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From the Qur'an

"O you who believe, fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may learn to live according to the commands of Allah. A numbered few days. However, if anyone of you is ill or on a journey then the prescribed number should then be completed in other days. And for those who can bear it, feeding of an indigent, shall be a ransom. And he that gives more (than this) of his own free will, it is better for him. And that you fast (and thus complete the number) is better for you, if only you knew. Ramadan is the (month) in which the Qur'an was sent down, as a guide to mankind and a clear guidance and judgment (so that mankind will distinguish right from wrong)."

(Surah Al-Baqarah: 183-185)

<u>Hadith</u>

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

"Fasting is a shield with which a servant protects himself from the Fire (of the Hell)."

(Musnad Ahmed)

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).

EDITORIAL

Although every Muslim country makes its own decisions at the state level ever since the 'Ummah' was split into nation states, yet there are certain issues that transcend the boundaries of time and space, and will always remain common among the Muslim Ummah. The issue of Palestine is, undoubtedly, one such matter.

Allah (Exalted be He) Almighty says in the Holy Qur'an:

"Hold fast, all of you, to the cord of Allah, and be not divided." (3:103)

and

What has happened to you that you do not fight in the way of Allah, and for the oppressed among men, women and children who say, "Our Lord, take us out from this town whose people are cruel, and make for us a supporter from Your own, and make for us a helper from Your own." (4:75)

The messenger of Allah (*peace be upon him*) had likened the Muslim Ummah to one body, in which if one part is in pain, the whole body feels it. The messenger of Allah (*peace be upon him*) had also likened the faithful believers to such a building, one part of which acts as a support for the other parts.

The brutal bombing of Gaza by Israel has been ongoing for more than five months, resulting in the martyrdom of more than 31,000 Muslims, mostly children and women, according to the figures reported in the media. Over 90,000 people are severely injured and almost double that number are still under the rubble of the demolished buildings. Israel is continuously bombing schools, hospitals, and refugee camps. According to media reports, 70% of homes in Gaza have been destroyed, suggesting that the actual number of casualties may be many times more that the reported figures. Even the most conservative estimates affirm that almost 80% of the population of Gaza is forced to live under the open sky in severe weather. Access to electricity, gas, oil, food, water, and life-saving medicines for more than two million people has been cut off. The Israeli government is allowing only a handful of trucks carrying supplies to enter Gaza every day. The Israeli bombs and bullets murder even the crowds of poor Gazans that surround those aid trucks, en masse, adding to the shameful war crimes and crimes against humanity of the Zionist state. According to the UN, currently, almost 1 million people in Gaza are suffering from illness and acute poverty. Children are dying from malnutrition. During the past five months, the residents of Gaza have been forcibly pushed towards the south, and there are now 1.3 million Palestinians present in the Rafah area near the Egyptian border, who are being murdered in droves every day by Israeli bombing. It is no secret that Israel is bent on erasing the existence of the Gaza Strip from the map. High-ranking officials in Israel are openly declaring that they will destroy not only Gaza but also the West Bank and East Jerusalem. The reality is that Israel, with the complete and unconditional support of the United States and many countries of western Europe, is committing genocide of the Palestinian Muslims. This is the first genocide in human history that is being shown live on mainstream and social media.

The reality is that Israeli brutality is actively escalating and the illegitimate Zionist state is now taking practical steps towards the creation of the Greater Israel. There are no two opinions regarding the undeniable fact that the state of Israel has been continuously evolving in light of the "Protocols of the elders of Zion" formulated by the Zionists at the twilight of the nineteenth century. It was according to the same Zionist agenda that the state of Israel was gorged as a dagger in the heartland of the Middle East in 1948 and our Arab brethren, back then, vehemently condemned that abhorrent development. With the passage of time, Israel illegally occupied many a land belonging to the Arab world. In the recent past, Israel tried to deceive and betray the Arabs and other Muslim countries under the false pretext of *(see page 2)*

'normalization of ties', despite the fact that the Zionist state has engraved on its forehead, both proverbially and literally, its true nefarious designs in the words, "Israel, your boundaries extend from the Nile to the Euphrates", which the Zionists also tag as the 'Biblical Boundaries of Israel.' Israel plans to occupy many other parts of the Arab world in the future. It is, thus, imperative for the Muslim Ummah to remember that Israel is bent on destroying the peace of the whole world, and its next target will be other Muslim countries. Hence, Muslim nations must now decide whether they will continue to endure humiliation or respond with determination to the Israeli brutality and thuggery.

