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From the Qur'an:

"And never will the Jews or the Christians approve of you until you follow their religion. Say, "Indeed, the guidance of Allah is the [only] guidance." If you were to follow their desires after what has come to you of knowledge, you would have against Allah no protector or helper."

"Those to whom We have given the Book recite it with its true recital. They [are the ones who] believe in it. And whoever disbelieves in it - it is they who are the losers."

(*Surah Al-Baqarah; Verses: 120, 121*)

Selected Hadith:

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

"A time will come when the hypocrites will live secretly among you, and the faithful [genuine believers in Islam] will try to live their religion in secret among others."

(*Agreed Upon*)

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).

A study by a Toronto-based consulting and research company has revealed that over the past fifty years mainstream reporting about Israel has been distorted to portray the Jewish state in positive terms while ignoring the plight of the Palestinians under Israeli occupation. The media study, based on a computer analysis of 50 years of data, found that major U.S. newspapers have provided consistently skewed, pro-Israel reporting on Israel-Palestine. The slanting in news coverage included subtle manipulations like using word associations favorable to Israel and derogatory to Palestinians as well as persistent publication of stories praising Israel while also avoiding reporting anything supportive of the dispossessed Arab point of view.

The researchers from 416Labs were able to evaluate headlines and articles derived from five major U.S. newspapers: the Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Washington Post, and Wall Street Journal during the time period 1967 to 2017. June 1967 was selected as the starting point to include coverage of the Six Day War and its aftermath, when Israel attacked Jordan, Egypt and Syria to begin its military occupation of Palestinian territory on the West Bank and Gaza.

No one should be surprised by media bias in favor of Israel given the dominance of Jewish owners and editors in the major media, but the study just might have gone one step farther and noted, as did Congressman Paul Findley in his book, "They Dare to Speak Out", back in 1985, that much of the bias stems from the overseas correspondents covering the Middle East for the U.S. and European media also being overwhelmingly Jewish. In fact, a review of the Israel-philias might have gone back even further in time to the foundation of the illegitimate Zionist State in 1948 or the origins of that foundation through the Balfour Deceleration of 1917 to find similar favorable coverage.

Shaping the favorable perception of Israel has also involved the efforts of Zionist-dominated Hollywood movies and television to portray Jewish heroism while also at the same time ignoring the Zionist terrorism directed against both the indigenous Palestinian population and the British Mandate authorities prior to Israel's statehood. The movie Exodus shaped many Americans' perceptions of what had occurred in the Middle East, while the steady stream of films related to the so-called holocaust, which ignore the many problems with that standard narrative, perpetuate Jewish suffering and victimhood.

In truth, no one should believe the "creation of nation narrative" coined by the West as it is inevitably intended to present an idealized yet deceptive portrait that is largely fact-free. Israel's "story" is unusual in that it is packed with lies from start to finish. Even before the creation of a Jewish state, Zionists encouraged Jewish emigration from Europe to the then Turkish-controlled Palestine. They coined the expression "a land without people for people without a land," a flat out lie as Palestine was fully inhabited by Muslim and Christian Palestinian Arabs plus a small Jewish minority. This expression has been more recently replaced with another one, i.e. how Israel "made the desert bloom," as if the land were not being cultivated before large numbers of Jews arrived, making it another lie.

Israel was founded as a product of terrorism, some would say the "first modern" style terrorism, to include bombings of non-military targets and random massacres of civilians. In a notorious attack on the village of Deir Yassin on April 9, 1948, more than two hundred Palestinians may have been slaughtered by Jewish terrorists affiliated with the Irgun and Lehi groups. The exact count of the victims is unknown because a subsequent Zionist clean-up team systematically destroyed many of the bodies.

Given the turmoil in Palestine and the agitation by British Jews, the U.K. was eager to cut its losses, and Harry Truman, a U.S. president who benefited from Jewish financial and political support in his reelection bid, was equally willing to support the creation of a Jewish state as a quid pro quo. Even though Jews were a distinct minority in the new Israel-Palestine, they obtained nearly half of the land in spite of the United Nations mandate that the rights of the indigenous population should not be compromised by the new arrivals. (Continued on Page 2)

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But the new 'arrivals' from Europe and America disagreed even with that approach, manifestly biased in their favor. They assassinated the U.N. mediator Count Folke Bernadotte and started to attack their Arab neighbors, intentionally driving 700,000 from their homes and killing many in the process. By that act of terror and a subsequent war fought against its neighbors, Israel obtained more land before the green line was eventually established as part of a 1949 Armistice Agreement managed by the U.N. to divide Israel from the West Bank and Gaza, which were under the jurisdiction of Jordan and Egypt respectively.

