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From the Qur'an:

"Have you not seen those who were told, "Restrain your hands [from fighting] and establish prayer and give Zakah"? But then when fighting was ordained for them, at once a party of them feared men as they fear Allah or with [even] greater fear. They said, "Our Lord, why have You decreed upon us fighting? If only You had postponed [it for] us for a short time." Say, The enjoyment of this world is little, and the Hereafter is better for he who fears Allah. And injustice will not be done to you, [even] as much as a thread [inside a date seed]."

"Wherever you may be, death will overtake you, even if you should be within towers of lofty construction. But if good comes to them, they say, "This is from Allah"; and if evil befalls them, they say, "This is from you." Say, "All [things] are from Allah." So what is [the matter] with those people that they can hardly understand any statement?"

(*Surah An-Nisa, Verses 77 - 78*)

Selected Hadith:

It is narrated on the authority of Uthman (RA) that the Messenger of Allah (SAAW) said, "He who died knowing (fully well) that there is no god but Allah entered Paradise."

(*Sahih Mulsim*)

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 past few days have proven that Russia is reluctant to jeopardize its ultra-profitable arms relationship with India by strategically "balancing" South Asia, which is why the US has 'decided' to play this irreplaceable role instead by actively seeking to cut deals in both Afghanistan and Kashmir.

The state of play in South Asia was revolutionized by India's "Israeli"-like unilateral move earlier this month to de-facto annex the half of Kashmir that it was occupying, which was veritably a game-changer in regional affairs but runs the risk of becoming the strategic blunder that Pakistani Prime Minister Khan warned about. India thought that it would get a head-start on its "Israeli" ally's so-called "Deal of the Century" by imposing its own variant of this in its home region ahead of time, encouraged as it was by the silence of most Arab countries to the seemingly impending sell-out of Palestine and the signal that the US has been sending that it'll encourage such steps to resolve long-standing "frozen conflicts" so long as they're accompanied by impressive investments in those areas. It was with that in mind that India centralized its control of Occupied Kashmir and removed any pretense of relative "autonomy", arguing that it was doing so in order to bring "development" to the disputed territory that it promised would assuredly arrive after a forthcoming investors summit later this year.

At first, it seemed like everything was going according to plan. Pakistan ruled out a military option to India's move, and the international reaction was comparatively mild. China brought the issue to the UNSC in a closed-door meeting, but while this succeeded in drawing a lot of attention to Kashmir and was hugely symbolic, it failed to achieve anything tangible. In fact, if anything, China's efforts also somewhat worked out to India's favor since they provoked Russia to reaffirm its stance that Kashmir is a 'bilateral issue' and therefore highlighted the first serious disagreement between Moscow and Beijing in the New Cold War era. Russia was therefore forced to forfeit its efforts to "balance" regional affairs through its recent "Return to South Asia" after it chose its immediate economic interests with India (via their ultra-profitable arms relationship) over its long-term strategic one of replacing America's role in this part of the world just like it successfully did in the Mideast over the past few years. This decision didn't go unnoticed by the US, which quickly took advantage of its rival's shortsightedness to fill the irreplaceable role of regional "balancer".

Trump shocked India twice in a single day by reminding reporters that he is still interested in mediating the Kashmir Conflict between India and Pakistan, even going as far as to endorse the two-nation theory that would have naturally led to the region's incorporation into Pakistan had it been followed to a tee by adding that "You have Hindus and you have the Muslims and I wouldn't say they get along so great." Trump also expressed his frustration at the US sacrificing its soldiers to serve Indian strategic goals in Afghanistan by complaining that "Look, India is right there. (...continued on Page 2)

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They are not fighting it. We are fighting it”, which confirms exactly what we have been saying all along that if we read between the lines, India has sour grapes over America’s Afghan Peace Talks.

This seemingly inexplicable development caught many by surprise but should have been foreseeable since we have been arguing for almost a year that the US and BJP-led India are playing “hardball” with one another in a high-stakes gamble intended to take advantage of their new “ally”. Predictably, India is finding out the hard way that it is not America’s exclusive ally after the US decided to go ahead with a \$125 million F-16 deal with Pakistan despite India’s loud objections following Prime Minister Khan’s successful summit with Trump last month, and a large part of that success was due to the RSS Hindutva Ideology-driven BJP government of Narendra Modi. India overestimated its strategic importance and ignored the fact that Pakistan is the global pivot state, the latter of which evidently wasn’t lost on the US, which appreciates the role that Islamabad plays in this trans-regional space and is why Washington decided to send such mixed signals to New Delhi.

