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From the Qur'an:

“And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you – when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided.”

“And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful.”

(*Surah Aal e Imran: 103-104*)

Selected Hadith:

The Messenger of Allah (SAAW) is reported to have said:

“Near the establishment of the Hour there will be days during which (righteous) knowledge will be taken away (vanish) and general ignorance (due to deception) will spread.”

(*Sahih Bukhari*)

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).

Seemingly unrelated events all point to a tectonic shift in which Israel has begun preparing the ground to annex the occupied Palestinian territories. During a recent address to students in New York, Israel's education minister Naftali Bennett publicly disavowed even the notion of a Palestinian state. “We are done with that,” he said. “They have a Palestinian state in Gaza.” Later in Washington, Bennett, who heads Israel's settler movement, said Israel would manage the fallout from annexing the West Bank, just as it had with its annexation of the Syrian Golan in 1980. International opposition would dissipate, he said. “After two months it fades away and 20 years later and 40 years later, [the territory is] still ours.”

Back in Israel, the Zionist state has proven that such words are not hollow. The Israeli parliament (Knesset) passed a law last month that brings three academic institutions, including Ariel University, all located in illegal West Bank settlements, under the authority of Israel's Higher Education Council. Until now, they were overseen by a military body. The move marks a symbolic and legal sea change. Israel has effectively expanded its civilian sovereignty into the West Bank. It is a covert but tangible first step towards annexation. In a sign of how the idea of annexation is now entirely mainstream, Israeli university heads mutely but willingly accepted the change.

Additional bills extending Israeli law to the settlements are in the pipeline. In fact, far-right justice minister Ayelet Shaked has insisted that those drafting new legislation indicate how it can also be applied in the West Bank. According to Peace Now, she and Israeli law chiefs are devising new pretexts to seize Palestinian territory. She has called the separation between Israel and the occupied territories required by international law “an injustice that has lasted 50 years”.

After the higher education law passed, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his party Israel would “act intelligently” to extend unnoticed its sovereignty into the West Bank. “This is a process with historic consequences,” he said. That accords with a vote by his Likud party's central committee in December that unanimously backed annexation. Undoubtedly, the “historic consequences” and “further annexation” link directly to the creation of “Greater Israel”!

The government is already working on legislation to bring some West Bank settlements under Jerusalem municipal control – annexation via the back door. Last month officials gave themselves additional powers to expel Palestinians from Jerusalem for “disloyalty”. Yousef Jabareen, a Palestinian member of the Israeli parliament, warned that Israel had accelerated its annexation program from “creeping to running”.

Notably, Netanyahu has said the government's plans are being coordinated with the Trump administration. It was a statement he later retracted under pressure. But all evidence suggests that Washington is fully on board, so long as annexation is done by stealth. The US ambassador to Israel, David Friedman, a long-time donor to the settlements, told Israel's Channel 10 TV recently: “The settlers aren't going anywhere”. Settler leader Yaakov Katz, meanwhile, thanked Donald Trump for a dramatic surge in settlement growth over the past year. Figures show that almost half of Israeli Jews are now settlers. He called the White House team “people who really like us, love us”, adding that the settlers were “changing the map”.

The US is preparing to move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in May, not only pre-empting a final-status issue but tearing out the beating heart from a Palestinian state. The thrust of US strategy is so well-known to Palestinian leaders – and in lockstep with Israel –

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that Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is said to have refused to even look at the peace plan recently submitted to him. Reports suggest it will award Israel all of Jerusalem as its capital. The Palestinians will be forced to accept outlying villages as their own capital, as well as a land “corridor” to let them pray at Al Aqsa and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Being the strongest force in the entire Middle East, Israel will be left to determine the fate of the settlements and its borders – a recipe for the Zionist state to carry on with slow-motion annexation. Chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat has warned that Trump’s “ultimate deal” will limit a Palestinian state to Gaza and scraps of the West Bank – much as Bennett prophesied in New York, which explains why the White House recently hosted a meeting of European and Arab states to discuss the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. US officials have warned the Palestinian leadership, who stayed away, that a final deal will be settled over their heads if necessary. This time the US peace plan is not up for negotiation; it is primed for implementation.

