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From the Qur'an:

“And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you – when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brothers. And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it. Thus does Allah make clear to you His verses that you may be guided.”

(*Surah Aal e Imran, Verse 105*)

Selected Hadith:

The Messenger (SAAW) of Allah (SWT) is reported to have said:

“Allah will not take back knowledge (from your memories) after having bestowed it on you. However, He will take scholars, together with their knowledge, from within their communities and take their souls. All that remains will be an ignorant body of people. The people will ask them about their religious needs, and they will issue decrees (religious opinion on a matter) in the light of their own ideas and desires and will both deviate themselves and lead other into deviation.”

(*Sahih Bukhari*)

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 American empire is in decay, but that does not mean things cannot get worse. Protests that erupted over the police killing of George Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, continue to rage across the United States. Each new day sees another chunk of flesh torn from the face that USA shows the world, revealing the real bone and blood underneath. The inequalities and injustices of the world's richest country are being brutally exposed.

The capital is literally on fire, but the responses of both the president and the liberal establishment suggest that things will likely get worse before – or if – they get better. If optimistic Americans were hoping that relief could come at the ballot box, they may be disappointed: November's election offers voters a choice between an old, white neo-fascist and an old, white neoliberal.

Fantasies of redemption are ever present, but there is no easy solution to the problem of Donald Trump, just as there is no easy solution to the coronavirus pandemic or to structural racism. In a world in which the stock markets go up while ordinary people's wealth goes down, the markets have always been happy with the US president. That is the intractable problem. What former President Barack Obama did nothing to reverse, Trump has only accelerated.

For now, the president lurches further into fascist territory. There are new demonstrations of this almost every hour; whatever we write here will likely be out of date by the time you read it.

Tear gas was recently used to clear protesters from outside the White House, so that the president could stage a photo opportunity in front of a church, a bible in his hand raised high. Priests and others were reportedly forced off church grounds by law enforcement officers, turning, in the words of one rector, “holy ground... into a battle ground”.

Each new day brings images of US police forces that could come straight out of a comic-book blockbuster depicting an authoritarian dystopia.

Put another way, these images could have come straight out of Middle Eastern countries recently occupied by the US military, such as Iraq, or those in which bountiful US support enables the brutal repression of internal dissent, such as Israel and India. The imperial war machine, seen before on US streets and well known particularly to the nation's black population, has come back home.

The street-level resistance to this officially condoned repression arrives in the time of coronavirus, with the US recording by far the largest total number of deaths as a result of the disease. Coronavirus had already revealed existing global social and racial inequalities, as well as the extent to which the public sphere in the so-called developed modern West has been devoured by capitalism.

Trump's response to the two types of recent American protest bears this out. Before condemning the black and multi-racial protests sparked by police brutality, he was lauding the almost entirely white protests against

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lockdown.

His recent polling may not look good, but this is a man who responds to his donors and understands his voting base. The donors, along with his rich voters (and there are plenty of them), like their labor cheap and their taxes low. The base likes their guns loud, their racism at about the same volume and their freedom relentlessly performed. Besides, there are other polls that will buoy Trump, like the one which found that 58 percent of Americans support calling in the US military to supplement city police forces.

More than that, we know, as Malcolm X once put it, that the most segregated hour in American life is high noon on Sunday, when black worshippers go to one church and white worshippers to another. Trump has some celebrity endorsers in the black church, but they are his useful idiots. It is white evangelicals who are mobilizing to re-elect a man who can't even come up with a favorite verse in what is supposedly his favorite book.

Throughout his tenure as president and for a good while before that, one question has stood out above all others: is Trump an aberration? Does his election and subsequent administration represent an unholy departure from sacred norms, or is it simply an extreme iteration of how the country has always done business, both at home and abroad?

To us, it seems as though the answer is both. The more dangerous answer is to claim, as the US liberal establishment does, that Trump is an aberration, and that the election of a civil and sensible centrist will make everything OK again. However, the truth is that what we are seeing against black people in the US today, is how the country has always done business, not just inside the US but in the rest of the world, too.

