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From the Qur'an:

"They want to extinguish the light of Allah with their mouths, but Allah will perfect His light, although the disbelievers dislike it." "It is He who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion (Deen) of truth to manifest it over all religion (Deen), although those who associate others with Allah dislike it."

(Surah as-Saf: Verses 8 & 9)

Selected Hadith:

Narrated Junada bin Abi Umaiya (RA):

We entered upon 'Ubada bin As-Samit (RA) while he was sick. We said, "May Allah make you healthy. Will you tell us a Hadith you heard from the Prophet and by which Allah may make you benefit?" He said, "The Prophet called us and we gave him the Pledge of allegiance for Islam, and among the conditions on which he took the Pledge from us, was that we were to listen and obey (the orders) both at the time when we were active and at the time when we were tired, and at our difficult time and at our ease and to be obedient to the ruler and give him his right even if he did not give us our right, and not to fight against him unless we noticed him having open Kufr (disbelief) for which we would have a proof with us from Allah."

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

Extreme Right-wing and, in some cases, explicitly fascist forms of politics are advancing across the planet. The free rein given to capital at the end of the Cold War has produced deep social crises that have, in turn, produced forms of right-wing and authoritarian politics that now threaten the entire globe.

The translation of economic crisis into political crisis is evident in the rise of the far right in countries such as Australia, Hungary, Israel, Brazil, Poland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States.

In Bolivia, there were explicitly fascist elements in the coalition that seized power in the recent coup.

In Brazil, Jair Bolsonaro is openly nostalgic for the dictatorship that ruled the country for more than 20 years. Bolsonaro has often been termed a fascist and is certainly a partisan of the extreme right.

But it is in India that an undeniably and explicitly fascist force has won control of the state. Narendra Modi joined the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) at the age of eight. The RSS, a Hindu nationalist paramilitary organization, was founded in 1925 and was explicit about taking inspiration from European fascism, including Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. MS Golwalkar, a leading intellectual in the RSS openly admired Hitler's "final solution".

The RSS first came to global attention in 1948 when one of its militants assassinated Mohandas Gandhi. Today, the RSS continues to mobilize street violence against minorities and to promote an ideology that excludes non-Hindus from what used to be a broad and secular conception of Indian identity. Its intellectuals continue to take explicit inspiration from Hitler and visitors to India are often shocked to see copies of Hitler's Mein Kampf on display on the streets. The RSS is widely understood to have birthed and to continue to control the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is now the ruling party in India.

Right-wing Hindu nationalism began its rise to power in 1992 after a frenzied mob of right-wing Hindu militants attacked and destroyed the 16th-century Babri Mosque in the city of Ayodhya, in Uttar Pradesh. Modi's personal rise to power was also rooted in mob violence. In 2002, Modi, then the chief minister of the state of Gujarat, was widely implicated in an anti-Muslim pogrom during which at least 2,000 children, women and men were murdered, and a further 200,000 people displaced. As a result, the United Kingdom and the United States implemented a travel ban on Modi between 2005 and 2014.

Since then, mob violence, often fatal and often incited and circulated via WhatsApp, has become a routine feature of Indian life. Fascism is always grounded in an alliance between the mob (Continued on Page 2)

(Sahih Bukhari: Hadith 178)

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and the state, and the BJP is now actively bringing the logic of the mob into the state, and the law.

On 11 December 2019 the Citizenship Amendment Act, which amended the Citizenship Act of 1955, was passed in parliament. It means that for the first time in post-colonial India the criteria for citizenship will effectively be based on religious affiliation. This effectively changes the status of India from a secular society to a Hindu state. The new act has been widely compared to Hitler's Nuremberg laws, enacted in 1935, which sought to exclude Jewish, Romani and black people from German citizenship.

Across India, cities and universities have erupted in protest in response to the new laws. The state has responded with sustained brutality and shut down internet access. There have been a number of deaths and thousands of people are currently being detained by the police. The protests are the largest since Modi's rise to power and have united disparate forces in an anti-fascist bloc. Modi's government is now under significant popular pressure.

Along with the rise in communal violence, the overt suppression of the judicial system and the systematic closing down of intellectual spaces there have also been major economic setbacks.

Unemployment under Modi is the highest it has been since the 1970s at 6.1%. By the end of 2019 the GDP of the Indian economy had slowed down significantly, leading to a recession, something not experienced in India since 1979. In addition, there has been a suicide epidemic of farmers in India, with close to an average of 33 farmers committing suicide every day as a result of heavy debt. India is now rated the fourth-worst polluting country in the world and 15 of the 20 most polluted cities in the world are in India.

It is a big business and the billionaire class has benefited from Modi's rule. The Ambanis are one such family. Hailing from Modi's home state of Gujarat, this family has prospered under the Modi regime, first in Gujarat itself and later nationally. They are consistently in the top 10 richest families in the world. With the backing of families such as the Ambanis, who have major controlling interests in the media, Bollywood and cricket, Modi is able to put a glamorous spin on fascist violence.

Modi's fascist politics is also a toxic presence on the global stage. He is strongly supportive of Benjamin Netanyahu and Israel, as well as Bolsonaro, Trump and Johnson. Together these men are building a right-wing international that ties chauvinism and authoritarianism to hyper-capitalism. This international right-wing alliance constrains political possibilities in less powerful countries of the world.

