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From the Qur'an:

“So today We will save you [O Pharaoh] in [physical] body that you may be a sign to those who succeed you. And indeed, many among the people are heedless of Our signs”

“And We had certainty settled the Children of Israel in an agreeable settlement and provided them with good things. And they did not differ until [after] knowledge had come to them. Indeed, your Lord [Allah] will judge between them on the Day of Resurrection concerning that over which they used to differ.”

(Surah Yunus:
Verses 92 & 93)

Selected Hadith:

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

“Wolves will give readings in the End Times. Let those who come to see those times seek shelter from their evil in Allah. They will be very corrupt people. Hypocrisy will prevail, and nobody will be ashamed of it and its manifestations.”

(Tirmidhi)

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).

Over the years tons of ink have been expended on the seemingly interminable issue of the Palestinians and Israel. The wonderful Educational Bookshop in East Jerusalem is filled from floor to ceiling with books, films and merchandise on the Palestinians and their struggles, while Steimatsky's (a bookstore) in West Jerusalem offers as much (but less critical) material on Israel. The Association for Israel Studies lists thirteen affiliated institutes and departments of Israel Studies; there are eight Institutes of Palestine Studies in the world. Plus journals specializing in Palestine and Israel, dozens of international conferences on specific issues around Israel and Palestine and thousands of articles in a wide variety of journals. What else could be added to the analysis? What else could significantly alter how we view “the conflict”?

In the end, analysis matters. Seemingly arcane discussions of issues in academic language impenetrable to most readers and outside the activist discourse at time spawn ways of conceiving the political situation that open up new possibilities of reaching a political settlement while eliminating others. Such is the power of settler colonialism, a relatively recent focus of study, maybe twenty years old. Although totally absent from the considerable public discourse and political debate (even as a term “settler colonialism” is too academic and awkward to integrate into popular discussion), it clarifies more than any other term (“occupation,” for instance) the situation in the entirety of Israel/Palestine while pointing the way to decolonization by the settlers, the only just and feasible political resolution.

It does so by addressing a fundamental issue that has so far proven unbridgeable in international discourse: Is Zionism a legitimate national movement or simply another case of colonialism? “Jewish” rights by definition take precedence over those of Palestinians, whose very existence as a people, and certainly as the indigenous people, is denied. The fact of the matter is that Zionism, as a colonial movement, has no “national” legitimacy. Not only is colonialism illegitimate since it violates the fundamental right of self-determination (and, in its form of permanent occupation, in violation of the 1973 International Convention for the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid), but the very fact that Jews constitute a nation that even has rights of self-determination is rejected.

It is this lack of a way out – conceptually and structurally, as well as practically – that has led to the present state of Israeli apartheid and to virtual despair over any kind of just resolution. Regardless of the party in power in Israel, Zionism is an ideology and movement that lays exclusive claim to the entire Land of Israel, from the sea to the river. Israel officially denies the very fact of occupation (and, of course, apartheid), and refuses to recognize Palestinian national rights beyond Israeli-defined “autonomy.” It reserves the right to take any unilateral action it wishes in the Land of Israel out of both “security concerns” and “entitlement”. For this reason, and not because of difficulties in negotiations or logistics,

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Israel never seriously entertained the two-state solution. To do so would be tantamount to admitting that there does exist in “our” country any other people with equal claims to national rights and territory. For their part, the Palestinians can never accept the legitimacy of Zionist claims, which to them smacks of legitimizing settler colonialism, although for reasons of political weakness they did accept the two-state solution. So all options are currently closed. The two-state solution because Israel refuses to give up claim to East Jerusalem and the West Bank/Judea and Samaria; the current apartheid regime (including any adjustments between apartheid and autonomy the Trump Plan might propose) because Palestinians cannot accept permanent subjugation; and even a single bi-national state, because the Israelis cannot recognize the national presence of Palestinians.

Any approach to ending settler colonialism in historic Palestine must begin with Zionism. Regardless of Palestinian policies, responses and negotiating positions, not substantially just political settlement is possible without dismantling the structures of domination erected by settler Zionism. Decolonization must contend with this fundamental asymmetry. It must also direct our attention to Zionist agency. The campaign of settler colonialism was entered into deliberately and the colonial situation constructed consciously and systematically. A political actor was responsible, and that was the Zionist movement, since 1948 the Israeli government. Without dismantling them all, it would be impossible to hope for any peace or rights for the Palestinians in the Holy Land.

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

Press Release: Riyasat-e-Madinah Seminar (Lahore)**Date: 15 October 2018**

Lahore (PR): Tanzeem-e-Islami held a seminar as part of its “Riyasat-e-Madinah Campaign” at Aiwan-e-Iqbal, Lahore.

While addressing the seminar, **Shuja Uddin Sheikh**, of Tanzeem-e-Islami said that the fundamental purpose of the “Riyasat-e-Madinah Campaign” was to enlighten the masses and in particular the rulers about the salient features of the State of Madinah and to provide input regarding the requisites of establishing and casting a state, today, on the lines of *that* “Riyasat-e-Madinah”. He said that the purpose of Tanzeem-e-Islami is the establishment of a pure Islamic Society and whosoever makes an effort towards that end we will provide a helping hand. He emphasized that the purpose of this campaign was not to criticize the government, rather we have considered the declaration by the government regarding “Riyasat-e-Madinah” in a positive manner and want to encourage and support the government in taking steps towards the materialization of this idea before pressures from opposing liberals as well as other internal and external forces increase on the government in order to sabotage the vision.

