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From the Qur'an

He has ordained for you [believers] the Way which He decreed for Noah, and what We have revealed to you [O Prophet] and what We decreed for Abraham, Moses, and Jesus, commanding: "Uphold the faith, and make no divisions in it." What you call the polytheists to is unbearable for them. Allah chooses for Himself whoever He wills, and guides to Himself whoever turns to Him.

(*Ash-Shuraa, Verse 13*)

Hadith

It has been narrated on the authority of Abdullah b. Umar (رضي الله عنه) that the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said: Behold! the Dispensers of justice will be seated on the pulpits of light beside God, on the right side of the Merciful, Exalted and Glorious. Either side of the Being is the right side both being equally meritorious. (The Dispensers of justice are) those who do justice in their rules, in matters relating to their families and in all that they undertake to do.

(*Sahih Muslim; 4493*)

{ 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).

The nature of humanity is indeed fascinating. Humans enter this world alone and leave it alone, yet they neither wish to nor can they undertake the journey from cradle to grave alone. Individuals are part of families, members of tribes, citizens of cities, and inhabitants of countries. This is why humans are termed social animals; in fact, for humans, society holds the same importance as water does for fish. Human individuality is very limited. While a person may handle some minor daily tasks alone, and may begin intellectual and practical endeavors independently, they cannot bring any significant societal impact to a logical conclusion by themselves. What we aim to convey is that sociability is intrinsic to human nature. Therefore, it is imperative by human nature that one seeks a conducive society, and if the society is not favorable, one must strive with utmost sincerity to make it conducive for moral and spiritual fulfillment. Collective wisdom and collective effort are not only necessities for achieving this goal but also a compulsion.

The fundamental objective of the Prophets' (AS) missions undoubtedly involved the moral and spiritual development, welfare, and salvation of individuals. However, creating a conducive collective environment for achieving this objective was also undeniably part of their missions and duties. Leaving aside ordinary individuals, even the Prophets (AS) began their missions alone but advanced with the support of their disciples and companions.

Among the resolute Prophets of Allah, Moses (AS) and Harun (AS) led a movement for the freedom of their people, the Israelites, from political oppression and exploitation. Simultaneously, with miraculous divine help, after securing their freedom, receiving the Book and the *Shariah*, and forming a community, they demanded collective effort from their people for implementation. However, their people's cowardice hindered progress, and the *Deen* could not be fully established.

The final Prophet and Messenger of Allah, Muhammad (SAAW), not only invited all of humanity to a perfect religion through the secure Book, the Quran, but also formed a strong community based on the principles of Islamic obedience among those who accepted this call. The sacrifices made by this community in terms of wealth and lives and their dedication to this mission are unparalleled in human history. Finally, the mission, commanded by the initial verses of *Surah Al-Muddathir*, was completed in the Arabian Peninsula with the conquest of Makkah, and in his Farewell Sermon, the Prophet (SAAW) transferred the responsibility of bearing witness to the Truth to his Ummah. The system of justice and fairness established by the Prophet (SAAW) was institutionalized amidst the expansion of the *Khilafah* to three continents, with a period of thirty years, by the Rightly Guided Caliphs. However, with the end of the Rightly Guided Caliphate, as interpreted by Shah Ismail Shaheed, the sixth floor of the six-story building of the system of justice and equity of true religion, viz. the Islamic political system of governance, was demolished. The remaining five floors took nearly fifteen centuries to collapse one by one until the beginning of the 20th century, when this building became a heap of ashes, meaning Muslims themselves declared the end of the institution of the Caliphate.

The question then arises: Is it necessary to rebuild the structure that was destroyed due to our own mistakes and the conspiracies of others? Should the just system given by the Prophet (SAAW) be considered a story of the past? In our view, to do so would not only ruin our world and the Hereafter but also manifest enmity towards humanity, akin to throwing humanity into a pit of fire. Despite great advancements in technology and numerous life conveniences, the world today is increasingly becoming a hellish place. Therefore, there is no alternative but to restore that just system!

The state of the Islamic world is such that each passing day tells a story of Muslim retreat and humiliation.