While, South Africa has filed a case of genocide against Israel in the International Court of Justice (ICJ), and many other countries have given testimony against the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine in a separate case in the ICJ, the truth is that neither will the World Court have the courage to declare the Israeli atrocities as genocide in unambiguous terms, nor will Israel ever accept any of the non-binding verdicts given by the ICJ. As for the United Nations Security Council, resolutions calling for a ceasefire in Gaza have been vetoed multiple times by the United States. The pro-Israel position taken by the United Kingdom and France, too, is no secret.

The truth is that the Western regimes, politicians and media will keep portraying Israel as a victim, despite the fact that the Zionist state has been a violent aggressor for the past 75 years. We must not forget that it is the collective responsibility of Muslims worldwide to defend the Palestinians, the Holy Land of Palestine and the eternal Islamic *wafq* of Masjid Al-Aqsa. Moreover, it is an open secret that as part of its Greater Israel project, Israel has set its malicious eyes on the Holy city of Madinah, too. Had the Muslims been united as 'one-nation' today, the enemies of Islam would never have dared to harm any Muslim anywhere in the world. However, that must no become an excuse for inaction. The Muslim Ummah can commence to deter Israel and its allies by closing air, land and sea for providing munitions and fuel to Israel. The Muslim countries can isolate Israel by terminating all diplomatic relations with it. The Muslim countries can exsiccate all sap from the economies of Israel and its allies by instituting a complete and permanent state-sponsored boycott of products and services made by Israel and its partners in crime. All Muslim countries must unite on this minimum policy agenda.

It is imperative for all Muslim countries to mobilize for not only complete moral, diplomatic and financial support of Muslims in Palestine, but also enter the fray for military assistance of our Palestinian brothers and sisters, who are being decimated by Israeli bombs in Gaza. We must remember that inaction on our part will only embolden the Israelis to expand on their nefarious plans which will also be detrimental to each and every one of our geographical and territorial borders, and the sovereignty of Muslim countries. Even more significant is the fact that if we Muslims do not help our oppressed Palestinian brothers and sisters, and do not take practical measures to stop the Israeli cruelty then we will be held accountable for such transgressions on the Day of Judgment.

May Allah (Exalted be He) be the guide, aide and guardian of all Muslims. May Allah (Exalted be He) guide the leaderships of Muslim countries on the right path. Ameen!

Signing off...

Raza ul Haq (Editor)

The current Consumer Boycott of Western Brands is Different

As the low intensity regional war and transformation take shape in West Asia, the fronts against apartheid Israel and its western enablers are acquiring a multidimensional character. One of those multidimensional characteristics involves a grassroots economic boycott by consumers of western and Israeli businesses. Economic boycott against Israel is not a new phenomenon. It hits the apartheid entity where it feels and hurts the most. It is one of the most significant weak spots of the zionist regime occupying Palestine. While purely econometric reasons are certainly important, it is only one of the factors and not the factor.

Both the current zionist mass murder campaign in Palestine and the regional resistance to Israel are unprecedented in nature and totally out of proportions. This applies to the economic and boycott angle of resistance against Israel and its western enablers. What makes this current limited impact a longer-term strategic challenge to Israel and brands facing the grassroots boycott is that this time, due to the scale of events in the region, more people have joined and it is clearly having some impact.

The phenomenon of limited impact creates a vicious perception cycle which then translates into concrete negative monetary impact. As some brands can no longer conceal that the grassroot boycott is having an impact, more ordinary consumers are motivated by the fact that their objection to genocide in Palestine is working. This results in more people joining the boycott since they feel empowered. This phenomenon snowballs into a much bigger boycott movement. Those familiar with the politics of the so-called Muslim Street in West Asia and the Arab world, know well that boycotting of brands closely associated with western imperialist regimes has been around for decades.