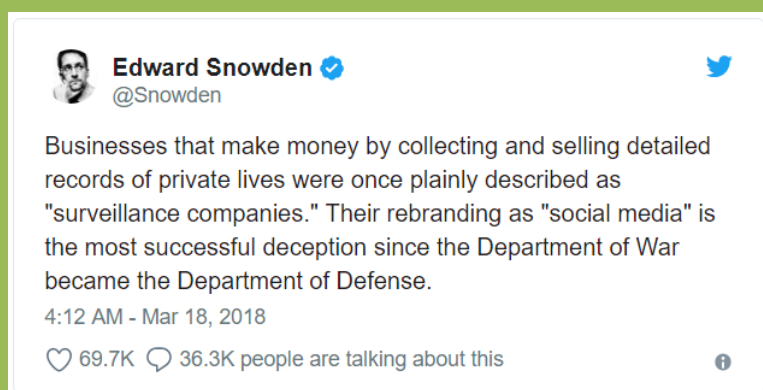
With a Palestinian “state” effectively restricted to Gaza, the humanitarian catastrophe there – one the United Nations has warned will make the enclave uninhabitable in a few years – needs to be urgently addressed. But the White House summit also sidelined the UN refugee agency UNRWA, which deals with Gaza’s humanitarian situation. The right-wing in Israel hates UNRWA because its presence complicates annexation of the West Bank. And with Fatah and Hamas still at loggerheads, it alone serves to unify the West Bank and Gaza. That is why the Trump administration recently cut US funding to UNRWA – the bulk of its budget. The White House’s implicit goal is to find a new means to manage, multiply and accelerate the misery in Gaza.

What the US-Israeli nexus needs next is someone to arm-twist the Palestinians. Mike Pompeo’s move from the CIA to State Department, in all likelihood, will produce the strongman needed to bulldoze the Palestinians into submission.

As for the “Muslim Ummah”, they neither possess the means nor the will to take those responsible for the unfolding intrigue to task. Unfortunately, Muslim states and masses are completely toothless in this day and age.

While the games of deception are being played out by the US and Israel on one hand, another kind of deception has caused shockwaves around the globe, with the social media platform, Facebook, and a UK-based data-brokering company, Cambridge Analytica, in the limelight for all the wrong reasons.

Tanzeem-e-Islami has always considered social media platforms such as Facebook, Google, Twitter, YouTube, et al with a pinch of salt. There have been claims before that the activities and operations of the so-called “Alternative Media” is shady to say the least (not that the so-called “Mainstream Media” has proven to be any less sinister), but the Facebook / Cambridge Analytica scandal has vindicated our stance in no unclear terms. Interestingly, a tweet posted by the renowned whistle-blower, Edward Snowden, sums the situation up quite aptly...



Edward Snowden’s tweet: Courtesy Reuters

According to a joint investigation by The New York Times and Britain’s Observer, Cambridge Analytica – a British firm hired by Trump’s 2016 campaign – was able to create psychological profiles on 50 million Facebook users in America through the use of a personality prediction app that was downloaded by 270,000 people, but also scooped up data from friends. As frightening as that may sound, this is just the tip of the iceberg. Facebook and other social media platforms, with the aid of their partners in the data-brokering business, have been building psychological profiles of their unwitting users across the globe for years. Facebook, for instance, has been using tools to “weaponize” detailed psychological profiles against its two billion or so members worldwide. These profiles are then sold / provided without any caveat to intelligence agencies, governments and private contractors for use in fifth generation warfare (5GW). This would have been branded as a “conspiracy theory”, had the recent leaks not been exposed.