With the diplomatic and military-intelligence factions of the Russian “deep state” both taking India’s side on Kashmir now, it’s much more difficult for Moscow to regain its credibility as a neutral actor in the region and return to trying to “balance” South Asian affairs. The US, however, has retained its strategic flexibility and was thus quickly able to replace Russia’s lost role, as seen by the game of increasingly intense “hardball” that it’s now playing with India, which reminds some of the “do more” mantra that it used to rely on for pressuring Pakistan. The difference, though, is that it’s now India that’s on the receiving end of the American stick while Pakistan’s eating all the carrots after the US realized how irreplaceably important Islamabad is for ensuring regional stability due to its dual stakes in both Afghanistan and Kashmir, and its position vis-à-vis the Chinese grand strategy in securing Beijing’s only reliable non-Malacca access route to the Afro-Asian (“Indian”) Ocean via CPEC. In hindsight, it all makes sense, both why Russia abandoned its regional “balancing” strategy and why the US rushed in to replace it, thus making South Asia the latest battleground in the New Cold War, which could very well turn ‘hot’ at any given moment in time, be it within a month, a year or a decade!

We would once again urge the entire Muslim Ummah to provide moral, diplomatic and physical assistance to the oppressed Kashmiris in their Jihad against the extremist Hindu government of BJP. We would again like to call upon the Muslims of India to join hands with their Kashmiri brethren in this struggle. As mentioned in the previous issue of Perspective, it is imperative that Pakistan plays a pivotal role in strengthening the oppressed Kashmiris and help them in confronting the atrocious and extremist BJP rulers of India, by any and all means available.

May Allah (SWT) protect the Muslims in Occupied Kashmir, India and the entire world from the atrocities being committed against them by the Forces of Evil. May Allah (SWT) provide them with manifest victory in this global Jihad and provide them the sincerity and courage to implement His (SWT) Law in His (SWT) Land.

Aameen!

Signing Off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

Kashmir and Palestine: Solidarity and Unity in Opposing Global Militarization

The Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions National Committee (BNC), the largest coalition in Palestinian society, shares the shock and anger of Kashmiris and democratic forces in India and across the world over the authoritarian decision of the Bharatiya Janta Party-led (BJP) Indian government to effectively nullify overnight the relative autonomy of the state of Jammu and Kashmir. We denounce the increasing use of Israeli-style paradigms and policies by the current Indian government.

Introducing through presidential decree legally dubious changes to the Indian constitution, the right-wing government in Delhi has further undermined the internationally-recognized rights of the people of Kashmir, particularly their right to democratically decide on their future, without their knowledge or consent.

The Indian government imposed this decision on the 5th of August while keeping Kashmir cut off from the world, with its phone lines and internet shut down, its political leaders placed under house arrest, and its streets under a strict curfew enforced by a massive deployment of the army, paramilitary and police forces.

Curfews and Blackouts

The Kashmir valley was already among the most militarized zones in the world, and now close to a million armed personnel are deployed there to impose the writ of the government. The curfew and communication blackout are still in place, over a week later. On Friday, the first reports of massive protests in Srinagar came in, with the use of teargas and live rounds of gunfire by Indian security personnel reported. Visiting journalists met victims with pellet gun injuries in hospitals, some of whom were going to study or were making bread in their shops when shot.

The history of atrocities and human rights violations are not new to Kashmir. Human rights groups have recorded extrajudicial killings, arbitrary detentions, torture, rape, enforced disappearances, mass blindings and suppression of protest and democratic expression, along with legal immunity to armed forces for over 30 years. As recently as 2018, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights released a comprehensive report on the situation in Kashmir demanding access for an independent inquiry, which India rejected as a “false narrative.”

Settler Colonialism

As Palestinians, we deeply feel the suffering of the people in Kashmir under military repression that in so many cases is similar to Israeli forms of subjugation and control. Today, the Modi government has literally taken inspiration from Israel’s settlement project to enable forced demographic changes on the ground. The constitutional changes introduced by the BJP government scrap the ability of the state of Jammu and Kashmir to make its own laws around property, employment, residency, etc. With this provision gone, and New Delhi already inviting private investment, the demographic nature of the region is set to be permanently altered, drawing on the Israeli example of creating ‘facts on the ground’ through illegal colonial settlements in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Taking inspiration from Israel’s settler-colonialism is only the latest in Modi-led India’s deepening relationship with and admiration for apartheid Israel. As we have observed over the years, India is borrowing Israel’s methodology and ideology and using Israeli weapons in its control over Kashmir. In 2014, the BJP government’s then home minister Rajnath Singh visited Israel and said he was “impressed” by the electronic fence that maintains the blockade on two million Palestinians in Gaza. A similar fence is already being deployed along the Line of Control between India and Pakistan. India is the world’s largest importer of Israeli weapons. The Tavor rifles, the very symbol of the military jackboot in the Kashmir valley, and the drones that India deploys to control the region are Israeli-made. Israeli military delegations have been visiting Kashmir to train Indian troops.

Benjamin Netanyahu is set to visit India again in September, and major arms deals will be back on the table, as they were in the previous meeting. The Israeli weapons that India uses to oppress Kashmiris have been ‘field-tested’ on Palestinian bodies.