Yet in the past it was almost never the case that the targeted corporations themselves would admit that they are being impacted. Another factor which is contributing to more impact on the boycott front is the sophistication of the current campaign in terms of technological use and quality of production. For example, Libyan youth produced a video urging boycott of Pepsi has gone viral mainly due to its production quality.

The above factors combined with a significant weakening of western economies backing the zionist genocide in Palestine is on its way to have a lasting effect. Such impact will continue to gain traction even after the guns fall silent in Palestine. Nevertheless, boycott without a broader plan and effort to build alternatives to brands being boycotted is a limited blow to Israel and its enablers. While there are also some grassroots attempts to fill in this gap, like Palestine Cola being produced in Sweden by two Palestinian brothers, the approach needs to be state driven.

Courtesy: Crescent International

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8 March 2024

PEMRA ought to take measures to prevent the sacrilege of the holy month of Ramadan on TV channels.

Lahore (PR): This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, in a statement. The Ameer said that Ramadan is approaching fast, which is the month of the infinite blessings and benedictions of Allah (SWT). However, for the last few years, TV channels have, condemnably, been promoting vulgarity and deviations in the name of special Ramadan transmissions. He said that it is imperative for PEMRA to make all TV channels obligated by a code of conduct and only allow such personalities who have authentic knowledge and scholarship of religion to participate in programs of special Ramadan transmissions. He demanded that indecent and enticing advertisements and programs must also be banned during Ramadan, including the blessed moments of Sehr and Iftar. While expressing sorrow and regret the Ameer said that on one hand, Israel is conducting the worst bombings on the Muslims of Gaza, resulting in the daily martyrdom of hundreds of women, children, and elderly people, yet on the other, it is shameful that amidst this adversity, the Pakistan Super League (PSL) is ongoing with the collaboration of the Zionist-owned company KFC. The fact of the matter is that broadcasting content that is un-Islamic and in violation to the Shariah is tantamount to open rebellion against the commandments of Allah (SWT) and His (SWT) messenger (SAAW), especially in an Islamic ideological country like Pakistan. The Ameer emphasized that it is essential for us to seek Allah's (SWT) forgiveness at the individual and collective levels during this holy month. Special attention should be given to supererogatory prayers (Nawafil) and supplications for the protection of the Palestinian Muslims and the sanctity of Masjid al-Aqsa. The masses should provide all possible financial assistance to the oppressed and tyrannized Muslims of Gaza. Public pressure should be increased on the government of Pakistan to provide military assistance to the Palestinian Muslims. While benefitting from the infinite blessings and benedictions of the holy month of Ramadan, we must resolve that we would make Pakistan a genuine Islamic welfare state. The Ameer concluded by remarking that only then would we become eligible for the pleasure of Allah (SWT) and salvation in the Hereafter.

3 March 2024

May the foundation of the Khilafah may be once again firm in the world.

Search for and bring from somewhere the heart and spirit of your ancestors!

Lahore (PR): In his message on the completion of 100 years of the abolishment of the Khilafah, the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, stated that on 3 March 1924, the Islamic history witnessed a tragic incident when the Ottoman Khilafah collapsed. The reality is that the institution of Khilafah that represented the unity of the Muslim Ummah, and which had endured in some shape or form for almost 1300 years, was shattered by the negligence of its own and the conspiracies of others. History testifies that as long as the institution of Khilafah remained intact, a steadfast response was given to the conspiracies of the forces of evil and the machinations of mischief-makers were thwarted. Even during the period when the Ottoman Khilafah was in a state of decline, it exhibited such strength and dignity that the Jews did not have the courage to make any malicious move regarding the land of Palestine. Even in its final era, the Ottoman Khilafah continued to vigilantly uphold the sanctity of the Qur'an, the honor of the Messenger 🕮, and the sanctity of Masjid Al-Aqsa. It is also a fact that the illegitimate Zionist state of Israel was established only after the Ottoman Khilafah had been abolished. Subsequently, the Muslim Ummah was divided into national states, and Muslims lost their unity. Today, 57 Muslim countries exist on the world map, but the situation is such that in Palestine, Kashmir, Burma, and many other parts of the world, Muslims are facing unprecedented brutality, yet the Muslim Ummah is lacking the spine to openly condemn it let alone take practical steps to help the oppressed Muslims. The Ameer said that today the world is living under the worst exploitative capitalist system, and the oppressed humanity is waiting for a savior. The reality is that the primary responsibility for ridding the world of injustice and establishing a system of social justice lies on the shoulders of the Muslim Ummah, which has been instituted for the well-being of humanity. Therefore, it is imperative that the leaders of Muslim countries set aside all their differences and unite as one Ummah. The Law of Allah (SWT) must be established on the Land of Allah (SWT), so that Muslims can regain their lost status in the world and be eligible for success in the Hereafter.