Then came the miraculous Six Day War of June 1967, regarding which glowing media accounts described how Israel was attacked by Jordan, Syria and Egypt simultaneously but fought back hard and won a decisive victory, occupying in the process the parts of Jerusalem it did not already control as well as the Golan Heights, the West Bank and Gaza. The only problem with that story is that Israel started the war, attacking and destroying the Arab air forces without a declaration of war while their planes were on the ground. Denied air cover, the Arab ground forces could not win.

Israel also included in its Six Day War triumph the attempted sinking of the American intelligence gathering ship the U.S.S. Liberty, which was in international waters when it was attacked on 8 June 1967. Thirty-four crewmen were killed and 171 wounded in the only attack on a U.S. Naval vessel in peace time that was never fully investigated by the Pentagon due to President Lyndon B. Johnson's unwillingness to offend American Jews. The Israelis and their apologists have claimed the attack was a case of either "fog of war" or "a mistake," both of which were completely self-serving lies exposed by compelling National Security Agency collected evidence that has surfaced recently proving that it was a 'false-flag' operation. Even so, the Israelis continue to receive military assistance from Washington in spite of the killing of American service members, \$3.8 billion per annum guaranteed for the next ten years plus special appropriations as needed.

Even when the Israelis are clearly telling lies, much of the media and chattering class has been willing to forgive them their trespasses no matter what they do or say. The whopper level lies about Israel are that it is a democracy and America's best friend and ally. It is neither. It has more than 50 laws that discriminate against Arabs, is now self-defined as a "Jewish state," and it has recently legalized banning non-Jews from residential areas and towns. It also occupies Palestinian territories where the original inhabitants have no rights but martial law. And the Jewish state has never been an American ally in practical terms as it is under no obligation to support Washington under any circumstances, even though a U.S. Air Force general has declared that his troops are prepared to die for Israel.

Some other recent lies include the propagation of a narrative that the Palestinians do not exist as a people, that Palestine has never been a country and therefore should never become one, and that there is no peace in the Middle East because the Arabs have never accepted the generous offers made by the Israelis to settle problems with the Palestinians, who are, by the way, solely responsible for their unfortunate situation since the expanding Israeli settlements on their land are no obstacle to peace. All lies.

And another big lie concerns how Israel spies on the United States. Israel is the number one "friendly" country when it comes to stealing American secrets, both commercial and military. When Jonathan Pollard stole more U.S. classified information than any spy in history, Israel's friends rushed to explain that it was all a mistake, that Pollard was just a one-off oddball. And the Israel government agreed to return what he had stolen but did not do so and instead used it to barter with America's then enemy the Soviet Union in a deal to permit Jews to emigrate.

Another espionage related development which produced a whole battery of Israeli lies and evasions relates to 9/11, where Mossad almost certainly had at a minimum inside knowledge regarding what was about to occur through their illegal massive spying program inside the United States. Remember the cheering Israeli movers in New Jersey as the twin towers went down? Or the hundreds of "art students" selling their work all across the U.S., which was both a scam and part of an espionage network?

But the greatest lie of all is the current claim that anti-Semitism is surging all around the world, requiring still more protection of and deference to diaspora Jews as well as to the Zionist State of Israel. It is based on a fundamental lie, that criticism of Israel is ipso facto anti-Semitic and ignores the fact that the pushback is based overwhelmingly on how Israel and Netanyahu behave. Israel, whatever its pretensions, is a physical country, albeit illegitimate, and Judaism is a religion. It is in fact particularly dangerous, and damaging to the religion, to combine the two deliberately as is being done by Netanyahu and the many American Jews who are serial apologists for Israel.

Indeed, Israel and its partisans are now using lies to change the way the public views the issue of anti-Semitism and are willing to do so by legislating to enforce how people think, to include the use of legal sanctions consisting of fines and imprisonment to silence critics. If legislation currently in congress is ever implemented fully, it will be the death of freedom of speech in the, not just in the West but all over the globe. That such nonsense has gained currency at all is due to the Israeli corruption of both the governments of the West and the global news media, which is not a lie, but the absolute truth that you will not find discussed anywhere in your newspaper or on television reporting.

