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From the Qur'an:

“Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was one inclining toward truth, a Muslim [submitting to Allah]. And he was not of the polytheists.”

“Indeed, the most worthy of Abraham among the people are those who followed him [in submission to Allah] and this prophet, and those who believe [in his message]. And Allah is the ally of the believers.”

“A faction of the people of the Scripture wish they could mislead you. But they do not mislead except themselves, and they perceive [it] not.”

(Ali 'Imran: verses 67-69)

Selected Hadith:

Narrated from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri (RA):

The Messenger of Allah (SAAW) said:

“You will certainly follow the ways of those who came before you hand span by hand span, cubit by cubit, to the extent that if they entered the hole of a lizard, you will enter it too.”

We said: “O Messenger of Allah, (do you mean) the Jews and the Christians?”

He said: “Who else?”

(Bukhari, Muslim)

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).

While the length and breadth of Pakistan has been engrossed in the exercise of electing yet another political regime that would, in all probability, keep the existing “political order in sync with the ideals of the West” for another five years, the Zionist state of Israel has made a move that brings it closer to the creation of “The Greater Israel” and total Jewish hegemony around the globe!

On July 19, 2018, the Israeli Knesset enacted a law that illegally enshrines a system of apartheid. The legislation, which has the force of a constitutional amendment, strips away any pretense that Israel is a democracy.

The main clauses of the “Jewish nation-state” law include:

- Self-determination is "exclusive" to the Jewish people and Israel is the Jewish nation's historical homeland,
- Views the establishment of Jewish-only settlements as being in the national interest,
- Arabic will be demoted from official language to a "special" status,
- Calls the "undivided" city of Jerusalem Israel's capital, and
- National symbols include the Israeli flag, menorah, Jewish holidays, Hatikva anthem, the Hebrew calendar, and Israel's Independence Day.

Moreover, it violates customary and treaty-based international law and we will delve into those in the main article, “The Jewish nation-state law passed by the Israeli parliament,” included in the current issue of Perspective.

International laws aside, on a purely religious note it has to be admitted that while Pakistan – a state created on the basis of the Islamic Ideology – has once again failed to establish the genuine Islamic System of Social Justice as the form of governance. Regrettably, the mantra of “democracy styled upon the Westminster-model as the best form of governance” still prevails in our country. On the contrary, Israel – an entity created on the basis of Jewish nationalism – has moved yet another step closer to fulfilling its reason for existence.

It is the considered opinion of Tanzeem-e-Islami that the nefarious designs of the global anti-Islam forces, including Israel, can only be defeated by the unity amongst the Muslim Ummah and uncompromising commitment to authentic Islam. Unfortunately, none of the 58 Muslim “nation states” that exist on the globe is currently committed to the genuine revival of Islam as the fundamental source of politico-socio-economic decision making at the state level.

We pray to Allah (SWT) and hope that this state of absolute apathy that currently prevails amongst the Muslim Ummah would change soon. *Aameen!*

Signing Off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

The “Jewish nation-state” law passed by the Israeli Parliament

On July 19, 2018, the Israeli parliament ratified into law an apartheid system that has long been a reality. “Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People” is the newly approved Basic Law in a country where such laws take the place of the constitution Israel has never had.

The “Basic Law: Israel as the Nation-State of the Jewish People” says,

“The State of Israel is the national home of the Jewish people, in which it fulfills its natural, cultural, religious and historical right to self-determination.” It continues, “The right to exercise national self-determination in the State of Israel is unique to the Jewish people.”

Absent is any guarantee of self-determination for the 1.8 million Arabs who comprise 20 percent of Israel’s population. But, “we refuse to be second-class citizens,” said Ayman Odeh, chairman of the Joint List, the Palestinian parties in the Knesset. Odeh added that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s regime is “digging a deep pit of fear, racism and authoritarianism to divide us from each other. But they can never erase us from the homeland we share.”

Members of the Knesset — Israel’s parliament — had tried for seven years to enact such a law. Although Barack Obama, like US presidents before him, supported Israel’s apartheid policies, Donald Trump took that support to a new level by recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in December 2017.

In spite of the well-established status of East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine, the Basic Law states,

“Jerusalem, complete and united, is the capital of Israel.”

Adding insult to injury, the new law proclaims Hebrew the official language of Israel, with Arabic granted “a special status.”

Only Jews are welcome to emigrate to Israel from around the world under this law. Moreover, it purports to legalize the illegal Jewish settlements on occupied Palestinian land, stating,

“The state views the development of Jewish settlements as a national value and fundamental to the national interests of Israel, and will act to encourage and promote its establishment and consolidation.”

