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From the Qur'an:

Do you think that the People of Kahf (the Cave) and Raqim (inscription) were unusual out of Our signs?

When the young men took refuge in the Cave and said, "Our Lord, bless us with mercy from Your own and provide us with guidance in our matters."

So, We sealed up their hearing (putting them to sleep) in the Cave for a number of years.

Thereafter We raised them up, so that We know which of the two groups had better calculated the period in which they remained (sleeping).

(Surah Al-Kahf: Ayaat 9-12)

<u>Hadith</u>

ارضى اللدعنه) Narrated Ad-Darda

The Prophet (³⁶) said: "Whoever memorizes the first ten verses of Surat al-Kahf will be protected from the Antichrist." Another version reads: "the last ten verses of Surat al-Kahf."

(Sahih Muslim: Hadith 809)

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

The were a lot of questions... all left unanswered... yet he was sworn in as the 47th President of the United States.

Why were the Democrats not nominating anyone else as their presidential candidate instead of Joe Biden-the same Joe Biden who often forgot what he was saying mid-sentence, who wandered around shaking hands with thin air? Questions were being raised: Would Trump, entangled in multiple lawsuits and criminal charges, even be able to run for president? While Trump already had the support of America's far-right, would immigrants also vote for the man who had repeatedly vowed to expel them from the country? The mainstream media almost unanimously dismissed Trump's chances of winning, especially after the second presidential debate, where Kamala Harris, not Biden, stood against him. Anyone who watched that debate became convinced that, for the first time, the United States—self-proclaimed "leader of the free world"—was about to elect a female president. As always, the military-industrial complex seemed to oppose Trump. It was impossible to accurately determine how much funding each presidential candidate received from different corporations, as a 2015 Supreme Court ruling allowed major corporations to keep their political donations confidential. However, Trump had already secured the backing of Elon Musk. His central slogan remained unchanged: "Make America Great Again!"

On the other hand, Biden's administration had not only supported but also facilitated Israel's relentless and brutal bombing campaign on Gaza, which had by then continued for nearly a year. The U.S. provided Israel with advanced weaponry, maintained two naval fleets in the Mediterranean, and mobilized allies to ensure Israel's security. The Biden administration established a multi-layered defense system to intercept Iranian missiles targeting Israel and vetoed every United Nations Security Council resolution that even slightly criticized Israel. The list goes on and on.

Given all this, would the most powerful lobby in the United States allow a reckless man like Trump to be re-elected as president? But time proved that this was nothing but an illusion. Regardless of his other promises, history bears witness that during his first term, Trump showered Israel with unprecedented favors-actions that no previous U.S. president had even considered. He relocated the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and, beyond that, officially recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital. It was during Trump's presidency that the Israeli parliament passed the Jewish Nation-State Law, which declared that only Jews would be first-class citizens in Israel. Even if a piece of land were allocated to Palestinians, all administrative control, including military and police authority, would remain in Israeli hands. Trump also initiated the so-called Abraham Accords. His Jewish son-in-law, Jared Kushner, maintained exceptionally close relations with almost all Arab rulers. Under Trump's leadership, the United Arab Emirates was the first to establish diplomatic and trade relations with Israel, followed by Oman and Bahrain in Asia, and Morocco, Sudan and Chad in Africa. This process was euphemistically and euphorically termed the "normalization of ties."

Even before the 2024 U.S. presidential election, our analysis was that Trump would not only win but that American Muslims would play a key role in his victory. However, after assuming office, *(Continued on page 2)*

Trump would reveal his true face—that of an unflinching ally of Israel. The truth is that global events are unfolding at such a rapid pace that making definitive predictions has become nearly impossible. Who could have claimed that in just ten days, the Assad family's 54-year reign of tyranny would collapse? That Bashar al-Assad would be forced to flee Syria with his two billion dollars and seek refuge in Moscow? That Russia, under a secret agreement, would agree to reduce its presence in the Middle East? (Although with the recent phone call between the new Syrian President, Ahmed al-Sharaa and Russia's Putin, it appears that Moscow is trying to step back into the fray in the Middle East. Only time will tell if it is successful or not.) That the Syrian majority would finally be freed from the Assad family's oppression, only to find themselves under the influence of the United States and Turkey? That the Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) leadership would say they were exhausted because of wars and that neither America nor Israel posed any threat to them? That Israel would fully occupy the Golan Heights and plan further territorial expansion? Yet, we witnessed all of this unfold before our very eyes. The dramatic shift in Syria's situation and the immense losses suffered by Hezbollah had also significantly diminished Iran's influence in the region. Despite subjecting Gaza to 13 and a half months of unrelenting bombardment, Israel was ultimately forced to negotiate with the mujahideen of Hamas. In reality, Israel failed to achieve any of its military objectives—it could neither eliminate Hamas nor rescue its captives, despite deploying the most advanced technology. The prisoner exchange agreement that followed once again exposed the reality of the situation to the world.