This trend to criminalize criticism of Israel has led Jewish groups and some governments to work together to promulgate "hate crime" statutes and other legal barriers to protect the Israeli wrongdoing. But Israel is not and should not be protected against criticism. It is a country that essentially behaves rabidly, to the extent of genocide and crimes against humanity, and, one might add, dangerously, not only to its neighbors but also to the world as it has the potential in its hands to escalate its involvement in Syria to initiate a nuclear conflagration between various countries, including the U.S. and Russia. Israel's lies should be recognized for what they are and it should be boycotted and sanctioned until it comes to its senses or, if it does not, it should be completely shunned.

Signing off...**Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)**

A “Twelve Step Method” to Conduct Regime Change: From Chile (1973) to Venezuela (2019)

On 15 September 1970, US President Richard Nixon and National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger authorised the US government to do everything possible to undermine the incoming government of the socialist president of Chile, Salvador Allende. Nixon and Kissinger, according to the notes kept by CIA Director Richard Helms, wanted to ‘make the economy scream’ in Chile; they were ‘not concerned [about the] risks involved’. War was acceptable to them as long as Allende’s government was removed from power.

The CIA started Project FUBELT, with \$10 million as a first instalment to begin the covert destabilisation of the country.

US business firms, such as the telecommunication giant ITT, the soft drink maker Pepsi Cola and copper monopolies such as Anaconda and Kennecott, put pressure on the US government once Allende nationalised the copper sector on 11 July 1971. Chileans celebrated this day as the Day of National Dignity (*Día de la Dignidad Nacional*). The CIA began to make contact with sections of the military seen to be against Allende. Three years later, on 11 September 1973, these military men moved against Allende, who died in the regime change operation. The US ‘created the conditions’ as US National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger put it, to which US President Richard Nixon answered, ‘that is the way it is going to be played’. Such is the mood of international gangsterism.

Chile entered the dark night of a military dictatorship on September 11, 1973 that turned over the country to US monopoly firms. US advisors rushed in to strengthen the nerve of General Augusto Pinochet’s cabinet.

What happened to Chile in 1973 is precisely what the United States has attempted to do in many other countries of the Global South. The most recent target for the US government – and Western big business – is Venezuela. But what is happening to Venezuela is nothing unique. It faces an onslaught from the United States and its allies that is familiar to countries as far afield as Indonesia and the Democratic Republic of Congo. The formula is clichéd. It is commonplace, a twelve-step plan to produce a coup climate, to create a world under the heel of the West and of Western big business.

Step One – Colonialism’s Traps: Most of the Global South remains trapped by the structures put in place by colonialism. Colonial boundaries encircled states that had the misfortune of being single commodity producers – either sugar for Cuba or oil for Venezuela. The inability to diversify their economies meant that these countries earned the bulk of their export revenues from their singular commodities (98% of Venezuela’s export revenues come from oil). As long as the prices of the commodities remained high, the export revenues were secure. When the prices fell, revenue suffered. This was a legacy of colonialism. Oil prices dropped from \$160.72 per barrel (June 2008) to \$51.99 per barrel (January 2019). Venezuela’s export revenues collapsed in this decade.

Step Two – The Defeat of the New International Economic Order: In 1974, the countries of the Global South attempted to redo the architecture of the world economy. They called for the creation of a New International Economic Order (NIEO) that would allow them to pivot away from the colonial reliance upon one commodity and diversify their economies. Cartels of raw materials – such as oil and bauxite – were to be built so that the one-commodity country could have some control over prices of the products that they relied upon. The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), founded in 1960, was a pioneer of these commodity cartels. Others were not permitted to be formed. With the defeat of OPEC over the past three decades, its members – such as Venezuela (which has the world’s largest proven oil reserves) – have not been able to control oil prices. They are at the mercy of the powerful countries of the world.

Step Three – The Death of Southern Agriculture: In November 2001, there were about three billion small farmers and landless peasants in the world. That month, the World Trade Organisation met in Doha (Qatar) to unleash the productivity of Northern agri-business against the billions of small farmers and landless peasants of the Global South. Mechanisation and large, industrial-scale farms in North America and Europe had raised productivity to about 1 to 2 million kilogrammes of cereals per farmer. The small farmers and landless peasants in the rest of the world struggled to grow 1,000 kilogrammes of cereals per farmer. They were nowhere near as productive. The Doha decision presages the annihilation of the small farmer and landless peasant. What are these men and women to do? The production per hectare is higher in the West, but the corporate take-over of agriculture leads to increased hunger as it pushes peasants off their land and leaves them to starve.

Step Four – Culture of Plunder: Emboldened by Western domination, monopoly firms act with disregard for the law. In the case of the Democratic Republic of Congo, its annual budget of \$6 billion is routinely robbed of at least \$500 million by monopoly mining firms, mostly from Canada – the country now leading the charge against Venezuela. Mispricing and tax avoidance schemes allow these large firms (Canada’s Agrium, Barrick and Suncor) to routinely steal billions of dollars from impoverished states.