Our campaign for a comprehensive military embargo on Israel, therefore, is directly linked to opposing global militarization, including militarization of Kashmir.

In this grave moment today, we stand in solidarity with the people in Kashmir. In India and across the world, conscientious forces are opposing this move that abrogates the limited autonomy of Jammu and Kashmir. We must not remain silent on this historical injustice that the BJP-led government has brought upon Kashmir. Our oppressors are united, and our struggles will be stronger if we too unite.

We call for international pressure on the government of India to reverse its latest measures that violate the rights of the people of Kashmir under international law and to recognize and respect those rights. We appeal to the people of conscience in India, whose leaders once spearheaded the global non-aligned movement and the fight against apartheid in South Africa, to work toward ending India’s military and security alliance with Israel. This would not only end India’s shameful complicity in Israel’s suppression of Palestinian freedom, justice and equality, but would also benefit the struggle for the rights of the people of Kashmir, as well as the social and economic justice struggles of the people of India.

Source: *Palestinian BDS National Committee*

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**Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami****Date: 23 August 2019****Lahore (PR): “UAE’s decision to give the highest civilian award to the murderer of Muslims, Narendra Modi, is synonymous to a blatant treason against Islam.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, Hafiz Aakif Saeed, in a statement. The Ameer noted that many human rights organizations of the world, including Genocide Watch and Human Rights Watch, have bluntly exposed the cruelty and brutality, and murder and slaughter being carried out by the Indian Army in Occupied Kashmir, in their recent reports. Under these circumstances, the Ameer added, it was the responsibility of international institutions and organizations to take practical punitive measures against India. However, the Ameer remarked, it is very unfortunate that these international organizations and institutions have only provided lip service to date, due to which Indian state-sponsored terrorism and brutalities of extremist Hindu groups have reached such inhumane levels that they are carrying out genocide of Kashmiri Muslims, targeting women, children and the elderly in particular, and heartlessly torturing them in their torture cells in the most cruel possible manner.

On the other hand, the Ameer lamented, India is slaughtering innocent people of Azad Kashmir in droves, by bombing and shelling indiscriminately from across the Line of Control (LoC). It is the responsibility of the Government of Pakistan to give a befitting response to such misadventures being perpetrated by India, the Ameer emphasized. The truth is, he said, that had we established and implemented the Islamic System of Collective Social Justice in our country – Pakistan – to fortify and give it stability, then we would have been eligible to receive the succor and help of Allah (SWT), today, and India would never have dared to carry out such atrocities and brutalities against Muslims. The Ameer asserted that there is still time for us to repent, on both the individual and collective levels, and strive our utmost for implementing the Islamic System in its totality in Pakistan by making it our foremost priority, so that Pakistan could be molded into a genuine Islamic Welfare State, in letter and spirit. The Ameer concluded by stating that in that case the succor and help of Allah (SWT) would surely be with us and Allah (SWT) alone would be sufficient for us in our battle against our enemies. *Insha Allah!*

Date: 16 August 2019**Lahore (PR): “The war between Pakistan and India is now a battle of Ideologies.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, in a statement. The Ameer, while vehemently condemning the state-terrorism and inhumane oppression being perpetrated by India in Occupied Kashmir, noted that it is a matter of great shame that other Muslim countries have displayed colossal indifference (towards Kashmiri Muslims) by being totally silent on the issue and no Muslim country has raised even the slightest voice of concern, to date, on the cruelty and brutality being unleashed by India on the Kashmiri Muslims. He added that at least the pronounced diplomatic efforts made by Pakistan and voicing of great concern at the international level has turned the attention of the world towards Indian Occupied Kashmir and consequently not only are voices against the Indian cruelty and oppression in Occupied Kashmir being raised in many parts of the world but the imprudent and irresponsible actions of Modi are being vigorously condemned in India itself. The Ameer remarked that although we do not expect from the Security Council of the United Nations to play any role in preventing India from brutally oppressing Kashmiris or stopping India from forcefully suppressing the struggle for freedom of the people of Occupied Kashmir, yet we do agree with the stance of the Prime Minister of Pakistan that extremist India is now religiously following the extremism-driven Hindu ideology of *Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh* (RSS).

The Ameer said that, given the context, it is necessary for Pakistan to strengthen its ideological basis by practically implementing and making dominant the Absolute Sovereignty of Allah (SWT) in our God-Given country and mould it into a true reflection of *Riyasat-e-Madinah* in letter and spirit. The ideology of Pakistan is a God-Given ideology and it is totally in sync with human nature at all levels. It is our obligation to spread and proliferate that ideology, which is based on The Truth, in the entire world, so that all rival false ideologies could be emphatically defeated. In particular, the RSS Hindu ideology that is based on cruelty, brutality and Universal Injustice would have no chance of standing in defiance and would be totally annihilated. *InshaAllah!* The Ameer concluded by asserting that the imperative precondition for all of that to happen is that we must become a practical and tangible model of our ideology ourselves.