On one side, the Israeli hostages were handed over in prime physical condition to the Red Crescent. On the other, Israel released skeletal, tortured Palestinian prisoners from its concentration camps called 'prisons'. The mujahideen of Hamas adhered to the golden principles of warfare set forth by Islam, bringing honor to the Muslim world. However, reports suggest that from the very beginning, Israel was determined to violate the ceasefire agreement. According to the terms, Israel was obligated to open all aid routes into Gaza, allowing the entry of food, water, medicine, and other basic necessities. It was also required to cease fire on Palestinians in the buffer zone and allow the entry of heavy machinery to restore electricity and gas. Yet, Israel violated every single clause.

Netanyahu's ultimate goal is the complete eradication of Hamas fighters and the Muslim population in Gaza. But over the past 13 and a half months, he has come to understand that the determination of Gaza's people and its mujahideen is unbreakable. Thus, he has dispatched his disciple, Trump, to intimidate Arab nations. Jordan's leadership—once described by a senior Pakistani senator as "a traitor, the son of a traitor, and the grandson of a traitor"—stood alongside Trump, fully endorsing his plan. Although Trump has warned Hamas to free all Israeli hostages by Saturday or else..., Hamas is sticking to the TORs of the ceasefire agreement with Israel and will free 3 more Israeli hostages as planned. We'll soon know how that plays out. Trump has framed Gaza's devastation as though it were caused by a natural disaster rather than Israeli airstrikes using American weapons.

Meanwhile, former U.S. President Jimmy Carter's passing was not remembered for the infamous Camp David handshake between Carter, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin—the moment that made Egypt the first Arab nation to recognize Israel. Instead, Carter's book "Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid" was recalled. But the Israelis, who label anyone critical of them as "anti-Semitic," had long dismissed Carter as well.

Trump's latest statement, delivered alongside his guru Netanyahu, should surprise no one. His stance on Gaza (after combining all his relevant statements on the subject) reads something like this:

"Once Israel finishes its war in Gaza, America will take control of it. Since 90% of Gaza's infrastructure is destroyed, it is now uninhabitable. The 1.5 million Palestinians must be relocated elsewhere—perhaps to an Arab country or a remote island. The U.S. will then begin rebuilding Gaza because it cannot allow people to live amid ruins." (Emphasis added.)

Trump's remarks have sparked international outrage, at least in statements! Arab and Muslim nations, U.S. allies, China, and Russia have all condemned him. The UN spokesperson has called the forced displacement of Palestinians "ethnic cleansing." However, the real opposition will come from Gaza's people and the mujahideen of Hamas.

Trump is, at heart, an actor. He started his career on television, dabbled in professional wrestling, and even made cameo appearances in films. But his theatrics will not work in Gaza. The people of Gaza know that Trump, upon taking office, immediately supplied Israel with the 2,000 bombs that Biden had withheld in his final days. They also know that his administration recently approved a \$7 billion arms deal for Israel. Trump fully understands that he is nothing more than a pawn in the grand scheme of "Greater Israel." The real question is: How far will Israel push its agenda? The so-called Israel-Hamas ceasefire does not seem likely to last, a fact even Trump has acknowledged. The Muslim world faces a critical test—whether its leaders will unite against these forces of oppression or remain silent.

May Allah protect Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Muslims of Gaza, and grant the rest of the Muslim world the strength to rise against injustice. Ameen!

Signing off...

How Trump took an Israeli idea and presented it as his own!

The US president's full endorsement of Israeli war crimes builds on the decades-old Western policy of Israeli impunity.