At the same time – and even while the US military remains far more powerful than any other – the US has lost out to its international antagonists, particularly but not limited to China.

The pursuit of unwinnable wars has cost the US dearly, but the fantasy of spreading free-market democracy continues to engage Washington's policymakers, and the apparently pragmatic need to support dictators around the world remains. There is a visible Zionist lobby behind the decisions made by all centers of power in the US.

Under Trump, of course, US policy on Israel/Palestine has gone from appearing to sit on the fence (while lavishly funding and arming Israel) to full-throated support of apartheid, conceived and delivered by members of the president's own family and billionaire party funders. The pain of Palestinians suffering under Israeli occupation shares something, then, with the pain of black Americans suffering at the hands of their own state.

Our staunch and very considered opinion regarding this whole matter is that the panacea for the recent wave of communal riots in USA, on the basis of race and color, has already been provided by our Creator – Allah (*SWT*). The fact of the matter is that Islam is the only religion based on deeply-embedded natural righteousness (*Deen-e-Fitrat*) and the Holy Prophet (*SAAW*) had totally abolished all discrimination and privilege based on the color of the skin and race in his (*SAAW*) sermon delivered during the Farewell Pilgrimage. We assert that if the world accepted and adopted that system based on natural righteousness, i.e., Islam today, then all problems faced by humanity would be resolved.

InshaAllah!

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

US Police Forces Are Trained by Israel

The Knee-On-Neck Tactic that Was Used on George Floyd Is the Same Tactic that Has Been Used on the Palestinians

George Floyd, an African-American man who was murdered by a white Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin and three others in Minneapolis, Minnesota for trying to use a counterfeit \$20 dollar bill at a store, now violent protests has overtaken the headlines away from the Covid-19 pandemic scare.

The looting of stores and the violence that follows has given more ammunition for the establishment to enforce a total police state. Some of the protesters such as ANTIFA (Anti Fascism) are setting the stage to restrict whatever civil liberties U.S. citizens have left. However, the tragic murder of George Floyd has the hallmark of an Israeli-trained tactic put to use to restrain suspects. Many U.S. states, cities and towns allow their police departments to be trained by the Israeli police, Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and by Israel's internal security service's known as Shin Bet who for decades has oppressed the Palestinians with brutal policing tactics. The Israeli's are experts in abuse and torture of the Palestinians which dates back to 1948, so now they train US police forces who use the same

tactics to subdue protesters or to violently arrest people for some reason or another. An article by the Jewish Voice For Peace in 2018 titled 'Deadly Exchange Report Reveals Extent of Massive Training Programs Between U.S. Law Enforcement and Israeli Police, Military and the Shin Bet' begins its analysis with who is involved with Israeli training methods:

"From the acting Deputy Director of ICE to the current Chief of Police in Washington DC, from San Diego to Chicago to Atlanta, since 2002 thousands of American law enforcement officials have trained in Israel with Israeli police, military and the Shin Bet. And thousands more have participated in security conferences and workshops with Israeli military, law enforcement and security officials held in the U.S. But despite their branding as top-tier counter-terrorism experts, Israeli police and security agents regularly violate civil rights, and implement racist and deadly policies."

The article describes one of the case studies of police officers spraying 'Skunk' a liquid that causes nausea when sprayed onto protesters during the 2014 protests in Ferguson, Missouri after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by police officer Darren Wilson as an example:

"Developed by Israeli police and manufactured by the Israeli company Odortec, "Skunk" is a foul-smelling liquid designed to cause nausea and linger for days when sprayed at high pressure onto protesters at demonstrations. Based on its proven effectiveness against Palestinian protests – particularly in West Bank village demonstrations against the Apartheid Wall – the American company Mistral Security began selling Skunk to U.S. police departments, including the St. Louis Metropolitan Police, following the 2014 protests in Ferguson, Missouri."