Adalah, the Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel, declared that the new law “entrenches the privileges enjoyed by Jewish citizens, while simultaneously anchoring discrimination against Palestinian citizens and legitimizing exclusion, racism, and systemic inequality.”

In a statement analyzing the law, Adalah refuted Israel’s claim of being a democracy:

“No country in the world today is defined as a democratic state where the constitutional identity is determined by ethnic affiliation that overrides the principle of equal citizenship.”

Although Israel has long practiced discrimination against Palestinians, the Basic Law will pose obstacles to litigation in support of human rights.

“It will make it much harder for us to challenge any cases of discrimination against Palestinians, because this racist notion of Judaization will become a constitutional norm,” Adalah attorney Suhad Bishara said. “Before this law, there have been opportunities to challenge these practices based on constitutional norms. This space to challenge will disappear, because Jewish superiority is now constitutional.”

Israel’s Basic Law violates several treaties as well as customary international law. Moreover, the prohibition against apartheid is so serious that — like slavery, torture, genocide and wars of aggression — it is considered a jus cogens prohibition. Jus cogens is a peremptory norm, the highest form of customary international law. Countries cannot pass legislation that violates a jus cogens prohibition. The Basic Law enshrines a system of apartheid in Israel and is prohibited by jus cogens.

The new law violates the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination; the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid; the United Nations Charter; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the Fourth Geneva Convention; and the Rome Statute for the International Criminal Court.

Only Jews in Israel have the right to self-determination under the new law. That runs afoul of the UN Charter and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, both of which Israel has ratified. They guarantee all peoples the right to self-determination.

This law does not even mention non-discrimination, equality or minority rights, and thus violates the Convention Against Racial Discrimination, a treaty Israel has ratified. That convention requires states parties to “condemn racial segregation and apartheid and undertake to prevent, prohibit and eradicate all practices of this nature in territories under their jurisdiction.” Racial discrimination is defined in the convention as “any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on race, color,

descent, or national or ethnic origin which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing the recognition, enjoyment or exercise, on an equal footing, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural or any other field of public life.”

Furthermore, the new law’s encouragement of the building of Jewish settlements on Palestinian lands violates the Fourth Geneva Convention and the Rome Statute. Both treaties prohibit an Occupying Power from transferring parts of its own civilian population into the territory it occupies. And both treaties consider such transfer to be a war crime.

Israel has long maintained a system of apartheid. Israel controls all ingress and egress to Gaza, limits Gazans’ access to medicine, subjects Palestinians to arbitrary arrest, expropriates their property, maintains separate areas and roads, segregated housing, different legal and educational systems for Palestinians and Jews and prevents mixed marriages. Only Jews, not Palestinians, are allowed to return to Israel-Palestine, in spite of international laws guaranteeing the Palestinians’ right of return.

“The Nation-State bill that Israel passed ... cements Israel as an apartheid state — from the West Bank to Gaza to Jerusalem to Haifa,” Rabbi Alissa Wise, deputy director of Jewish Voice for Peace, said in a statement.

The Apartheid Convention defines apartheid as:

“Inhuman acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial group of persons over any other racial group of persons and systematically oppressing them.”

That includes, “Legislative measures and other measures calculated to prevent a racial group or groups from participation in the political, social, economic and cultural life of the country and the deliberate creation of conditions preventing the full development of such a group or groups, in particular by denying to members of a racial group or groups basic human rights and freedoms.”

Moreover, under the Rome Statute, “inhumane acts committed in the context of an institutional regime of systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over another racial group, with the intent to maintain that regime” constitute apartheid.

Both the Apartheid Convention and the Rome Statute classify apartheid as a crime against humanity. Although Israel has not ratified the Apartheid Convention or the Rome Statute, but apartheid is prohibited by jus cogens.

Last year, Richard Falk, former UN special rapporteur on human rights in the Palestinian territories and professor emeritus at Princeton University, and Virginia Tilley, professor of political science at Southern Illinois University and an authority on apartheid, co-authored a report commissioned and published by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

That report found “beyond a reasonable doubt” that Israel’s treatment of the Palestinians constitutes “the crime of Apartheid,” which the authors characterized as a “crime against humanity under customary international law and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.”

The report concluded by recommending participation in Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS), a nonviolent worldwide movement challenging the Israeli occupation.

The BDS movement was launched in 2005 by representatives of Palestinian civil society. They called upon “international civil society organizations and people of conscience all over the world to impose broad boycotts and implement divestment initiatives against Israel similar to those applied to South Africa in the apartheid era ... [including] embargoes and sanctions against Israel.”