By: Xavier Abu Eid

US President Donald Trump's latest statements that called for cancelling the ceasefire in Gaza have caused outrage across the Middle East and beyond. Although some analysts claim that he will not follow through on his threat, it has given Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu the support he needed to upend the deal and restart the war. The statements came after the United States president repeatedly insisted that he will "clean out" Gaza and "own it". These remarks – while downplayed by some – also served to encourage the Israeli government to violate the ceasefire agreement, which made Hamas announce the suspension of the captives' exchange. In calling for the end of the ceasefire and the ethnic cleansing of Gaza, Trump is once again taking Israeli positions and repackaging them as his own. While this is not a new practice in US diplomacy, Trump has taken it to a whole new level, presenting war, ethnic cleansing and annexation not as part of the problem but part of "the solution". Whether he intends to implement his plan or not, his rhetorical endorsement of what certainly constitutes an international crime, should be a reason for global concern. The normalisation of such crimes is extremely dangerous.

Yet, it should be also recognised that the foundation for Trump's policy shift has been laid by previous US administrations and other Western governments which for decades have indulged in a flagrant double standard when it comes to Israel's systematic violations of international law. The US and other close friends of Israel, such as the United Kingdom, Germany, France, Canada and Australia, have had two options vis-a-vis Israel: either to hold it accountable under international law, or to grant its immunity and in this way threaten the very principle of an international rules-based multilateral order. They have largely opted for the second option. This Western double standard has convinced Israel that it is positioned above any norms of international law and requirements of accountability. As a result, the violations of Palestinian rights have not stopped since the Nakba of 1948.

For decades, successive Israeli governments have engaged in colonisation, siege, collective punishment, mass detention, torture, home demolitions and forcible displacement against the Palestinian people. All of this has been largely tolerated and has not affected economic or political relations with the Western world. The direct consequence of the West refusing to impose red lines on Israeli aggression is that the Israeli army was able to carry out a genocide in Gaza for 15 months undisturbed. And even when the International Criminal Court issued an arrest warrant for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Western countries indicated directly or indirectly that they were going to renege on their obligations under the Rome Statute to arrest him. Last week, France, Italy and Greece granted Netanyahu's plane passage through their airspace on his way to and from Washington, DC. This Western indulgence has given Netanyahu a free hand in prolonging the genocide in Gaza and regional destabilisation.

But this is not just about his far-right government: The whole Zionist political spectrum is opposed to the implementation of the Palestinian right to self-determination, whether in the context of a single democratic state solution or the two-state solution, as reaffirmed by the Knesset in July with an almost unanimous vote opposing the recognition of the State of Palestine. Israel's denial of the Palestinian right to self-determination, tolerated by the West, means that the next logical steps can only be ethnic cleansing and annexation. The Israeli government's move to start a brutal campaign in the occupied West Bank after a ceasefire was concluded in Gaza was a clear indication of this path. Now Trump's statements have only further incentivised Israel to continue its crimes in Gaza and to expand them in the West Bank.

We are likely to see not only the resumption of genocidal violence in Gaza, but also concrete steps to carry out ethnic cleansing in the West Bank and annex vast areas there, including the Jordan Valley. More than 40,000 Palestinians have already been forcibly displaced from Jenin and Tulkarem – a criminal act met with international silence. While Trump's endorsement of Israeli plans for occupied Palestine is celebrated in Israel, it spells disaster for the rest of the region. In particular, it goes against basic tenets of the national security of two close US allies, Jordan and Egypt, which have already made clear their outright rejection of Trump's ethnic cleansing plan. Jordan and Egypt will have to reassess their regional strategies, especially after Trump threatened them with cutting aid. Cairo, for example, may be forced to reconsider the Camp David Accords it concluded with Israel in 1979. With his statements, Trump may be trying to put pressure on Saudi Arabia to normalise relations with Israel in exchange of preventing the ethnic cleansing of Gaza. Netanyahu has also jumped on the bandwagon and gone as far as suggesting forcibly expelling Palestinians onto Saudi territory. However, the conclusion of the Abraham Accords has already demonstrated that normalisation does not cause Israel to concede to respect Palestinian rights. Instead, after a few Arab countries normalised relations with it in 2020, the Israeli government only hardened its positions, broke its political commitments and continued with its annexation process. Saudi Arabia is well aware of this. Trump's approach to the Palestinian question does not just ignore the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people but makes a mockery of international law. Beyond the damage this will do to the international legal order, it threatens the fragile stability in the Middle East. There needs to be an urgent international engagement to stop further crimes from being committed in Palestine.

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Islam is the true champion of women's rights.

