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From the Qur'an

“O you who have believed, enter into Islam completely [and perfectly] and do not follow the footsteps of Satan. Indeed, he is to you a clear enemy.”

“But if you deviate after clear proofs have come to you, then know that Allah is Exalted in Might and Wise.”

“Do they await but that Allah should come to them in covers of clouds and the angels [as well] and the matter is [then] decided? And to Allah [all] matters are returned.”

(*Al-Baqarah, Verses 208 - 210*)

Hadith

Narrated Abdullah son of Umar (رضي الله عنه): The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, “(The superstructure of) al-Islam is raised on five (pillars), i.e., Allah (alone) should be worshipped, and (all other gods) beside Him should be (categorically) denied. Establishment of prayer, the payment of Zakat, Pilgrimage to the House, and the fast of Ramadan (are the other obligatory acts besides the belief in the oneness of Allah and denial of all other gods).”

(*Sahih Muslim*)

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).

What is “Super Imperialism”. The premise ought to be simple yet it is convoluted, often to the point of total obscurity. We would be dissecting the economic strategy of the ‘Global Empire’, how it exploits foreign economies through IMF and World Bank debt, the ‘dysfunctional’ status of the World Bank from the outset, loans made in foreign currency only, the policy of providing loans to countries so that they devote their land for foreign interests and the consequential perpetration of world poverty through the privatization of the public domain, exploitation of mineral deposits, bribery and the political control of nations by an elitist group at the top.

The World Bank was set up, basically, by the United States in 1944, along with its sister institution, the International Monetary Fund, and the purpose was ostensibly to create an international order, but an international order that was more like a funnel, that would make other countries dependent on the United States and the Global Elite. They wanted to ensure that no other country or group of countries, even if the rest of the world ganged up, could upstage their power and dominion over the world economy. They gave the United States, alone, the ability to veto any action by the World Bank or any action by the International Monetary Fund, so that it could be ensured that every policy was made as they desired. Hence, in the words of the former, and likely the next, US President Donald Trump, “We’ve got to win and they’ve got to lose.”

The World Bank from the outset was set up essentially as a branch of the US military – The Defense Department of USA. John J. McCloy, who had negotiated the end of World War II, was the first full-time president of the World Bank and later he also became head of the Chase Manhattan Bank. It must be noted that all the recent heads of the World Bank have either been heads of the US Defense Department or its clients. So, it would not be farfetched to state that the World Bank has always been the ‘presumably soft imperialist shoe of American diplomacy’.

The IMF was in charge of foreign currencies. The aim of the IMF was quite explicitly to prevent any country from imposing capital controls to protect its balance of payments. Many countries had a dual exchange rate, one exchange rate for trade in goods and services, the other exchange rate for capital movements. The function of the IMF was essentially to make other countries borrow, not in their own currencies, but in US dollars, and to make sure that if countries could not pay their dollar-denominated debts, they had to impose austerity (on the poor masses, of course). The IMF developed a plan that any country can pay any amount of debt to the creditors if it just impoverished its labor enough!

So, whenever countries were unable to pay their debt service, the IMF would tell them to raise the interest rate, to bring on a business cycle depression, and to break up the labor unions, which ‘junk economists’ called rationalizing the labor force. The rationalizing was essentially to take away any ability of labor unions or the public sector, and to prevent countries from following the line of development by public subsidy of agriculture, public subsidy of industry, and an active government sector. The IMF was thus promoting and forcing other countries to balance their trade deficits by letting foreign investors buy control of their commanding heights, mainly their infrastructure monopolies. It does ring a loud bell, looking at the economic policies, national accounts and year-on-year budgets of Pakistan, doesn’t it?

The IMF and the World Bank both have a history of backing the cosmopolitan classes, the wealthy classes, and essentially,

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instead of having countries control their capital outflows and prevent capital flight, the IMF invariably takes all possible measures to protect the richest one percent of every country.