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The Ummah no longer exists in its true sense; there are various Muslim countries where Western political and economic systems have taken complete control, and Western civilization has entrenched itself under the guise of enlightenment. This comprehensive invasion has penetrated so deeply that a large majority of contemporary Islamic intellectuals and thinkers themselves are questioning the necessity of striving for the establishment of an Islamic system in any Muslim society. These are the intellectuals who believe in "Easy Islam." Unfortunately, they are treading a path of deviation, attempting to modify and alter the Shariah. For instance, taking interest is forbidden and unlawful, but giving it is permissible and lawful, some say! Some are ostensibly liberating women from the "restrictions of veiling." Additionally, others are ardent believers in Professor Francis Fukuyama's philosophy of the "End of History" regarding the supremacy of the Western democratic system. We have nothing to do with such intellectuals.

However, there are extremely sincere scholars of religion who wholeheartedly accept and follow the Shariah of Prophet Muhammad (SAAW). We deeply acknowledge and respect their scholarly abilities and endeavors. Yet, it is surprising that they have started considering the struggle for the establishment of Deen and the formation of organized groups unnecessary. The founder of Tanzeem e Islami, Dr. Israr Ahmad (RAA) posed a few questions to such a learned individual, which we reiterate for our readers. The first question was, if the vast majority of a country's population is Muslim, what system should prevail in that country: the Islamic system or another? The second question was, if unfortunately, an Islamic system is not in place and instead a non-Islamic system prevails, should the Muslim inhabitants strive to establish an Islamic system or not? Should this effort be made individually by every Muslim, or is an organized group necessary to achieve this goal? Obviously, any rational and conscious person would say that Muslims should form an organized group to strive for the establishment of the Islamic system. This was also the answer given by that learned individual. We would like to add that if the Islamic country in question is Pakistan, then the matter becomes even more emphasized on a moral and religious level because the Muslims of Pakistan had promised Allah (SWT) that if He granted them a piece of land, they would implement His Deen in it.

Regarding the necessity and importance of a group for achieving this objective, one should consider the chain of Prophethood from Noah (AS) to Muhammad (SAAW) and also observe the scientific advancements and industrial and cultural revolutions of the 19th and 20th centuries. This observation reveals that the scope of individuality is shrinking due to the evolution of time, and the importance of collective life is increasing. Therefore, the indispensability of collectivism is more evident today than ever before. In the matter of Deen, Islam prefers even two individuals to travel and pray in congregation. Regarding the concerns expressed vehemently about forming organizations, such as the fear of factionalism and the pernicious disease of personality cults, as well as internal discord within the organizations themselves, it is essential to acknowledge that no significant undertaking is devoid of concerns. One should adopt what is predominantly beneficial and take every possible measure to mitigate its concerns.

The likelihood of "personality cult" developing is higher where only the ideas, theories, and interpretations of a single preacher become the undisputed center and axis of the organization. In contrast, if many people continuously consult each other regarding their objectives and methods and follow the Quranic guidance of mutual consultation (*Amruhum Shoora Baynahum*), this concern can be addressed, God-willing. Additionally, those who gather for the service of Deen should always consider themselves a part of the Ummah of Muslims, as stated in the verse "*Inna Ma Ana Min Al-Muslimin*," thus avoiding arrogance, pride, and the sense of being "different" from ordinary Muslims.

It should also be recognized that factionalism does not solely arise from forming organizations. Even institutions such as schools or religious seminaries can cause it. While religious seminaries and institutions have accomplished the great task of spreading Islamic teachings, they have also exhibited a tendency to confine Islam to their sects, leading to the basis of "I am different than you, and you cannot be similar to me!" It is neither correct to close down educational institutions due to these concerns nor is it appropriate to prohibit the establishment of organizations for religious purposes. Instead, every possible precaution should be taken to prevent division and discord within the Ummah through these means.