Lahore (PR): This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, in a statement. The Ameer said that before the advent of the Holy Prophet (SAAW), women in the era of ignorance (Jahiliyyah) were considered inferior even to slaves and were subjected to severe exploitation. The Holy Prophet (SAAW) not only guaranteed women their rightful, God-given rights but also implemented them practically, by the establishment of the Islamic state of Madinah, based on the edicts of the Quran and Sunnah. Islam granted women the right to ownership and full control over their wealth. Additionally, Islam made mahr a fundamental right of women, which is obligatory for the husband to provide. The Holy Quran established women's inheritance rights as part of the divine limits (Hudood Allah), making it the duty of an Islamic state to ensure its implementation and to take legal action against those who attempt to withhold this right. Islam also mandates that before marriage, the responsibility of a woman's complete financial support rests upon her father or brother, and after marriage, it becomes the responsibility of her husband. In case a guardian is unavailable, the state is responsible for providing for her basic necessities, including food, clothing, shelter, education, and healthcare. Women have the right to acquire education in fields that align with their responsibilities and roles, provided that the environment adheres to Islamic principles, such as gender segregation and modesty. Women also have the right to receive education in separate institutions designed exclusively for them. However, according to the Qur'anic teachings, a woman's primary domain remains her home, and she is accountable before Allah (SWT) only to the extent of fulfilling her responsibilities within this sphere. Therefore, the necessary education for a woman is that which helps her become a devout servant of Allah (SWT), a righteous wife, sister, daughter, and mother. Nonetheless, Islam permits women to engage in employment in sectors where strict adherence to Islamic guidelines, such as the observance of hijab and avoidance of free mixing with men, is ensured. Women have the right to choose their spouses at the time of marriage, and Islam grants them the right to seek Khula from an oppressive, incompetent, or undesirable husband. Furthermore, widowed and divorced women have the unconditional right to remarry. In a genuine Islamic state, there is no discrimination between men and women in ensuring the protection of life, wealth, and dignity. Women have the right to be treated with honor and must not be reduced to mere commercial objects for the promotion of trade and business. The reality is that Islam provides a comprehensive code of life that offers complete guidance to both men and women in all aspects of individual and collective life. Unfortunately, the Dajjali Western civilization, with its sinister agenda of social engineering, has diverted women from their Islamic rights and responsibilities, even in Pakistan. The blind imitation of this system has led to the neglect of the Islamic framework that ensures women's dignity and protection. The Ameer demanded that immediate social and governmental measures be taken to eradicate oppressive and un-Islamic customs such as "Wani," "Swara," "Karo Kari," and "marriage to the Qur'an," which violate women's rights. It is the fundamental duty of the government to fully implement and establish the golden principles of the Islamic social system in Pakistan, ensuring that women receive all their legitimate rights according to Shariah. This is necessary to counter the destructive influence of Dajjali Western civilization, to build a morally upright society, to protect future generations from the evils of Western culture, and to ensure the success of women in both this world and the Hereafter.

7 February 2024

With Donald Trump's statement regarding the occupation of Gaza, the cat has finally come out of the bag!

Lahore (PR): This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, in a statement. The Ameer said that Trump's remarks have once again proven that regardless of whether the U.S. President is a Democrat or a Republican, he ultimately serves as a tool for the Zionists. Before his election as the President of USA, Trump had expressed his commitment to ending wars around the world, but this was merely a deceptive tactic to secure the votes of American Muslims. However, this statement following his meeting with the war criminal Netanyahu, his duplicity has been fully exposed. The fact remains that after 7 October 2023, the illegitimate Zionist state carried out continuous bombardment on Gaza for nearly thirteen and a half months, massacring Muslims, including children, women, and the elderly. Yet, despite this relentless aggression, it failed to achieve its objectives. Israeli forces destroyed 90% of Gaza's infrastructure, including mosques, homes, hospitals, schools, and refugee camps. Now, under the guise of "reconstruction," they seek to occupy Gaza, using their allies in the U.S. and Western countries to facilitate this plan. At the same time, they aim to restore their completely shattered global reputation through Western media propaganda. The Ameer expressed support for the stance taken by Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, China, Russia, and several other nations in rejecting the Zionist conspiracy to establish a puppet government in Gaza. He emphasized that the mujahideen and people of Gaza have demonstrated over the past thirteen and a half months their unwavering readiness to make any sacrifice for the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque. They will never accept the Zionist deception presented by Trump. Addressing the rulers and establishments of Muslim nations, he urged them to unite against the Trump-Netanyahu alliance and the Zionist conspiracies. He called for immediate, practical measures to assist Palestinian Muslims and protect the sanctity of Al-Aqsa Mosque. He stressed that collective action is necessary to thwart the nefarious ambitions of oppressive forces, ensuring both worldly success and eternal salvation in the Hereafter.