While addressing the seminar, the Markazi Nazim of the Press and Publications Section of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Ayub Baig Mirza**, said that we will condone and support the voice of establishing Islam from wherever it is raised. He said that the Prime Minister (PM) ought to implement a system in which all matters are compliant with the Qur’an and Sunnah. However, it appeared as if the PM’s vision of “Riyasat-e-Madinah” is incomplete, as the PM talked about “Riyasat-e-Madinah” but did not say anything about a riba-free economy or a society based on the virtues of modesty, decency and morality. He said that the establishment of a genuine Islamic Society was not just the obligation of the rulers but also a responsibility of the masses.

While addressing the seminar, **Abdur Rauf Farooqi**, said that Tanzeem-e-Islami had performed “*Fard-e-Kifayah*” through its “Riyasat-e-Madinah Campaign”. He said that it was incumbent on all other religious organizations, too, to constantly remind the rulers of their promise regarding “Riyasat-e-Madinah”. He said that the framework of “Riyasat-e-Madinah” would not be the one presented by politicians but the one presented by religious scholars. Therefore, he added, that if the rulers were sincere regarding their promise, they ought to prove it with practical steps and the religious scholars would provide them with as much guidance and assistance as humanly possible.

While addressing the seminar, **Asadullah Bhutto**, said that Allah (SWT) ordains in the Qur’an that establishing an Islamic System in a state is the obligation of the rulers. It is also written clearly in the constitution of our country, on which all rulers take oath, that it is the responsibility of the rulers to take such steps that would pave the way for establishing an Islamic system, he added. If the rulers take the initiative towards this end then the masses will also follow suit. He lamented that there used to be a break for performing prayers in the national assembly before, which no longer exists. He said that the rulers ought to prove it through their actions that they are sincere in their promises.

While addressing the seminar, **Maulana Zahid Ul-Rashdi**, said that “Riyasat-e-Madinah” was the vision of Allama Muhammad Iqbal and Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and added that it was a matter of great hope that the current rulers had talked using the words of the founding fathers of our country. He said that if the government took practical steps in that direction then ALL religious organizations would assist them without any pre-conditions.

While addressing the seminar, **Dr. Muhammad Amin**, said that “Riyasat-e-Madinah” can only be established by following in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet (SAAW), genuinely. He said that when individuals are reformed then the society is also reformed as a consequence and when the society will be reformed for good then “Riyasat-e-Madinah” would consequently take form automatically. He said that although the PM, Imran Khan, had talked about “Riyasat-e-Madinah”, he had not said anything about implementing the Islamic Shariah and the concept of “Riyasat-e-Madinah” cannot be even envisioned without the implementation of the Islamic Shariah.

In conclusion, the Chair of the Seminar and the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, thanked the audience and the speakers for participating in the important seminar and offered collective supplication.



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Date: 26 October 2018

Lahore (PR): “It is critical for the stability and survival of Pakistan to get out from the quagmire of debt.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, in a statement. The Ameer noted that although the bailout package given by Saudi Arabia to assist Pakistan in minimizing and possibly getting rid of its economic woes was a welcome development, yet no nation ever became stable and secure through loans and financial assistance obtained from others. We need to become self-sufficient in our economic and financial sources and resources as soon as possible, he added.

The Ameer sharply condemned the statement of the U.S. Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, in which he had said that Pakistan must stop assisting and supporting those elements in Afghanistan that were against the Afghan government. The Ameer remarked that the Afghan Taliban were striving to regain independence and sovereignty of their country, so that they could restore the System of Governance provided by Allah (SWT) and His (SWT) Messenger (SAAW) in Afghanistan. Whereas, he added, USA had occupied Afghanistan by employing “state terrorism” and installed a puppet regime there in order to make efforts to achieve the U.S. goals in the region, while the puppet Afghan regime was playing the role of an agent of USA.

While commenting on the recent slamming from a panel of the UN Human Rights Committee of the French government’s ban on wearing full-face veil by Muslim women (*Hijab and Niqab*) by calling it “unjust” and a “violation of basic human rights”, the Ameer remarked that it was a welcome step. The Ameer concluded by demanding that the United Nations ought to force France to abolish the ban so that the negative impression regarding the International Body that it only forced weak and small states to accept and implement its decisions, while the strong and powerful states did not do so and got a free pass could be dispelled.



Date: 27 October 2018

Lahore (PR): “The verdict given by the European Court of Human Rights regarding blasphemy of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) is historic.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, in a statement. The Ameer remarked that we ought to praise the judges of the European Court who had given the decision against the appeal filed by the Austrian blasphemer, Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolff, and stated in their verdict that blasphemy of Prophet Muhammad (SAAW) was not ‘freedom of speech’ but a motive for causing chaos and strife. The verdict had further elaborated that ‘freedom of speech’ did not mean that it could be used as a tool to hurt the sentiments of a big part of the world’s population or cause religious grief for Muslims.

The Ameer said that this decision had come at a time when the West, influenced by Islamophobia, was blaspheming against the Holy Prophet (SAAW) and the final and complete revelation of Allah (SWT) – The Holy Qur’an. He continued that this decision had come at a time when the Apex Court of Pakistan was hearing the appeal filed by the blasphemer, *Aasia Bibi*, against the death sentence awarded to her for blaspheming against the Holy Prophet (SAAW).

We have to wait and see now if the judges of our Apex Court showed the same degree of courage as displayed by the judges of the European Court, the Ameer said. He remarked that the time had come for all sections of the Muslim societies to shun their complex of inferiority to the West and start living as a dignified nation.

The Ameer concluded by remarking that this decision had given the Muslim rulers another opportunity, for the sake of protecting the honor of Prophets (AS), to negotiate with Western countries regarding the matter and convince them to legislate in their respective states to prevent acts of blasphemy, so that the honor of all Prophets (AS) could be protected and ensured.

