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From the Qur'an:

"Indeed, the penalty for those who wage war against Allah and His Messenger and strive upon earth [to cause] corruption [fas'ad] is none but that they be killed or crucified or that their hands and feet be cut off from opposite sides or that they be exiled from the land. That is for them a disgrace in this world; and for them in the Hereafter is a great punishment."

(Surah Al-Mai'dah: Verse 33)

Hadith

Narrated by Ibn 'Umar (رضي الله عنهما), the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) is reported to have said:

"O Muhajiri'run (migrants)! Beware of five practices, to be afflicted with, I take refuge in Allah that you may not be hit with; if ever lewdness (sexual depravity and immorality) spreads among people till it is regarded as a common open practice, plagues and new diseases which did not exist before will spread among them. If they decrease the measures and weights, they be overcome by poverty, their provision will decrease and their ruler will be unjust. If they refrain from paying Zakah due on their properties, they will be deprived of rain, and if it were not for the sake of the cattle, they would not have any rain. If they renounce their commitment to Allah and His Messenger, they will be governed by an enemy who is a stranger to them and who will take away some of what they possess. If their rulers do not rule according to Allah's Book, they will be afflicted by civil war".

(Sun'an of Ibn Ma'jah)

{ 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 *Salana Ijtimah* (annual moot) of Tanzeem e Islami will be held for the second consecutive year under circumstances where calamity has struck the Palestinian Muslims. It could be said that a calamity has befallen the entire Muslim Ummah, but if the Ummah were visible in any capacity, that statement would hold any water. Muslims around the world, let alone the Arab nations, seem to be divided. The UAE's stance appears to be distinctly different, as one of its female ministers has openly criticized Hamas. If we move away from emotional reactions and examine this behavior through the lens of logic, the fragmentation of Muslims is as clear as daylight.

The Messenger of Allah (SAAW) united Muslims under one banner, as one body. That unity gave rise to the Ummah, which, today, is a mere term without real existence. The pain of one part of this Ummah should naturally be felt by another. However, as Muslims have weakened their bond with Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAAW), personal interests and the lust for power have taken over and severely fragmented them. Consequently, the term "Muslim Ummah" has been confined to speeches and writings, losing its practical significance. This is why today the Zionists are mercilessly massacring not just Muslim men and women, but even innocent children. Yet Muslim leaders are speaking with forked tongues, merely condemning Israel verbally while offering Palestinians nothing more than empty reassurances. They are unwilling to take any action against Israel because it could jeopardize their power or the wealth they have stored in America and Europe.

Israel's malevolent gaze is currently fixed on Al-Aqsa Mosque, which it seeks to demolish to establish the Third Temple. Moreover, by occupying certain Arab territories, it aims to integrate them into a Greater Israel, ensnaring the Arabs there with messages of peace and tranquility. The rulers, particularly in Arab countries, are so intoxicated by power and wealth that they cannot perceive the reality of the enemy's true intentions. They are under the delusion that if they submit to America and Israel, their power will remain intact, and the Arab populace will live in peace and security. The critical question, which could yield a decisive answer, is whether Israel would abandon its Greater Israel plan for the sake of Arab rulers' power and the peace of the Arab people. Only a fool could answer affirmatively. Nonetheless, we can only lament the plight of the Muslim Ummah and express our sorrow for the Palestinians' dire state. May Allah (SWT) have mercy on the Muslims.

Now, we will share a few thoughts regarding the annual moot of Tanzeem e Islami. Allah and His final Messenger (SAAW) have designated two days as Eid for the Muslim Ummah: Eid al-Fitr on the first of Shawwal and Eid al-Adha on the tenth of Dhul-Hijjah. Declaring any third day as Eid is undoubtedly a *bid'ah* (innovation) that contradicts Allah (SWT) and His Messenger's (SAAW) commands. However, if we consider its linguistic meaning, "Eid" signifies a returning day and inherently contains elements of joy and celebration. It marks the occasion of receiving the blessed month that Allah (SWT) has called His month and which contains a night better than a thousand months, as well as fulfilling the great tradition of our father of prophets, Ibrahim (SAAW). There can be no greater fortune for a Muslim than for such joyous occasions to return in their life; hence, in Urdu, the term "Eid" is also proverbial in nature, synonymous with happiness and celebration.