> May the Muslims unite in watching over the Haram, From the banks of the Nile to the deserts of Kashghar!

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14 March 2024

Israel, United States, India, and Europe are the harbingers of Islamophobic terrorism worldwide.

Lahore (PR): This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, on the occasion of the International Day To Combat Islamophobia. He said that two years ago, declaring March 15 as the global day to combat Islamophobia was an important step for the Muslim world, and Pakistan played a key role in getting that resolution approved in the UNGA. Despite this, incidents of Quranic blasphemy and attacks on Islamic symbols, including the hijab, have been witnessed in the West and India over the past two years. Many Western countries continue with their policy of organized hatred and discrimination against Islam and Muslims. The continuous callous bombing of Gaza by Zionist Israel since 7 October 2023, is also part of state terrorism against Muslims, and almost five and a half months later, there has been no decrease in this brutality. Al-Aqsa Mosque has been closed to Palestinian Muslims during the blessed month of Ramadan. The world is witnessing Islamophobia and moral decadence to the extent that a French newspaper has taunted the plight of Muslims in Gaza by publishing a mocking cartoon, causing shame to the entire humanity. The reality is that Israel has embarked on genocide against Muslims in Gaza. All these events, especially Israeli oppression and tyranny in Gaza, have exposed the Western governments and media for standing with the oppressor, thereby their false claims of being champions of human rights have been completely debunked. The truth is that empty threats or rhetorical warnings would not bother Israel and its allies at all. Therefore, it is imperative to teach them a lesson through practical actions. The need of the hour is for Muslim countries to stop relying on others and instead unite themselves and take concrete actions worldwide to assist their oppressed brothers and sisters. The Ameer said that if Muslim countries globally boycott individuals, institutions, and countries involved in any kind of verbal or practical Islamophobia, and also threaten military action, these tyrannical forces will be forced to kneel, and only through this method can any real relief be provided to oppressed Muslims.

12 March 2024

We should all profit from the special blessings of Allah (SWT) during the holy month of Ramadan.

Lahore (PR): This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, in a statement. The Ameer remarked that the holy month of Ramadan is the 'spring season' for accumulating good deeds and reaping rewards. According to the meaning of a hadith, Fasting and the Qur'an will intercede on the behalf of such Muslims on the Day of Judgement, who fast during day and stand for the night prayers, reciting or listening to the Quran, during the of the holy month of Ramadan. Therefore, we ought to grab this golden opportunity during the holy month of Ramadan to repent for our sins, strengthen our bond with Allah (SWT) and make every possible effort to secure the pleasure of Allah (SWT), so that we could be successful in this world and in the Hereafter.

Expressing strong condemnation against the continuous Israeli bombings in Gaza for nearly five months, the Ameer said that Israel is openly manifesting the worst form of brutality and committing genocide against the Palestinian Muslims. It is a matter of extreme shame that the 57 Muslim countries are not taking any practical steps to address the plight of their Palestinian brothers, sisters, elders, and children. During the blessed month of Ramadan, Zionists have imposed restrictions on the entry of Palestinian Muslims into the Al-Aqsa Mosque, further exposing their enmity against Islam. The Ameer expressed deep concern that Israel has a track record of committing atrocities in Gaza, the West bank, East Jerusalem, and Al-Aqsa Mosque during the holy month of Ramadan, and this year there is a heightened concern that the Zionist forces will intensify the indiscriminate killing of Palestinian Muslims and may attempt to cause deliberate harm to Al-Aqsa Mosque. Therefore, it is imperative for Muslim countries to demonstrate unity and accord by taking practical measures to protect Palestinian Muslims and Al-Aqsa Mosque.