Therefore, when a country is having economic trouble, such as a balance of payments problem like a trade deficit that is creating a currency crisis, it forces the governments to make such policies as part of its 'restructuring program' that let the rich people get their money out of the country in a hurry. They, then, negotiate a loan with that country to support the currency until all of the wealthy people have moved their money out of domestic currencies into the dollar or into other 'hard currencies', and finally the IMF lets the currency collapse after the rich people have gotten out. The local currency will collapse, but since the debts owed are in dollars, the country now has to pay at twice or even three times as much. All of that leads to a hyperinflation in the country, increasing impoverishment. Moreover, in the context of the debt owed by countries, it is not the 'country' that repays, instead the taxpayers pay and the labor pays. Therefore, the only way that a country can afford to pay this enormously growing dollar denominated debt in local currency is to lower wages even more. Looking at the economic quagmire of Pakistan, it rings a loud bell 6!

Ironically, there is no limit to which a country cannot lower laborers' wages by enough to make it appealing for them to export. In other words, the IMF and World Bank deliberately use 'junk economics' to pretend that the way to balance the payments of money due to the wealthiest one or two percent, is to lower wage rates for the 99% and to increase the taxes, to impose special taxes and take away subsidies on necessities that the public and the labor needs – from food to energy to anything supplied by the public infrastructure. An alarm bell vis-à-vis Pakistan, again!

Most naïve analysts do not believe that the IMF and the World Bank has such a military strangle hold over Asian and African countries that they can make the countries act in the interest of the United States and the cosmopolitan finance capital, instead of in their own national interest. They refuse to believe that these countries would commit financial suicide just to pay their wealthy 1%. Yet they are wrong, as the economic crisis in many countries of Asia and Africa has proved.

The purpose of a military conquest in recent times is to take control of a foreign economy, to take control of its lands and to impose tribute on the defeated country. The 'genius' of the World Bank is to make a system that does all of that without the need to occupy and take over a country in order to impose tribute, in order to take over its industry and its agriculture and its land. Instead of bullets, the World Bank and the IMF use financial manipulation and maneuvering. As long as other countries play the game that they can control, finance can do, today, what it used to take bombs and bullets in the past.

Last but not the least, if we look at the people who are in charge of foreign central banks, they have almost all been educated in the United States and essentially brainwashed. It is the 'brainwashed' mentality of foreign central bankers that the global elite uses to achieve their ends. The people who are promoted are people who feel personally loyal to the United States, because they know that it is how to get forward in their careers. Essentially, they are opportunists driven by the capitalist economic system, working against the interests of their own country, which is why these days we do not see even 'socialist' central bankers. There is no place for any central banker other than 'a true capitalist', as central banks are dominated by the International Monetary Fund and the Bank for International Settlements.

We would like our readers to pause for a moment and ponder – When you have a dysfunctional economic theory that is destructive to an economy instead of productive, this is never an accident. It is always a result of well-planned 'junk economics' and 'dependency economics' being sponsored with a lot of money and with a hidden agenda at the backend of it. So, when we are dealing with economists and planners, we are dealing with people who have a tunnel-vision, who stay in the 'economic order and discipline' provided by the modern West and Capitalism, despite its unreality because they think that it all makes sense, yet their ideology is not grounded in actual reality.

As for Pakistan, our economy is, for precisely the reasons mentioned before, in the tank. Pakistan's foreign currency reserves keep plummeting to new and increasingly more dangerous lows, the rupee has been flattened, the IMF keep imposing harsher pre-conditions for loans, our 'friends' are unwilling to fill our beggars' bowl any longer, the industry has grinded to a halt, while the monetary policy keeps being tightened, vainly, in the name of controlling the crushing inflation. CPEC is in the doldrums. International rating agencies keep saying that we are on the verge of default.

In our considered opinion, the root causes of the persistent economic failure of Pakistan have never been addressed. At the top of the list are exorbitant national debt (invariably based on riba) and the culture of corruption and pilferage (which is pervasive in all sections of our society). Until the economy, and frankly, the nation is ridded of these curses, there is little or no chance of any real revival.