The third concern is the "internal discord" within organizations. Disagreement is a significant, albeit bitter, reality of this world. Movements arise and accomplish much beneficial work, then internal discord emerges. Similarly, we witness infighting among religious schools. However, it is incorrect to conclude that their work becomes forgotten. Their effects last long after them. Therefore, it is essential to begin with sincerity and dedication, keeping healthy channels open for resolving disagreements. Where differences are not about fundamental texts and core issues but merely pertain to differences in opinion, interpretation, or understanding, the views and interpretations of the higher organizational structure should be given precedence. Even then, if an unpleasant situation arises, it should be faced with patience and perseverance.

In our view, the process of Islamic revival is neither simple nor straightforward; rather, it encompasses multiple facets. Each facet involves determined individuals and groups actively engaged in various areas such as education and instruction, reform and training, preaching and invitation, national and communal efforts, as well as revolutionary and revivalist activities. Although these areas may seem distinct and sometimes even contradictory, they are mutually reinforcing and should be regarded with respect in the broader context of the revivalist movement. Ironically, the opponents of religion and the proponents of atheism are highly organized, working cohesively from various fronts to launch well-coordinated attacks against religious forces. Meanwhile, the adherents of the true faith remain entangled in debates over whether collective struggle for the religion of Islam is necessary or not.

Here, citing a saying of the Prophet Muhammad (SAAW) brings this discussion to a logical conclusion:

"I command you with five things, and Allah has commanded me with them: unity, listening, obedience, migration, and jihad in the way of Allah." (*Jami` at-Tirmidhi 2863; In-book reference: Book 44, Hadith 5; Grade: Sahih*)

Signing off...

Raza ul Haq (Editor)

