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**From the Qur'an**

Praise belongs to Allah who has sent down the Book to His servant, and allowed no crookedness in it, a straightforward Book to warn of a severe punishment from Him, and to give the good news to the believers, who do righteous deeds, that they will have an excellent reward (Paradise) in which they will dwell forever, and to warn those who have said that Allah has had a son, while they have no knowledge about it, nor had their fathers. Grave is the word that comes out of their mouths. They say nothing but lie.

(Surah Al-Kahf: 1-5)

**Hadith**

Narrated Abu Huraira (رضي الله عنه):

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "I was ordered to migrate to a town which will swallow (conquer) other towns and is called Yathrib and that is Medina, and it turns out (bad) persons as a furnace removes the impurities of iron.

(Sahih Bukhari, Volume 3, Book 30, Number 95)

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).

Every year during 5 days of the 12<sup>th</sup> month of the Islamic Calendar, Zil-Hajj, Muslims from all over the world gather in the holy city of Makkah for performing the Hajj, which is one of the five 'pillars' of Islam. It is the largest regularly held gathering of humans on the planet.

Allah (SWT) says in the Qur'an:

"And proclaim to the people the Hajj [pilgrimage]; they will come to you on foot and on every lean camel; they will come from every distant pass - That they may witness benefits for themselves and mention the name of Allah on known days over what He has provided for them of [sacrificial] animals. So eat of them and feed the miserable and poor."

(Surah Al-Hajj, verses 27, 28)

The Qur'anic verses mentioned above show that Hajj, as an institution, existed before the advent of Prophet Muhammad (SAAW), from antiquity. When pilgrimage was proclaimed, people came to it from every quarter, near and far, on foot and mounted on camels. From that time onwards, Hajj has continued to be performed. This Pilgrimage to Makkah has been mentioned in the Bible 'to the city of Baca' in the following words:

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

(Psalm 84: 4, 5, 6)

Moreover, Makkah has been named as Bakkah (close to Baca) on one occasion in the Holy Quran, thus:

"Indeed, the first House [of worship] established for mankind was that at Bakkah – blessed and a guidance for the worlds."

(Surah Al-i'Imran, verse 96)

The only change(s) introduced to the rites of Hajj after Prophet Ibrahim (AS) seem to have been the removal of idols from the Ka'aba along with certain aspects of the dress code and other important places of Hajj. Even in the Age of Ignorance, people used to come to Makkah in the days of Hajj and make circumambulation (tawaf) of the Ka'aba.

"In it are Signs Manifest; (for example), the Station of Abraham; whoever enters it attains security; Pilgrimage thereto is a duty men owe to Allah – those who can afford the journey; but if any deny faith, Allah stands not in need of any of His creatures."

(Surah Al-i'Imran, verse 97)

Therefore, Almighty Allah (*SWT*) has made it obligatory for every Muslim to make at least one journey in their lifetime to Makkah for Hajj if they can afford it and if they are physically and mentally able to do so. It surely is such a memorable 'once in a life-time' journey that one wishes to go again and again, every year if possible! Many middle-class Muslims save every penny so that they can to make this journey.

Every conscientious and pious Muslim cherishes this ambition of obtaining the blessings of Hajj at least once in his/her lifetime. The enthusiasm can be well judged from the unbelievable 6000km walk taken by a Muslim from Bosnia a few years ago to reach the Holy City of Makkah to perform Hajj. Or the non-stop tears of the thousands of Muslims in Gaza who have been unable to perform Hajj due to the continuous bombing and border closure by Israel.

But care also has been taken, in the last part of the verse, to warn that if Muslims whom Allah (*SWT*) has blessed with the necessary means to perform the pilgrimage still fail to carry out the duty through sheer ingratitude then Allah (*SWT*) does not stand in need of their pilgrimage or the absence of it. Allah (*SWT*), definitely, is not going to lose anything by their not performing Hajj; the loss will be entirely theirs, as they will forfeit His (*SWT*) good grace.

Moreover, the primary motive for performing Hajj ought to be gaining Allah's (*SWT*) pleasure, neither should it be for the show of things, nor for personal fame. Many people proceed to Makkah for the sake of personal honor and show. Such people have indeed wasted whatever they have spent by way of wealth, health and energy.

The journey and the rituals of Hajj and sacrifice ought not be taken just for the sake of travel and holidays. The greater physical and spiritual benefits associated with Hajj must be sought after and one must intend to become a better Muslim and a better human being on his/her return from this sacred journey.

Statistics are ever increasing, on the number of people who perform the pilgrimage every year, and this is an encouraging sign, but at the same time the very fact that large areas of the Muslim world are notorious citadels of unjust privilege and that internal and external strife and bloodshed of appalling dimensions takes place between different Muslim groups demonstrates that, in many cases, the observance of this fundamental duty is more an empty ritual, rather than a task performed in the spirit of 'taqwa' (The fear of Allah *SWT*) in order to become better human beings in actual practice.

