar, in an interview with Newsweek in which he said:

"In the context of horrific human rights abuses in the Middle East region, we are very concerned about the possibility of the U.S. decision to ease restrictions on weapons sales overseas. There is damning evidence that many recipients of U.S. weapons in the Middle East – such as Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel – are already involved in serious violations of human rights and international law. Any decision to reduce restrictions on global arms sales by the U.S. will at the least be perceived by foreign governments as a green light to continue, if not increase, their disregard to human rights."

All evidence from the past proves that weapons that the U.S. has sold to foreign governments and rebel factions aiming at regime change have ended up in the hands of terrorists – including but not limited to Daesh – because America either did not have the necessary regulations and safeguards in place or it was part of the grand American design from the word go. While president Trump's plan to ease restrictions could certainly create more jobs in the U.S. – something that he promised during his presidential campaign – yet the million dollar question remains that is it worth the chaos that it could potentially induce on a global scale? The concerns surrounding this move are compounded by the fact the Trump administration is also dropping record numbers of bombs on targets in the Middle East, which has led to a marked increase in civilian casualties compared to during Obama's tenure.

Make no mistake that Trump administration is ready to drive the entire world into an unprecedented level of chaos, anarchy, insecurity and wars. In our opinion, it would be the Muslims countries, particularly those situated in the Arabian Peninsula and South Asia that will be at the receiving end of the greatest suffering and loss. The leaderships of the Muslim countries in these regions beware! May Allah (SWT) protect us all from the tribulations that the future holds in store. Aameen!

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

Fake "social activism" in North America and Western Europe

What has been unfolding in both North America and Western Europe over the last few years is fake social activism, controlled and funded by the corporate establishment. This manipulated process precludes the formation of a real mass movement against war, racism and social injustice.

The anti-war movement in the West is dead. The wars in Syria and Yemen were tagged as "civil wars". While most of the bombings were carried out in civilian-populated areas by the global powers and their proxies (both state and non-state), the insidious role of the U.S., Western Europe and Israel in the entire scenario has been downplayed or casually ignored. To paraphrase this new narrative popular among Western social activists, "The U.S., Western Europe and Israel are not directly involved, so there is no need to wage an anti-war campaign".

War and neoliberalism are no longer at the forefront of civil society activism. Funded by Zionist corporate charities, via a network of (equally Zionist) non-governmental organizations, social activism ("baptized" into Zionism) tends to be piecemeal. There is no integrated anti-globalization, anti-war movement. Similarly, the global economic crisis is not seen as having a relationship to U.S. led wars. In turn, dissent has become compartmentalized. Separate "issue oriented" protest movements (e.g. environment, anti-globalization, women's rights, LGBT) are encouraged and generously funded in order to distract from the real issues at hand and it has directly led to the lack of a cohesive mass movement against global capitalism and its "war against humanity". This mosaic was already prevalent in the counter G7 summits and People's Summits of the 1990s and also from the inception of the World Social Forum in 2000, which rarely adopted a meaningful anti-war stance. Through staged protest events sponsored by NGOs (also euphemized as "civil society") and generously funded by Zionist corporate foundations, the unspoken objective is to create profound divisions within societies and states, which serve to uphold the existing political, economic and social orders as well as the military agenda.

At this crucial juncture of human history, there is a desperate need for the creation of a movement that could forcefully challenge the legitimacy of the prevalent structures of political, economic and social authority. It is no easy task. It would require a degree of solidarity, unity and commitment unparalleled in World history. It would require breaking down political and ideological barriers within society and among states, acting with a single voice. It would also require the eventual unseating of the war criminals, and indicting them for war crimes.

Source: Adapted from an article by Prof Michel Chossudovsky

Editor's note: It is a pleasant surprise that thinkers around the world are today calling for a non-violent and revolutionary mass movement in order to change the satanic status-quo. This has been the call of Tanzeem-e-Islami from the very beginning...

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<u>Date</u>: 12 January 2018

Lahore (PR): "Our nation as a whole is blamable for the brutal incident of Kasur."

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, <u>Hafiz Aakif Saeed</u>, during the Khitab-e-Jumu'ah at Quran Academy, Lahore.

The Ameer noted that while the media in our country had been vehemently condemning the rape and murder of the innocent 8-year old Zainab, the same media was largely responsible for passionately promoting vulgarity and promiscuity through its transmissions that has been a major reason for the widespread immoral sexual yearnings rampant among the youth of our nation.

In fact, the unchecked role of the media in instigating sexual provocation was a core reason behind regretful incidents such as the one that occurred in Kasur, he added.

The Ameer remarked that it was precisely this reason why our religion, Islam, had ordained to strictly prohibit the promotion of vulgarity and immorality in the society.

The Ameer said that it was very unfortunate that the religious scholars were not playing any serious, worthwhile and positive role viz. the establishment of Islam as a *Deen* in Pakistan.

He warned that the nation would have to face such sickening incidents in the future again, if the existing rot and decayed system prevalent in the society was not abolished and replaced with an alternative based on purity and morality.

The Ameer concluded by criticizing the cruelty with which the police has opened fire on members of the public in Kasur protesting against the incident, which resulted in the death of 2 protestors.

Date: 5 January 2018

Lahore (PR): "The people of our country should perform 'prostration of gratitude' on the US decision to halt the economic and military assistance of Pakistan."

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, <u>Hafiz Aakif Saeed</u>, during the Khitab-e-Jumu'ah at Quran Academy, Lahore.

The Ameer noted that U.S. "economic assistance" had become more of a castigation and a noose tightening around our nation's neck with every passing day.

He remarked that in response to the U.S. threats of halting all assistance to Pakistan, our political and military leaderships had started to deal with America in a more graceful and respectable way.

He added that Pakistan could steady itself on the road to self-reliance once all kinds of U.S. assistance was totally withheld.

The Ameer endorsed the demand of the Chairman of PTI that all non-essential and superfluous diplomatic personnel of the US embassy/consulates in Pakistan should be asked to leave the country immediately.

The Ameer stated that our focus ought to be on the assistance provided by Allah (SWT), not America.

He added that once we started receiving the assistance of Allah (SWT), even the mightiest of superpowers would not be able to harm us in any way.

The Ameer concluded by remarking that in order to be eligible for getting the assistance of Allah (SWT), it was necessary for us to establish and implement the <u>Deen of Allah</u> (SWT) in our country – one that had been created in the name of Islam.