Despite Its Lies Being Exposed, Israel Continues To Peddle Them

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In the unlikely event that Benjamin Netanyahu is arrested and brought before the International Criminal Court (ICC) to face war crimes charges, he will plead insanity. This would come as no surprise. Barring a few exceptions, the entire Israeli society is made up of raving lunatics. Even mad dogs behave better. After all, who would consider it normal to kill and maim more than 120,000 people, the vast majority of them women and children, to no purpose except to spread terror? Israeli politicians and generals admit that Netanyahu has not achieved any of his stated objectives in the nine-month long war and will not do so. Israel's genocidal war is based on a pack of lies, duly amplified by western politicians and the media. The Zionist narrative goes as follows: Hamas's October 7, 2023 attack sparked the crisis. They killed and raped Israeli women. The death toll was put at 1400. Later it was revised down to 1200 and now stands at 1139. The Zionists also alleged that Hamas "beheaded 40 Israeli babies"! Prior to Hamas's operation, it was all normal. The "normalcy" that Israel is referring to was its army killing Palestinians. When the Palestinians decided to defend themselves, it became abnormal. When a dog bites man, it is normal; if a man tries to defend himself, well, it is abnormal. The killing and rape allegations have been exposed as lies by multiple Israeli sources. Given people's short memory, or propensity to lie (a la Joe Biden, Piers Morgan et al), we need to reiterate them for the record and expose these lies using Israeli sources. Why Israel resorts to such brazen lies also needs analysis. When Hamas launched its daring operation against Israeli occupation forces on October 7, it shocked the Zionist military and political leaders. They did not imagine in their wildest dreams that Hamas could carry out such a sophisticated operation. Zionist leaders were so traumatized that for many hours they did not know what to do. No emergency cabinet meeting was called to discuss the situation. It was the US Army Central Command in Amman, Jordan that convened a meeting to take charge and comfort the shell-shocked Zionists. Hamas's Al-Qassam Brigade fighters attacked Israeli military bases and killed enemy soldiers without facing much resistance. Some Israeli officers fled to their underground bunkers to seek refuge. Hamas fighters were surprised at the ease with which they achieved their military objectives. They also captured many settlers in Kibbutz Be'eri. The Israeli regime alleged that Hamas fighters not only killed civilians, they also "raped women" and "beheaded 40 babies". What is the truth behind these allegations? As Greyzone reported, the "beheaded babies" story was peddled by a notorious anti-Palestinian Zionist bigot, David Ben Zion. "In an October 10 interview with reporter Nicole Zedek of the Israeli state-sponsored i24 network, Ben Zion claimed, 'We walked door to door, we killed a lot of terrorists. They are very bad. They cut heads of children, they cut heads of women. But we are stronger than them'." This lie and the one about rapes was eagerly picked up by western media outlets with the Los Angeles Times reporter Jonah Goldberg taking the lead. True, the LA Times issued a retraction of sorts later but other US and British media outlets and officials continued to peddle these lies. The British security minister Tom Tugendhat went even further. Giving full rein to his sexually fertile imagination, he alleged on British television that "people in Israel had been raped to death." The Israeli army, however, refused to confirm these allegations. The most scandalous statements were made by US President Joe Biden on two consecutive days: October 10 and 11. Biden said on October 10: "There are moments in this life when pure unadulterated evil is unleashed in this world." He went on: "Stomach-turning reports of babies being killed" and "women raped, assaulted, paraded as trophies." He claimed to have seen photos of "beheaded babies" and "raped women". When American reporters asked the White House to provide these photos, the White House walked back these claims. It offered the lame excuse that the president was referring to media reports. Equally scandalous was the conduct of Israeli ambassador at the UN. Gilad Erdan alleged at a UN panel organized by the Zionists that Hamas fighters had raped Israeli women, using it as a weapon of war! The Israeli War Minister Yoav Gallant was not to be left out. He alleged that Hamas commanders had come with specific instructions about which [female] soldiers to rape. Published in the Washington Post, the newspaper later deleted the rape allegation at the request of Gallant, as it put it! Not every western journalist accepted Israeli allegations at face value. Max Blumenthal revealed in his October 27 piece that Israeli civilians were killed not by Hamas fighters but by the Israeli army. His investigative report based on Israeli sources is worth repeating to understand what really happened on October 7. "Tuval Escapa, a member of the security team for Kibbutz Be'eri, set up a hotline to coordinate between kibbutz residents and the Israeli army. "He told the Israeli newspaper Haaretz that as desperation began to set in, 'the commanders in the field made difficult decisions – including shelling houses on their occupants in order to eliminate the terrorists along with the hostages.' "A separate report published in Haaretz noted that the Israeli military was 'compelled to request an aerial strike' against its own facility inside the Erez Crossing to Gaza 'in order to repulse the terrorists' who had seized control. That base was filled with Israeli Civil Administration officers and soldiers at the time. "These reports indicate that orders came down from the military's high command to attack homes and other areas inside Israel, even at the cost of many Israeli lives. "An Israeli woman named Yasmin Porat confirmed in an interview with Israel Radio that the military 'undoubtedly' killed numerous Israeli non-combatants during gun battles with Hamas militants on October 7. 'They eliminated everyone, including the hostages,' she stated, referring to Israeli special forces. "As David Sheen and Ali Abunimah reported in Electronic Intifada, Porat described 'very, very heavy crossfire' and Israeli tank shelling, which led to many casualties among Israelis." Porat's admission about the humane treatment at the hands of Hamas should dispel the vile anti-Hamas propaganda. Blumenthal writes: "While being held by the Hamas gunmen, Porat recalled, 'They [Hamas] did not abuse us. We were treated very humanely... No one treated us violently.' "She added, 'The objective was to kidnap us to Gaza, not to murder us.'" This naturally leads to the question: why did the Zionists and their western allies peddle such blatant lies? The simple answer is that demonization of Hamas was essential to justify Israeli war crimes against Gaza's civilian population. A former advisor to Israeli prime minister candidly admitted this. Based on these lies, Israel has used US-supplied F-15 and F-16 planes to bomb the tiny Gaza Strip destroying its entire infrastructure. Hospitals, schools, houses, mosques and bakeries have all been bombed and destroyed. Israeli political and military leaders have made no secret of making "Gaza unlivable". With more than 38,000 people killed and another 85,000 plus injured, it has rightly been called a genocide.