Another apathy, namely the predominance of ritual over practice, has never been more conspicuous than today, with the ongoing massacre and genocide of Muslims in Gaza by the Israelis. The 57 Muslim countries, today, possess large armies and all kinds of modern weaponry but have been rendered spineless by the love of petty worldly gains and the fear of death and unwilling to even raise their voice against genocidal Israel, let alone help the hapless Muslims of Gaza. The truth is that such rebellion against Allah (*SWT*) and His Messenger (*SAAW*) has brought disgrace and humiliation upon the Muslim Ummah today. The truth is that if the leaders of Muslim countries do not take practical measures to help the Palestinian Muslims, then not only will their ignominy in this world grow but they will appear as criminals before Allah (*SWT*) on the Day of Judgement.

This irony ties in with another important cornerstone of the holy month of Zil-Hajj, viz. sacrifice. The practice of animal sacrifice during the days of Eid al-Adha dates back to the time of Prophet Ibrahim (*AS*) when he was commanded by Allah (*SWT*) to sacrifice his beloved son Ismail (*AS*). However, after the test of faith, Allah (*SWT*) replaced Ismail (*AS*) with a ram, which Prophet Ibrahim (*AS*) sacrificed instead. This act of obedience and sacrifice is remembered and celebrated by Muslims around the world every year through the practice of animal sacrifice during the days of Eid al-Adha. The spirit of the ritual demands that a Muslim should be willing to sacrifice everything for the sake of Allah (*SWT*). It is precisely this unflinching faith in the Hereafter that is beyond comprehension for a large majority of people in this day and age and they are amazed to see the Muslims of Gaza laying down their lives for their faith.

The bottom line is that the Deen of Allah (*SWT*) has been bestowed to us to be put into practice. At a fundamental level it is imperative for those countries in which Muslims are in an overwhelming majority to strive for the establishment of the genuine Islamic style of governance, which has both Justice and Welfare at its core.

May Allah (*SWT*) give the will and the courage to the Muslim Ummah of today to present a model of that pure form of governance for the world to witness in a sustainable manner in a sizable region. May Allah grant victory to the Muslims of Gaza and grant the Muslim Ummah real faith.

Ameen!

Signing off...

Raza ul Haq (Editor)

## Why I Don't Condemn Hamas For October 7

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In 1999, a woman named Cindy Hendy was stabbed in the neck with an ice pick by a woman named Cynthia Vigil inside a trailer home in New Mexico. Vigil then fled the scene to a nearby residence, whose owner promptly called the police.

She was never charged with any crime.

The reason Cynthia Vigil was never charged with any crime despite having stabbed Cindy Hendy in the neck with an ice pick was because Hendy was an accomplice of the serial killer David Parker Ray, also known as the Toy Box Killer. Vigil's escape from the trailer where Ray and Hendy had been imprisoning and torturing her led to the pair's subsequent arrest. Ray died in prison three years later, the full extent of his murder spree still unknown. Hendy served 19 years and was released in 2019.

Cynthia Vigil was never charged with any crime because anyone could see that violent force was an entirely understandable and legitimate response to having been kidnapped and subjected to horrific treatment. It never at any time occurred to anyone to say that she should have acted differently, and it most certainly never occurred to anyone to make her single act of desperate violence the major story instead of the fact that there was a serial killer who'd been abducting women and torturing them in his murder dungeon.

And, I mean, imagine how absurd it would have been if they'd done that. Imagine if, after the Toy Box Killer story broke, all the major headlines were about a woman stabbing another woman with an ice pick. Imagine if the ice pick stabbing was all the press ever wanted to talk about, for month after month after month, instead of the fact that people had been imprisoned and subjected to savage abuse by a cruel serial murderer.

Imagine how absurd it would've been if, any time someone was interviewed about this case in the news, they were asked if they condemned Cynthia Vigil for her brutal, evil, sadistic ice pick stabbing of Cindy Hendy.

Imagine how absurd it would've been if the press kept framing the incident as though Hendy was just standing around, innocently minding her own business, and was then victimized by a brutal and unprovoked attack by Vigil.

Imagine how absurd it would've been if everyone kept the story focused on the ice pick stabbing, and any time anyone tried to point out that the stabbing only occurred because Cynthia Vigil was being imprisoned by a deranged serial killer and his female accomplice they were hysterically denounced as Vigil apologists and supporters of neck-stabbing, and told that nothing — absolutely nothing — could ever excuse or justify the violence that Vigil inflicted upon Hendy on that terrible day.

Imagine how absurd it would've been if, rather than coming to Vigil's rescue and arresting those who'd victimized her, the police had returned Vigil to her captors and helped David Parker Ray resume his murderous lifestyle.

Imagine if, while helping David Parker Ray re-establish his status quo lifestyle of kidnapping, torture and murder, arguments were made by law enforcement and the media that Ray's murder dungeon has a right to exist, and that Ray and his accomplices have a right to defend their home and their way of life.