We, however, have to ask the users of social media: Are you so naïve that you believe in the whole “privacy rights” deception parroted by all social media platforms? In our considered opinion, the global agenda of the West (that includes the US, Europe and Israel) is closely intertwined with weaponizing the detailed psychological profiles of billions of users worldwide accumulated by various social media platforms. In all fairness, we have to say that this might well be the most ingenious and potent weapon being used in order to pave the way for a global government – one in which all weaknesses of the citizens would be exploited to keep them in check.

We would advise our readers to be extremely cautious while sharing details of their personal and professional life on social media platforms, such as Facebook. It is always better to have your guard up at all times against those who thrive on deception.

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

**Press Release issued by Tanzeem e Islami on 'Pakistan Day'****Date: 23 March 2018****Lahore (PR): "The nation must reflect retrospectively on this Pakistan Day about the degree to which the objectives of creating the country have been achieved."**This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, during the Khitab e Jumu'ah in Qur'an Academy, Lahore.The Ameer lamented the painful truth that we had not practically implemented an iota of the slogan **"Pakistan ka Matlab Kya? La Illaha ill Allah!"** raised during the Pakistan Movement, but had instead retreated on the issue of enforcing Islam in the country. He noted that loud voices of "secularism" and "liberalism" were being raised in the country and all symbols of Islamic identity were being candidly mocked. Consequently, political instability was, today, rife in the country. On the economic front, our country is approaching bankruptcy, while the social values of the nation had reached such a low that not only our rulers but the masses of the country, too, had become slaves of the modern Western civilization, he remarked.The Ameer said that due to this ideological departure, we are gravely concerned regarding the security of the country. He insisted that in our considered opinion, time has not yet run out for us to make a sincere resolution to revert to the vows that we had made to Allah (SWT) during the Pakistan Movement and leave no stone unturned in removing all obstacles that stand in that path with utmost courage and perseverance, even if, temporarily, we had to face severe hardships while doing so. The Ameer concluded by warning that the present path that our entire nation had chosen to follow was the complete opposite of achieving ***Istehkam-e-Pakistan*** and had, in fact, caused serious danger not only to the security of the country but also created a real existential threat for Pakistan.**Facebook is a surveillance company rebranded as 'social media'**

Former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden ripped Facebook in a tweet Saturday after the social media giant suspended Cambridge Analytica, a data analytics firm which worked for President Trump's campaign.

Facebook accused the firm on Friday of not deleting data it had improperly harvested from Facebook users, which number in the tens of millions, but Snowden pinned the blame squarely on Facebook and lumped in other social media companies for being just as reckless.

"Businesses that make money by collecting and selling detailed records of private lives were once plainly described as 'surveillance companies,'" Snowden said. "Their rebranding as 'social media' is the most successful deception since the Department of War became the Department of Defense."

"Facebook makes their money by exploiting and selling intimate details about the private lives of millions, far beyond the scant details you voluntarily post," Snowden said earlier in the day. "They are not victims. They are accomplices."

Cambridge Analytica, a British communications firm hired by Donald Trump's presidential campaign, denied any wrongdoing, issuing a statement that said the firm "fully complies" with Facebook's terms of service, however, analysts are viewing the statement as a classic example of "plausible deniability" often employed by spy and surveillance firms.

Facebook has already taken heat for spreading "fake news" during the Trump Campaign of 2016 and "promised changes". Last year Facebook handed Mueller its findings regarding Russian Facebook ads, revealed when the company announced \$100,000 was purchased for ads from June 2015 to May 2017 by an alleged Russian "troll farm" called the Internet Research Agency, which has promoted pro-Russian propaganda. The money was connected to approximately 3,000 ads and 470 "inauthentic accounts and pages." Mueller later indicted 13 Russian nationals and three Russian entities for meddling in the 2016 presidential election that were allegedly part of the Internet Research Agency. Social Media researchers have, however, questioned the authenticity of the action, stating that the meddling may have originated from any number of spy agencies including Mossad, MI6 and even the CIA itself.

Snowden was granted asylum in Russia back in 2013 after he leaked secret information from the National Security Agency's surveillance programs and has been there ever since.

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