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**Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami****7 July 2024****The administration of the federal capital has displayed utmost obstinacy by not allowing Tanzeem-e-Islami to hold a seminar on the deteriorating situation in Gaza.**

Lahore (PR): This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami **Shujauddin Shaikh** in a statement. The Ameer said that in response to the relentless Israeli bombing in Gaza for the past 9 months, the plight of the Palestinian Muslims, and the pitiful indifference of governments of Muslim states and the establishments, a seminar was set to take place under the aegis of Tanzeem-e-Islami on 7 July, 2024, in the Pak-China Friendship Center Islamabad. Its title was decided to be "Israeli Nefarious Designs and the Future of the Muslim World". In the seminar, participation and speeches of renowned national and international scholars and intellectuals were organized. On demand from the Pak-China Friendship Center Islamabad, an application was submitted to the administration of the federal capital almost two weeks prior in order to attain permission to conduct the seminar. However, it is a matter of utter shame and regret that permission to conduct this program was not received. All relevant forums of the administration were repeatedly approached to seek permission, but during these two weeks, they showed no progress in the matter and used every trick in the book to delay the request as much as possible. As a result of which this paramount seminar had to be ultimately postponed, with a heavy heart. The fact of the matter is that the sole purpose of the obstinacy shown by the administration of Islamabad is apparently to prevent any seminar to be held on this topic. The reality is that the events of the past few months and the government's approach have further amplified the notion that to raise voice against Israeli brutality, and for oppressed Palestinians is, apparently, a crime in Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The Ameer said that such response from government and state institutions is in outright contradiction of our religious teachings and the foundational point of view at the time of Pakistan's creation regarding the Holy Land i.e., Palestine. The Government of Pakistan and establishment must not forget the fact that attempting to suppress voices raised in favor of oppressed Palestinian Muslims is resulting in our humiliation in the world, and will lead to the severest punishment from Allah (SWT) in the Hereafter. Thus, the state of Pakistan must immediately realign its direction, and fully back each and every voice raised in favor of Palestinian Muslims.

5 July 2024**Pakistan must take concrete actions to halt Israeli aggression and protect Palestinian Muslims.**

Lahore (PR): This was said by the acting Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Azhar Bakhtyar Khilji**, in a statement. The Ameer said that while speaking at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit held in Astana, the Prime Minister of Pakistan stated that Israel is committing war crimes and that Palestinian Muslims are facing inhumane atrocities, which is certainly a factual commentary. However, the reality is that Pakistan is a nation established on the basis of Islam and the only nuclear power in the Muslim world by the grace of Allah (SWT) Almighty. Moreover, it also possesses advanced missile technology and a professionally skilled military. Therefore, the call by the Chief Executive of such a nation merely for an immediate and unconditional ceasefire in Gaza is not only insufficient but also a clear indication of the government's lack of resolve. On the other hand, Israel is determined to spread the war and destroy global peace and security. Gaza has been subjected to continuous and intense bombing for nearly nine months. The vile Zionist plan of Greater Israel is rapidly advancing, with full support from the United States, most Western European countries, and India. Commenting on Israel's nefarious intentions regarding Pakistan, the Ameer said that after the victory in the 1967 war, while celebrating in Paris, former Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion had unequivocally declared that Pakistan is Israel's most dangerous adversary. Commenting on the nefarious designs of Israel viz. Pakistan the Ameer said that the former Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion had stated in explicit terms, while celebrating in Paris Israeli's victory in the 1967 war, that Pakistan is the most dangerous enemy of Israel and. Moreover, the current Israeli Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, had expressed his desire to see a denuclearized Pakistan in an interview given a few years ago. Therefore, the Ameer emphasized, our civilian and military leaderships should comprehend the gravity of the current situation. While formulating the country's internal and foreign policies, special importance should be given to the prophecies mentioned in the Ahadith concerning the future. America wants Pakistan and Afghanistan to be up in arms against each other so that the region of Khorasan could be prevented from coming into fruition, about which it has been prophesized in the Ahadith of the Holy Prophet (SAAW), that armies will go from Khorasan to strengthen the regime of Hazrat Mahdi (RA) and also to establish the banner of Islam in Elia (Jerusalem), leading to the establishment of the Deen of Islam in the entire world. The Ameer asserted that we, therefore, need to make Pakistan a true Islamic nuclear state. May Allah guide the leaderships of Muslim countries on the right path. Ameen!