In this context, the annual moot of a movement holds a symbolic analogous status for its workers. Although the current atmosphere is filled with sorrow and grief, which seemingly eliminates any concept of joy, we firmly believe that the vision of the Muslim Ummah's revival and ascendancy cannot materialize unless the true Islamic system of Khilafah is established in Muslim countries, thereby truly forming the Muslim Ummah. Hence, it is more crucial than ever

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for the members of a movement to unite with this goal in mind. The members of Tanzeem e Islami are *rufa'aa* (companions) in the pursuit of establishing the Divine system; thus, witnessing a large gathering of like-minded souls reinvigorates their faith. *rufa'aa* from all corners of the country and abroad have the opportunity to be together with their ideological brethren. This interaction fosters feelings of brotherhood and love. Through discussion, thoughts mature. Completely distanced from worldly matters and daily routines, a *rafiq* has the chance to reflect on past shortcomings, to pledge to migrate from those things that Allah (*SWT*) and His beloved Messenger (*SAAW*) disapprove of, and to resolve to serve Allah (*SWT*) unconditionally and follow His Messenger (*SAAW*) for the rest of their life.

After all, where in the hustle and bustle of the world can we find the opportunity to contemplate these matters? If one merely reflects on the fact that to make a 60 or 70-year life pleasant and beautiful, they must toil like a beast of burden, how much more effort will be required to ensure the joy of an eternal and limitless life? Are we exerting the necessary effort? The mere thought of this sends shivers down one's spine.

These religious responsibilities are meant to be fulfilled by a Muslim even in normal circumstances. However, the current situation in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan is anything but normal. The country is facing severe political instability, a usurious economy, corruption, and agreements with the IMF that have ravaged the national economy. The populace has been given nothing but inflation and unemployment, resulting in significant anxiety and unrest among the masses. Furthermore, the powers that be are engrossed in their own games, leading to division and discord within the nation. The reality is that the Muslims of Pakistan, due to a lack of real faith and conviction in Allah (*SWT*), are bowing before worldly wealth, power, and authority. In this context, the responsibilities of a *rafiq* are multiplied, as we are navigating a boat caught in terrifying stormy waves. Externally, the evil alliance of the United States, India, and Israel is intent on sinking it at all costs.

It is, hence, our religious duty to guide this vessel safely to shore. The truth is that the Muslims of Pakistan are fortunate in that the struggle to make Pakistan prosperous and stable and to fulfill religious obligations for eternal salvation demand concerted effort and dedication in the same direction. If the Islamic system of Khilafah is established in Pakistan, not only can it become invincible but it can also emerge as a superpower in the world. Those who contribute to making it an Islamic welfare state will earn the pleasure of Allah (*SWT*), attaining greatness in this world while paradise awaits them.

Moreover, we must understand the connection between Greater Israel and the ongoing onslaught of Israel on Palestinians in relation to Pakistan. As Israel reaches the final stages of establishing Greater Israel, it will not risk having any Islamic country possessing nuclear weapons; therefore, Pakistan will inevitably become embroiled in this war. If Pakistan surrenders its nuclear arsenal, India will not hesitate to invade. We must recognize that the United States, India, and Israel are bound together in an evil alliance with the primary objective of annihilating Muslims from the earth.

Thus, the only way to secure our worldly success, make Pakistan invincible, and achieve success in the Hereafter is to devote ourselves fully to the struggle for establishing the Divine system of Khilafah. Mere words will not suffice; action is required. Let us stand together in this annual moot and renew our commitment that that duty of establishing the Divine system of Khilafah which has been imposed upon us and make it take precedence over our worldly affairs. Let us resolve that we will spread the message of Islam to the best of our abilities to all, and demonstrate exemplary discipline, stepping forward upon receiving a command and pausing when instructed. Those who fulfill their responsibilities in the struggle for establishing the Divine system of Khilafah are undoubtedly among the most fortunate people in the world.

O Allah (*SWT*), grant us the willingness and ability to fulfill our commitments and protect us from the curse of betrayal.
Ameen!

Signing off...

Raza ul Haq (Editor)

Press Release issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

15 October 2024

Dr. Zakir Naik Visits Quran Academy Lahore

Lahore (PR): Renowned Islamic scholar **Dr. Zakir Naik**, accompanied by his son Fariq Naik, visited the Quran Academy Lahore. The sons of **Dr. Israr Ahmed** (RAA), the founder of the Tanzeem-e-Islami and Markazi Anjuman Khuddam ul Quran Lahore, and the central office bearers of Tanzeem e Islami and Markazi Anjuman Khuddam ul Quran Lahore welcomed him. A large number of people were eager to meet Dr. Zakir Naik. After offering the Zuhr prayer at the Masjid Jamia ul Quran, Quran Academy Lahore, Dr. Zakir Naik delivered a special address in which he spoke about various aspects of his personal and Da'wa life. He said that when he came to Pakistan from India in 1991, he met Dr. Israr Ahmed (RAA) at this very Quran Academy Lahore and it was on his advice that he decided to leave medical practice and dedicate his time to da'wa work, full time. Today, on his second visit to the Quran Academy Lahore, he is missing Dr. Israr Ahmed's presence. He said that the reality is that the Anjuman Khuddam ul Quran and Tanzeem e Islami are the evergreen trees planted by Dr. Israr Ahmed (RAA), which are fulfilling an important religious responsibility of striving to spread the message of the Holy Qur'an and practically enforcing the Islamic Shariah. The office bearers of the Tanzeem e Islami and Markazi Anjuman Khuddam ul Quran Lahore assured Dr. Zakir Naik of their continued cooperation in his mission.