Step Five – Debt as the Way of Life: Unable to raise money from commodity sales, hemmed in by a broken world agricultural system and victim of a culture of plunder, countries of the Global South have been forced to go hat in hand to commercial lenders for finance. Over the past decade, debt held by the Global South states has increased, while debt payments have ballooned by 60%. When commodity prices rose between 2000 and 2010, debt in the Global South decreased. As commodity prices began to fall

from 2010, debts have risen. The IMF points out that of the 67 impoverished countries that they follow, 30 are in debt distress, a number that has doubled since 2013. More than 55.4% of Angola's export revenue is paid to service its debt. And Angola, like Venezuela, is an oil exporter. Other oil exporters such as Ghana, Chad, Gabon and Venezuela suffer high debt to GDP ratios. Two out of five low-income countries are in deep financial distress.

Step Six – A Free-Fall of Public Finances: With little incoming revenue and low tax collection rates, public finances in the Global South has gone into crisis. As the UN Conference on Trade and Development points out, 'public finances have continued to be suffocated'. States simply cannot put together the funds needed to maintain basic state functions. Balanced budget rules make borrowing difficult, which is compounded by the fact that banks charge high rates for money, citing the risks of lending to indebted countries.

Step Seven – Deep Cuts in Social Spending: Impossible to raise funds, trapped by the fickleness of international finance, governments are forced to make deep cuts in social spending. Education and health, food sovereignty and economic diversification – all this goes by the wayside. International agencies such as the IMF force countries to conduct 'reforms', a word that means extermination of independence. Those countries that hold out face immense international pressure to submit under pain of extinction.

Step Eight – Social Distress Leads to Migration: The total number of migrants in the world is now at least 68.5 million. That makes the "country" called Migration the 21st largest in the world after Thailand and ahead of the United Kingdom. Migration has become a global reaction to the collapse of countries from one end of the planet to the other. The migration out of Venezuela is not unique to that country but is now merely the normal reaction to the global crisis. Migrants from Honduras who go northward to the United States or migrants from West Africa who go towards Europe through Libya are part of this global exodus.

Step Nine – Who Controls the Narrative: The monopoly corporate media takes its orders from the elite. There is no sympathy for the structural crisis faced by governments from Afghanistan to Venezuela. Those leaders who cave to Western pressure are given a free pass by the media. As long as they conduct 'reforms', they are safe. Those countries that argue against the 'reforms' are vulnerable to being attacked. Their leaders become 'dictators', their people hostages. A contested election in Bangladesh or in the Democratic Republic of Congo or in the United States is not cause for regime change. That special treatment is left for Venezuela.

Step Ten – Who is the Real President: Regime change operations begin when the imperialists question the legitimacy of the government in power: by putting the weight of the United States behind an unelected person, calling him the new president and creating a situation where the elected leader's authority is undermined. The coup takes place when a powerful country decides – without an election – to anoint its own proxy. That person – in Venezuela's case Juan Guaidó – rapidly has to make it clear that he will bend to the authority of the United States. His kitchen cabinet – made up of former government officials with intimate ties to the US (such as Harvard University's Ricardo Hausmann and Carnegie's Moisés Naím) – will make it clear that they want to privatise everything and sell out the Venezuelan people in the name of the Venezuelan people.

Step Eleven – Make the Economy Scream: Venezuela has faced harsh US sanctions since 2014, when the US Congress started down this road. The next year, US President Barack Obama declared Venezuela a 'threat to national security'. The economy started to scream. In recent days, the United States and the United Kingdom brazenly stole billions of dollars of Venezuelan money, placed the shackles of sanctions on its only revenue generating sector (oil) and watched the pain flood through the country. This is what the US has done to Iraq, Syria, Pakistan, Iran and Cuba before. The UN says that the US sanctions on Cuba have cost the small island \$130 billion. Venezuela lost \$6 billion for the first year of Trump's sanctions, since they began in August 2017. More is to be lost as the days unfold. No wonder that the United Nations Special Rapporteur Idriss Jazairy says that 'sanctions which can lead to starvation and medical shortages are not the answer to the crisis in Venezuela'. He said that sanctions are 'not a foundation for the peaceful settlement of disputes'. Further, Jazairy said, 'I am especially concerned to hear reports that these sanctions are aimed at changing the government of Venezuela'. He called for 'compassion' for the people of Venezuela.