Pakistani Hindus, like Hindus elsewhere in the world, need to reflect deeply on their moral responsibilities in a time when fascist violence is being carried out in the name of Hinduism. As in the US and the United Kingdom, some Pakistani Hindus have been directly complicit with the rise of fascism in India.

Across the planet, an increasingly rapacious form of capitalism is working to sustain popular support by mobilizing forms of chauvinism to turn people against one another. In many countries, electorates are choosing right-wing demagogues over a politics of solidarity. But the situation in India, where the ruling party is a vehicle for an openly fascist project, is particularly disturbing.

It is vital that the Muslims of Pakistan and the rest of the world take a clear position against Modi, against Hindu fascism, and in solidarity with the many thousands of people in India who are currently protesting, often at the real risk of arrest, assault and even murder, for an inclusive society. Moreover, it is imperative that the Muslim World censures and sanctions India for putting the Muslims of Occupied Kashmir under siege, where the Indian Occupation Forces are using the 'Israeli model' of oppression and brutality.

We believe that the only way of defeating the fascist ideologies prevalent in India and the rest of the world is for the entire Muslim Ummah to unite and demonstrate the willingness and ability to implement the genuine Islamic System of Social Welfare and Justice. May Allah *(SWT)* provide us the courage to do so and Make us successful in this world and in the Hereafter.

Aameen!

Signing off...

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Date: 27 December 2019

Lahore (PR): "India is writing a cruel history of oppression, brutality and persecution in Occupied Kashmir."

While commenting on the ominous situation in Indian Occupied Kashmir, the Ameer of Tanzeeme-Islami, <u>Hafiz Aakif Saeed</u>, said that the extremist Hindu regime of India has imprisoned the innocent and defenseless Kashmiris for almost 5 months now. The oppressed Kashmiris have been forced to live as captives and hostages in their own state, their own territory and their own homes. Innocent children and women are being subjected to the worst kind of torture and due to the unavailability of basic necessities such as food and medicine, because of the incessant curfew imposed by the Modi regime, the shadows of widespread death are lurking everywhere. The Ameer remarked that in order to keep the horrific oppression and brutality being perpetrated by the extremist Indian regime in Occupied Kashmir under wraps and conceal it from the world, the Indian army is constantly violating the LoC and attacking Pakistani soil from across the border, in which not only members of our armed forces but innocent civilians are also being martyred. Under these circumstances, the Ameer noted, when it is imperative for us to be on the same page, it is unfortunate that certain powerful and significant institutions of our state are wasting their energies by trying to prove the dominance of one over the other. The Ameer asserted that the need of the hour is for our nation to be united in combating the enemy.

Moreover, the Ameer added, it is also crucial for all Muslim states to resolve their mutual disagreements and conflicts, and become a single, unified Ummah in the real spirit. The Ameer remarked that we never ought to forget that the Last Messenger *(SAAW)* of Allah *(SWT)* has referred to the Muslims by using the simile of a single body, if one part of which feels pain then the entire body feels that suffering and its consequences. It is the obligation of the leadership of the Muslim Ummah to find solutions to the problems being faced by the oppressed Muslims, worldwide, the Ameer added. The Ameer said that if all 60 Muslim countries in the world use only economic and trade sanctions as a tool to counter oppression, then all enemies of Islam including USA and India would be forced to kneel before them. The Ameer concluded by stating that in order to do so, it is necessary to unite as a single Ummah and practically implement the Islamic system.

Date: 20 December 2019

Lahore (PR): "The real and gravest crime of Musharraf was to partner with the US to bring down The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan."

While commenting on verdict of the special court in the Musharraf High Treason Case, the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, Hafiz Aakif Saeed, said that no case was ever registered against the ex-dictator with regard to the real crimes perpetrated by him, in our considered opinion. The original crime of Pervez Musharraf was that after 9/11, he fully supported and partnered with the US and its allies to illegally overthrow the Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan. Moreover, the Ameer remarked, Musharraf left our brethren from the tribal areas, who had fought for and bequeathed Pakistan that part of Kashmir which we call Azad Kashmir today and who had always defended the North-Western border of Pakistan with such bravery and diligence that we did not even have to deploy any standing army for safeguarding it against our enemies, totally at the mercy of the CIA. The ex-dictator also handed over extremely sensitive and strategic airbases of Pakistan to the US, which were used by the US forces nearly 57,000 times to carry out airstrikes in Afghanistan. Musharraf also illegally and cruelly renditioned hundreds of Pakistani citizens to the US in exchange for dollars, a fact that he has himself admitted in his book. The Ameer lamented that the former dictator went to the inhumane extent of handing over the daughter of Pakistan, Dr Aafia Siddigui to USA, merely in order to gain the blessings of the Americans. He played with the blood of innocent women and children by murdering them in cold blood during the notoriously unlawful and horrifying Lal Masjid incident. The Ameer concluded by asserting that these were the real and gravest crimes of Pervez Musharraf for which he should most certainly be awarded exacting punishment, however it is totally undesirable and even prohibited in Islam to defile the corpse of any person after death.