This call for BDS specified that “these nonviolent punitive measures” should last until Israel fully complies with international law by:

1. Ending its occupation and colonization of all Arab lands and dismantling the barrier wall;
2. Recognizing the fundamental rights of the Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel to full equality; and
3. Respecting, protecting and promoting the rights of Palestinian refugees to return to their land as stipulated in United Nations General Assembly Resolution 194.

“If ever there was a time for boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel’s system of oppression, it is now,” said Omar Barghouti, co-founder of the BDS movement, in response to Israel’s Basic Law.

He further said:

“No Israeli law will erase our right to self-determination in our homeland or the right of our refugees to return home. No Israeli far-right government, with all the ... support it receives from xenophobic and outright fascist forces in the United States and Europe will ever extinguish our aspiration for freedom, justice and equality.”



Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

Date: 20 July 2018

Lahore (PR): “The law passed by the Israeli parliament declaring the Zionist entity a “Jewish nation-state” will trigger a massive human calamity.”

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 noted that the black law passed in the Knesset defined that the establishment of Jewish-only settlements was in the “national interest” of Israel (*The kind of settlements that are “illegal” under international law*). The Ameer said that the law had also made Hebrew the country’s national language, while demoting Arabic from official language to a “special” status (*in other words a defunct and second-grade language*). According to the law passed, the *Hatikva* anthem (*religious anthem of the Jews*) would have the status of “Israeli national anthem”, Israel will officially subscribe to the Hebrew calendar and the day of the creation of the Zionist state would be officially celebrated as the Independence Day of Israel, the Ameer added. After the law was passed by the Knesset, the Prime Minister of Israel Benjamin Netanyahu said, “This is a defining moment in the annals of Zionism and the history of the state of Israel.” The Ameer remarked that now that this black law had been passed, there will be absolute Jewish supremacy in the Zionist state and all non-Jews would officially be treated as second-class citizens. A vast majority of independent analysts had responded to the enactment of this law by stating that the status of the Zionist state of Israel had now “formally” become that of a “racist country”, similar to the formal status of South Africa during the days of apartheid. The Ameer questioned the “whereabouts” of the secular and liberal sections of Pakistan, who started chewing their hands in anger when the argument of the role of religion in managing the affairs of the state was brought into discussion, and who became senselessly hostile on the mention of the status of non-Muslims as “protected-minorities” in Islam. The Ameer inquired that would those secular and liberal sections of Pakistan raise their voice against the recent law passed by the Israeli parliament? The Ameer remarked that after the passing of this black law, the ulterior motives and nefarious designs of the Jews had been exposed further. He concluded by stating that it did not require a rocket-scientist to foresee increased cruelty, coercion and oppression by the Zionist state of Israel against the Palestinians in the future.

Date: 27 July 2018

Lahore (PR): “Pakistan has to be made a genuine Islamic Welfare State, not just any ordinary welfare state.”

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 praised and endorsed the statement given by Imran Khan, following the general election, in which he had said that there was a dire need to work hard in order to eradicate poverty and lack of education in Pakistan. The Ameer also agreed that there was a need to provide cheap and speedy justice to all. The Ameer further commented that our nation was in need of honest and trustworthy leadership, but stressed that the real and most vital work to be done was to implement the genuine and untampered Islamic System of Social Justice in its totality in the country. He remarked that Pakistan was in desperate and specific need of a genuine Islamic Welfare State, not any ordinary and commonplace welfare state! He said that it was an essential prerequisite of Islam to establish a genuine Islamic social and cultural system in the country, along with the Islamic political and Islamic economic systems. The Ameer noted that it appeared from the various speeches of the PM in waiting that he did not consider the genuine Social System of Islam as a serious priority, although Allah (SWT) has not only given us detailed instructions and edicts regarding the Islamic Social and Cultural System in the Holy Qur’an but has also declared it as one of the cornerstones of the overall Islamic Society. The Ameer vigorously emphasized that it must be noted that Islam is the champion of the Rights of Women par excellence, however, it has declared the “home” as the domain and the predominant dominion of women and from that perspective Islam does not see the unnecessary movement of women outside their domain and predominant dominion as a deed worthy of great virtue. The Ameer also remarked that Islam strictly prohibited and condemned the unhindered mingling between men and women, which had unfortunately become part and parcel of the modern age dominated by Western ideology. The Ameer welcomed the assertion of Imran Khan that we would negotiate with the U.S. from a position of parity. He, however, cautioned the PM in waiting that in order to do so we must first rid our country from the curse of economic dependence on others. The Ameer concluded by supplicating that may Pakistan be able to establish complete peace and security within, and may our country become a genuine cradle of Islam. *Aameen!*