Step Twelve – Go to War: US National Security Advisor John Bolton held a yellow pad with the words 5,000 troops in Colombia written on it. These are US troops, already deployed in Venezuela's neighbour. The US Southern Command is ready. They are egging on Colombia and Brazil to do their bit. As the coup climate is created, a nudge will be necessary. They will go to war.

However, none of this is inevitable. It was not inevitable to Titina Silá, a commander of the Partido Africano para a Independência da Guiné e Cabo Verde (PAIGC) who was murdered on 30 January 1973. She fought to free her country. It is not inevitable to the people of Venezuela, who continue to fight to defend their revolution. It is not inevitable to any country. All that has to be done is to use wisdom and courage and say – No!

Source: Adapted from a report published by Tricontinental (Institute for Social Research)

Editor's Note: Although the report focuses on the recent US-manufactured crisis in Venezuela and Latin America, there are valuable lessons to be learnt from the study for the entire world.



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Date: 8 February 2019

Lahore (PR): “The statement given by the U.S. President is a manifest recognition of despair and defeat.”

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, during the Khitab-e-Jumu'ah at Qur'an Academy, Model Town, Lahore. The Ameer remarked that the statement given by the U.S. President, Donald Trump, saying that the 17-year long Afghan war had made both the U.S. and the Afghan Taliban 'tired' was contrary to the truth. The fact of the matter is, the Ameer added, that **only** USA had been worn-out by the war in Afghanistan and the loss of life and property suffered by U.S. has become virtually unbearable. Almost 750,000 U.S. marines (veterans) were suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD), the graph of suicides committed by U.S. soldiers was at an all-time high and nearly 45,000 soldiers of the Afghan Security Forces – an army created and trained by USA itself – had been killed during the last three years. The refusal of India to send boots on the ground in Afghanistan to fight the U.S. war had also dealt a major blow to the war strategy of USA, the Ameer added. The Ameer said that, in fact, the morale of the Afghan Taliban is incredibly high and their victory over the enemy is nigh (*Insha Allah*). The Ameer stated that Muslims around the world, particularly their rulers, ought to reflect on the reason behind such a thumping victory for the Afghan Taliban over the 'Sole Supreme Power of Earth'. The secret to the success of the Afghan Taliban, the Ameer declared, is their unwavering faith and belief in Allah (SWT) alone.

The Ameer noted that despite all these circumstances, the focus of the Afghan Taliban should still remain on the battlefield and the enemy. They must not be influenced by the 'battering up' of USA and the West and should not rely on negotiations only. The sly enemy could use even the slightest sign of letup to their evil advantage, the Ameer added. The history of the West is full with instances of breaking promises and disavowing agreements, he remarked.

While commenting on the tweet of the Afghan President, Ashraf Ghani, in which he had blamed the intelligence and security agencies of Pakistan for suppressing the rights of the people of KPK and Baluchistan provinces, the Ameer remarked that coming from a country (Afghanistan) which was a hotbed of bomb blasts and whose writ of the state was alarmingly limited, this tweet clearly showed the utter anxiety and anguish surrounding the puppet government installed in Afghanistan regarding their own future.

Date: 1 February 2019

Lahore (PR): “The four-member Task Force formed by the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) ought to comprise reputed and established religious scholars.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, in a statement. The Ameer remarked that although the recommendations made by the 20-member committee of the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) to mould Pakistan into a replica of the Islamic State of Madinah were satisfactory, however we have serious reservations regarding the four-member Task Force created to give suggestions in order to modulate those recommendations into practical form for the purpose of implementation in our country. The Ameer noted that to say that scholars who are modernists and in awe of Western ideologies make up an overwhelming majority of that Task Force, would not be incorrect. The Ameer emphasized that the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII) should reconsider their decision regarding the composition of the Task Force and formulate a new team (Task Force) comprising reputed and established religious scholars in order to peruse this extremely vital assignment.

While commenting on the recent negotiations regarding the withdrawal of US forces from Afghanistan in Doha, the Ameer said that although the effort to bring peace to Afghanistan was admirable, yet the venomous statements of a former US ambassador to Pakistan, the US assistance and support to terrorist organizations such as Daesh (ISIS) in Afghanistan and reports surfacing about the activities of RAW and MOSSAD to make the peace negotiations unsuccessful, all proved that the US had, in fact, no interest in establishing peace and stability in Afghanistan. The Ameer concluded by stating that the Afghan Taliban would most certainly be well aware of the history of USA – full of treachery and deception – and therefore, would not let their success achieved over the 'Super Power' in the battlefield be jeopardized at the negotiating table.