May Allah (SWT) show us the day when the economy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan becomes genuinely 'Islamic' in letter and spirit, free from the clutches of the World Bank, IMF and 'Super Imperialism' of the Global Elite.

Ameen!

Signing off...

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If Gaza Opened Your Eyes To The Empire's Depravity, Make Sure They Stay Open Forever

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One of the most important things to understand about the US-backed atrocities in Gaza is that the US-centralized empire isn't normally this obvious about its criminality. The relatively undisguised nature of the sadism and savagery in this particular case has been a gift to opponents of the US war machine, because the empire has made it much easier for us to open people's eyes to its depravity.

Normally it's a lot harder. Normally almost everyone is buying into the mainstream narrative about what's going on in Empire-Targeted Nation X because of Evil Enemy Dictator or Fanatic Y or Z, with the empire's role in instigating and perpetuating the violence and suffering being swept under the carpet by the narrative-makers in western governments and their obsequious stenographers in the mainstream press.

It takes a lot of in-depth research and critical thinking to punch through the propaganda narratives and understand things like how western powers and their regional allies intentionally plunged Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria into violence and chaos using heavily-armed extremist proxy militias in an entirely premeditated campaign to topple the respective legitimate governments and install puppet regimes. Or the fact that the starvation and suffering we heard so much about in Venezuela a few years ago was actually largely caused by US sanctions. Or the fact that the "famine" we heard about in Yemen was actually caused by a US-backed blockade and assault on civilian infrastructure. Or the fact that the Russian invasion of Ukraine was so deliberately and methodically provoked by NATO powers that a great many western strategists and academics spent years warning that those actions were going to get Ukraine wrecked.

Understanding what's happening in Gaza is a lot easier. There's nonstop footage of obvious war crimes pouring out of the enclave, and generations of opposition to Israel's settler-colonialist apartheid abuse of the Palestinians had already succeeded in gaining a foothold in academia and in many fairly mainstream progressive political circles. They're still saturating the airwaves with propaganda just like they do with all the empire's other crimes, but because of how much light has already been shed on the situation, the obfuscations aren't nearly as potent as they normally are, and the mainstream press are even being forced to report on a lot of inconvenient facts to avoid completely losing legitimacy in the eyes of the public.

I emphasize the fact that Gaza is one of the easy ones because it's so important that people whose eyes were recently opened to the criminality of the empire keep those eyes open to that same criminality after this particular mass atrocity is done. There will with absolute certainty be more evil mass military atrocities performed and backed by the US war machine, and most of them will probably require a much closer look than Gaza.

It probably won't be as obvious. The crimes of the empire will probably be a lot more carefully hidden. The victims and victimizers probably won't be quite so easy to discern. The ones being targeted by the US-aligned side probably won't be quite as reflexively sympathized with.

As a general guideline, if you ever find yourself thinking things like "This time the US is on the right side for once" or "Eh both sides are equally bad," that's a pretty good sign that they've suckered you. The US empire is the most murderous and destructive power structure on earth by such an immense margin, and is on the wrong side of every conflict so consistently and reliably, that if you ever find yourself viewing a foreign conflict in ways that aren't completely hostile to Washington, it's almost certainly because you've swallowed the propaganda.

And there's no shame in that, to be clear. The US empire has the most sophisticated and effective propaganda engine that has ever existed, and its pervasive narrative control and distortions make it very easy to get lost when navigating the complex information ecosystem of the modern world. If you get something wrong and have to change your position after research and reflection, doing so is just a sign of emotional and intellectual maturity on your part. Everyone makes mistakes.

All this to say, please please please don't let Gaza be a one-off in terms of your opposition to the imperial machine. Keep your eyes fiercely trained on its actions after this is over, and help bring as much attention to its crimes as possible. If you're not sure about a particular conflict that's in the news there are many great resources available for helping you sort out fact from fiction with regard to the empire and its propaganda spin.

The empire didn't just start getting crazy and evil with Gaza. It's always doing things like this. It always lies about them. The mass media always help it lie. Gaza isn't some aberration in its usual behavior, it's just more obvious.