For US universities, Arab and Muslim lives do not matter

By: Ahmad Ibsais

A leaked recording of the University of Michigan president reveals just how institutionalised the disregard for the wellbeing of Arab and Muslim students has become. On October 7, the Tahrir Coalition, a union of pro-Palestinian organisations at the University of Michigan, posted on social media what it said was a recording of the university's president, Santa Ono.

In the audio file, a man's voice can be heard talking about pressure from "powerful groups" and the threat of withholding federal funding if the university administration does not focus almost exclusively on combating anti-Semitism. He states: "The government could call me tomorrow and say, in a very unbalanced way, the university is not doing enough to combat anti-Semitism. And I could say it's not doing enough to combat Islamophobia, and that's not what they want to hear."

Although the Tahrir Coalition did not explain how they obtained the recording or when and where it was made, neither Ono, nor the university disputed its authenticity. Instead, the university administration issued a statement to the local newspaper Metro Times, saying: "The University of Michigan is steadfastly committed to ensuring our community remains a safe and supportive environment, where all students – regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or other identities – have the opportunity to learn and thrive." The problem is that the university is not committed to the safety and support of Muslim and Arab students. Of course, we did not need the leaked recording to know that, but it does provide the general public with an explanation of the university's utter failure to support marginalised students.

Over the past year, we have watched in shock as mass slaughter has unfolded in Palestine – and, since September, in Lebanon. Israel has martyred more than 42,000 Palestinians, including more than 16,000 children, and more than 2,300 Lebanese, including more than 120 children. For Palestinian and Lebanese students, the pain is acute. We have watched our homelands destroyed, our people slaughtered, tortured and starved. Yet, as we, along with many allies, have tried to process this trauma and advocate for human rights, we have been vilified and silenced on campus. Our existence has been reduced to a problem, our grief weaponised, our calls for justice criminalised. The same cannot be said about students who have actively advocated for Israel's "right to self-defence" – a right that Israel does not have when it comes to resistance from a population it is occupying. The effect of this "unbalanced" approach is that today Muslim and Arab students face increased harassment and discrimination, and their attackers are only emboldened because they know there will be no consequences for what they do.

The university's hypocrisy became apparent to me and other Palestinian students almost immediately after October 7, 2023. On October 9, students at the Michigan Law School used the public law-open server, an email chain that connects everyone at the law school, to use the fake stories spread by the media and describe Palestinians as "animals" and their Muslim and Arab classmates as "rejoic[ing] in mass murder" and supporting rape. This language was reported to the administration, who took no action. As the greater Michigan student body started organising and protesting on campus, the university's discrimination against marginalised students became even more apparent. It repeatedly sent campus police to disperse our protests and sit-ins, with students being physically assaulted, pepper-sprayed and arrested, while hijabs of female students were ripped off. It also ramped up surveillance. Police presence and the number of surveillance cameras around the Arab lounge on campus noticeably increased. The administration never issued any apology for nor condemnation of the extreme acts of police violence against students who were protesting a genocide that the university funds. It also did not act as accusations of anti-Semitism started being weaponised against us. It did not step in to differentiate between hatred against the Jewish people and the legitimate criticism and denunciation of genocidal Israel. It did not protect our right to protest and freedom of expression. Instead, it seemingly accepted the false equivalence of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism.

Over the summer, the Department of Education released a report about the supposed "failure" of the university to act on accusations of anti-Semitism. Among them were claims that anti-genocide protests created a "hostile environment" which the university did not investigate. The university easily succumbed to pressure and unilaterally changed campus policies to facilitate its crackdown on students engaging in pro-Palestinian activism. It did not consult faculty or the student body about them. The university administration has gone out of its way to address the sentiments of Jewish students on campus but has yet to utter one word to us, the Palestinians. One has to wonder how many more Palestinians have to be exterminated before Ono and the rest of the university leadership recognise our suffering, or if they even see us as human at all?

Muslim, Arab and Palestinian students increasingly feel that our administration is fully comfortable with our people being slaughtered and our land being carpet-bombed. This attitude isn't unique to the University of Michigan. Nationwide, more than 3,000 people have been arrested for pro-Palestine advocacy on college campuses in just six months. Universities that once championed free speech have become hostile environments

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for Muslim and Arab students and their allies. The chilling effect this has had is palpable. Many Muslim and Arab students now feel unsafe expressing their identities or views, fearing academic, legal and job prospect repercussions. For Palestinian students, this silencing is particularly traumatic – we are denied the right to mourn publicly or call for justice. Adding to our pain is the fact that our tuition dollars are invested in companies supporting violence against Muslims and Palestinians abroad. Despite protests, the University of Michigan maintains investments in companies linked to Israel, even though it was quick to divest from companies linked to Russia after its invasion of Ukraine.