Imagine if Ray had greatly escalated his murderousness and sadism in full view of the entire world following Cynthia Vigil's attempted escape, and people defended this by solemnly invoking the horrible, awful day when Vigil launched an unprovoked ice pick attack on Cindy Hendy's neck.

Imagine if, in order to help justify their support for Ray's murderous rampage, the police and the media had sown lies and disinformation about what Vigil did during her escape attempt, claiming she sexually assaulted Hendy and beheaded her baby and put its body in an oven.

It's hard to imagine anything being more ridiculous, is it not? It's hard to imagine a more obscene reversal of victim and victimizer, and a more absurd response to someone's desperate efforts to escape from her abusive captors.

It's about as backwards and insane as anyone could possibly be about anything, and anyone who tried to get you to believe such an absurdity would obviously be a psychologically abusive gaslighter who should never be believed about anything ever again. Clearly, they have a demented perspective, every part of which should be rejected in every way possible.

Anyway, yeah. That's why I've never condemned Hamas for October 7.

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**Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami****11 June 2024****The new defamation law in Punjab is a blow to justice and equity.**

**Lahore (PR):** This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer said that it is obvious that unbridled criticism cannot be permitted in any civilized society. Moreover, laws of defamation exist around the world in response to fake news and false accusations spread against others on the print, electronic and social media. However, this new law of defamation in Punjab is an attempt to suppress even valid criticism against the government and powerful circles by citing vague terminologies such as “personal and public harm”. The Ameer raised the question that when the government will be empowered to issue an interim order to pay damages of up to 30 lacs to any person accused of defamation through special tribunals, then how will justice and fairness be upheld? Additionally, when a parallel structure of punishment will be formulated through tribunals and no court will have the authority to issue an injunction to stop the proceedings of tribunals, then it is quite likely that this law will be abused for political motives and to exploit journalists and YouTubers. On top of that, those individuals and organizations presenting a responsible analysis based on facts through the print, electronic and social media might also face a crackdown on claims of intended malice. The Ameer demanded from the government of Punjab that this law be reviewed and all such clauses which are unconstitutional and detrimental to justice be removed immediately.

**7 June 2024****The re-election of Modi as Prime Minister could well prove to be extremely perilous for the Muslims of India and Occupied Kashmir.**

**Lahore (PR):** This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer said that although the BJP received fewer seats in the recent Lok Sabha elections compared to before, and the Indian public gave more votes to the Congress and Samajwadi parties, with the BJP facing a humiliating defeat even in Ayodhya, where the Modi government had built a temple on the site of the demolished Babri Mosque, yet the reality is that due to the complete support of the NDA (National Democratic Alliance) coalition, which comprises extremist Hindu parties, it is almost certain that Narendra Modi will become the Prime Minister of India for a third term. The fact is that since 2014, India, which claims to be the world's largest secular country, is rapidly moving towards becoming a staunch Hindutva state with each passing day, and today, all minorities living in India, including Muslims, are at extreme risk of genocide. The BJP and its allied parties are openly declaring their intentions to cleanse India of Muslims, and the religious symbols of Muslims are being targeted on a daily basis. The latest example of this is Modi's pre-election announcement that, as the next Prime Minister, he will also abolish the freedoms given to Indian Muslims regarding personal laws. In other words, the Modi government has clearly conveyed to the Muslims of India that India will only belong to Hindus. The Ameer said that it has become essential for the Muslims of India to unite and emerge as a significant political force to protect their religion and faith. This dire situation also demands that the leaders of the Muslim Ummah, including Pakistan, take concrete steps to assist their oppressed Muslim brethren of India and Occupied Kashmir.

**6 June 2024****The Government of Pakistan should demand the immediate release of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui from the US, forcefully.**

**Lahore (PR):** This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer said that Dr. Aafia Siddiqui was evidently taken from Pakistani soil and handed over to the FBI while citing reasons of the so-called “war on terror” during the reign of the Dictator, General Pervez Musharraf, in 2003. She was held in the notorious Bagram prison and subjected to inhumane torture. Afterwards, through a frivolous and utterly fictitious charge, was sentenced to 86 years in prison through the American judiciary, massacring any sense of justice. The reality is that from General Musharraf to the present ruling coalition, none have actually taken any practical steps towards recovering this daughter of Pakistan from the US. It is apparent that the government and other centers of power are completely weak in this matter due to their crippling fear of upsetting the US. The Ameer said that the details which have come forth of the meeting of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui with her sister have enraged every Pakistani as to how the imprisoned Dr. Aafia Siddiqui is being persecuted in different ways for the past 21 years, and such mental and physical torture continues to this day. He said that the Government of Pakistan should immediately spring into action for the release of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui and lend complete official and diplomatic support to her family members and international human rights lawyers. The State of Pakistan should mount immense pressure on the American government to arrange the transfer of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui to Pakistan.