Don't ever let them lull you back to sleep with their deceptions. Keep your eyes open to what they've been opened to. Keep fighting the empire for the rest of your life, or until the empire is fully destroyed.

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**Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami****28 June 2024****Stability in the country will come from the implementation of Islam, not military operations.**

Lahore (PR): This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami **Shujauddin Shaikh** in a statement. The Ameer said that the announcement of a military operation named 'Azm-e-Istahkam' by the civil and military leaderships in the National Action Plan Apex Committee meeting will prove to be further disastrous for the country's peace and stability. He said that being a frontline ally of the United States in the so-called war on terror for a long time only increased hatred in the country, and Pakistan had to face the worst terrorism for nearly two decades. There is no doubt that the resurgence of the menace of terrorism is extremely worrying, and it is necessary to bring terrorists and their internal and external facilitators to justice. However, in past military operations, the real and significant loss was to the country's peaceful citizens. The truth is that hatred created by horrific incidents such as the martyrdom of 80 Hafiz students in a drone attack on the Madrassa in Damadola, the Lal Masjid tragedy, and other such catastrophic events cannot be remedied with the use of more bombs and guns. Furthermore, targeting the territory of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan under the guise of military operations can prove extremely dangerous for national security. It will make our Western border insecure, in addition to the Eastern border that is already under constant threat. The reality is that during the last decade, due to two military operations, almost a million people were displaced in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and a large number of towns and villages were wiped off the map. The Ameer advised that today there is a need to heal the wounds of the discontented factions of the country. All individuals and institutions should acknowledge their past mistakes and try to make amends. Lessons should be learned from past mistakes, and the national interest should not be compromised in the global powers' games. The path of negotiation should be adopted while demonstrating patience. The government and state institutions should know that the indiscriminate use of force is never beneficial to establish the state's writ. Actions should be taken only against individuals involved in crimes, within the framework of the constitution and the law. He said that Pakistan was established on the basis of the ideology of Islam, and even today Islam is the only binding force for all the peoples and geographic units of Pakistan. Therefore, to remedy hatred and restore peace and order in the country, it is essential to make Pakistan a genuine Islamic welfare state.

15 June 2024**Interest-based loans, corruption, excessive taxes, and IMF dependency have ruined the country's economy.**

Lahore (PR): This was said by the acting Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Azhar Bakhtyar Khilji**, in a statement. The acting Ameer said that the Pakistan economic survey for the fiscal year 2023-24, presented by the finance minister, has proven that the government has failed miserably in achieving economic targets. Expressing regret, he stated that the economy of the world's fifth most populous country is in such a state that the growth rate was only 2.38% in the last fiscal year, while average inflation reached 24.5%. Furthermore, the budget for the fiscal year 2024-25 is an elitist budget, imposing an additional 3.8 trillion rupees in taxes on the public, already crushed under the burden of inflation. The harsh reality is that back-breaking inflation has made life unbearable for the people, with essential goods becoming increasingly out of reach for the common man. Additionally, due to the government's flawed economic policies, industries, commerce, remittances from abroad, foreign investment, and the services sector have been severely impacted. He pointed out that the primary reason for the country's economy falling into this abyss is the curse of interest-based loans, which is evident from the allocation of 9.775 trillion rupees for interest payments on loans in the budget. He questioned how can the economy withstand a deficit of 8.5 trillion rupees in an 18.877 trillion rupees budgeted outlay. He demanded that the government take practical steps for the country's economic development and public welfare instead of making hollow slogans about 'saving the state' and 'making tough economic decisions.' The acting Ameer said that it is necessary to immediately and fully implement the Federal Shariat Court's decision and remove all obstacles to eliminate the curse of interest from the country. Arrangements should be made to end corruption and bring back the wealth obtained through corruption from abroad to Pakistan. The country should free itself from the shackles of the IMF and other global imperialist institutions and base its foundation on self-reliance. The solution to Pakistan's economic problems lies in aligning the national economy with the principles of Islam. Stability and prosperity can only be achieved by adopting the Islamic economic system.