In response to the leaked audio, the Council on American-Islamic Relations Michigan Chapter (CAIR-MI) filed a complaint with the Department of Education Office of Civil Rights. The complaint calls for an investigation into whether the University of Michigan has followed “its obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act as well as its obligations under a Consent Resolution the University entered into with the Office of Civil Rights in June of this year”. However, given that the pressure on universities to focus on the wellbeing of Jewish students comes from the federal government itself, it is doubtful this complaint will yield any significant results. Ono’s leaked comments reveal a broader abdication of moral leadership by university administrators nationwide. By yielding to external pressures, they fail to protect all students equally, sending a clear message that some lives matter more than others.

Courtesy: <https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2024/10/19/for-us-universities-arab-and-muslim-lives-do-not-matter>

Note: Ahmad Ibsais is a first generation Palestinian American and law student who is the author of “State of Siege”.

Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

25 October 2024

Gaza’s streets are brimming with the likes of Yahya Al-Sinwar, waging Jihad against the Zionists.

Lahore (PR): This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujaiddin Shaikh**, in a statement. He said that there is no doubt that the shahadah of Yahya Al-Sinwar is a great loss for the entire Muslim Ummah. However, Shaheed Yahya Al-Sinwar, like a true believer, has returned to his Creator – Allah (SWT) while fighting for the protection of Masjid Al-Aqsa. (Verily, we belong to Allah and to Him, we shall return). His unparalleled sacrifice has certainly given new determination and enthusiasm to the mujahideen in Gaza and around the world. It has become clear as a day that since 7th October 2023, the worst Israeli brutality against Palestinian Muslims resulted in the shahadah of many innocent Muslims, and the illegal Zionist state is openly perpetrating terrorism by target killing the leaders and commanders of the resistance movement in Gaza and other Muslim countries. The fact is that the people of Palestine are fulfilling their obligation on behalf of the Muslim Ummah through their shahdahs, which is highly commendable. Now, while the people of Gaza are going through a severe test, the bigger test is for the rest of the Muslim Ummah. The Muslims of Gaza are passing this test by sacrificing their lives, and Hamas has rekindled the passion for jihad and shahadah among Muslims worldwide through Operation Storm Al-Aqsa on 7th October 2023. Alhamdulillah! However, if the rulers and establishments of Muslim countries fail to utilize their capabilities to stop Israel and support the Palestinians, they will be considered failures in this test and may face severe accountability on the Day of Judgment. May Allah (SWT) grant the leadership of Hamas the ability to fulfill all responsibilities in the best possible manner, thwart the evil plans of the Zionists, and grant victory and success to the Palestinian Muslims. Ameen!

21 October 2024

The Supreme Court's Shariat Appellate Bench must expedite the hearing of appeals filed against the Federal Shariat Court's decisions regarding riba (interest) and the Transgender Act.

Lahore (PR): This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, **Shujaiddin Shaikh**, in a statement. He said that on April 28, 2022, corresponding to 26 Ramadan 1443 AH, the Federal Shariat Court had, in a landmark judgment, unequivocally declared all forms of interest, including bank interest, as 'riba' (interest and usury), which is prohibited by Islam. The court had directed the government to repeal all laws related to 'riba' and complete all necessary legislation to establish an interest-free economic system by December 31, 2022. Furthermore, the court had ordered that the entire economic system of the country be aligned with Islamic teachings by December 31, 2027. Similarly, on May 19, 2023, the Federal Shariat Court had ordered the removal of all un-Islamic provisions from the Transgender Act, 2018. It is extremely unfortunate that 908 days have passed since the decision against riba and 521 days since the decision against the Transgender Act, yet neither the previous nor the current governments have taken any practical steps to implement these judgments. Meanwhile, several appeals have been filed in the Supreme Court's Shariat Appellate Bench against these decisions, rendering a stay on the Federal Shariat Court's judgments. The Ameer demanded that now that the Supreme Court's Shariat Appellate Bench has been constituted, the appeals against the Federal Shariat Court's decisions on riba and the Transgender Act be immediately fixed for hearing and that these baseless appeals be disposed of expeditiously in accordance with Islamic teachings and the Constitution of Pakistan. He warned that if the ongoing betrayal of Allah (SWT) and His Messenger (SAAW) continues and all means of promoting immorality and promiscuity are not blocked, the nation will suffer a terrible loss in this world and the Hereafter.