According to the report produced by Researching the American-Israeli Alliance (RAIA) in partnership with Jewish Voice for Peace titled 'Deadly Exchange: The Dangerous Consequences of American Law Enforcement Trainings in Israel' says that the Israeli military, police and those in intelligence agencies train US police forces under Israel's counter-terrorism methods which also involves racial profiling:

"Israel is heralded as a nation that keeps its citizens safe in the face of perpetual threat, but Israel's security regime is designed to subjugate Palestinians, and relies on systematic racial differentiation between Palestinians and Israeli Jews – that constitutes Apartheid. During trainings in Israel, US law enforcement delegations meet with Israeli military, police, and intelligence agencies to train in Israeli counterterrorism, which by definition necessitates refining methods of racial profiling."

The report said that "Months after 9/11, American law enforcement representatives attended their first official training expedition to Israel to exchange "best practices," knowledge, and expertise in counter-terrorism." Members from the FBI, CIA, chiefs and deputy chiefs from police departments across the US including California, New York, Texas, Maryland, Florida and others who were "schooled in Israeli military approaches to intelligence gathering, border security, checkpoints, and coordination with the media." The report said that the "US law enforcement exchange programs with Israel have become standard, with hundreds of American law enforcement officials from across the country going to Israel for trainings, and thousands more participating in security conferences and workshops with Israeli personnel in the United States." Allowing Israel's tactics to be used on US citizens has been normalized establishing even closer ties between both countries:

These exchange programs with Israel facilitate the sharing of practices and technologies between US law enforcement and the Israeli military, police and intelligence agencies; Instill militarized logics of security into the civilian sphere, normalizing practices of mass surveillance, criminalization, and the violent repression of communities and movements the government defines as threatening; and deepen ties between US and Israeli officials to shore up support for a shared security model that justifies flagrant human and civil rights violations.

Amnesty International (AI) published a report on August 2016 titled 'With Whom Are Many U.S. Police Departments Training? With A Chronic Human Rights Violator-Israel', the U.S. Department of Justice documented "widespread constitutional violations, discriminatory enforcement, and culture of retaliation" within the Baltimore Police department. The report rightly claimed that no attention was paid to who trained these officers "But what hasn't received as much attention is where Baltimore police received training on crowd control, use of force and surveillance: Israel's national police, military and intelligence services." AI said that that participants not only were from Baltimore, "hundreds of others from Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Arizona, Connecticut, New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Georgia, Washington state as well as the DC Capitol police have all traveled to Israel for training." Thousands of more police officers receive their training methods from Israelis in the US as well. To add insult to injury, the training for US police forces and other government agencies are paid by US taxpayers:

"Many of these trips are taxpayer funded while others are privately funded. Since 2002, the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee's Project Interchange and the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs have paid for police chiefs, assistant chiefs and captains to train in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT)."

This a reminder to the world that the police tactics used on George Floyd that got him killed was established in Israel, a Zionist state that uses the same tactics to oppress the Palestinians on a daily level is now commonly being used by US police forces.

Source: Adapted from an article by Timothy Alexander Guzman; published in CrossPost.

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**Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami****Date: 05 June 2020****Lahore (PR): “The border skirmishes between India and China in Ladakh may well transform into a full-blown war.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, in a statement. The Ameer said that it is not possible, at this stage, for China to leave its CPEC (and BRI) project unprotected and allow India to act in the region, with impunity, as it pleases. He noted that India is clashing with China in order to protect the interests of USA, instead of reaping the fruits of the CPEC project, which may lead to the ignition of the flames of war in the region. He remarked that India ought to consider thoughtfully that if the region became a theater of war, then pronounced damage and harm would be incurred by all countries in the region, and not just by any single conflicting party. He said that India should also not forget that history is testament to the fact that USA has never been a ‘genuine’ and ‘sincere’ friend of any nation.

The Ameer said that although it is a very welcome decision made by PEMRA to ban the broadcasting of all TV channels of Qadianis/Ahmadis in Pakistan, however it must be remembered that the real need of the hour is to shut down all forms, sources and forums of individual or mass medium communication of this anti-Islam cult in Pakistan, because according to the Constitution of Pakistan, they are not allowed to propagate their false religion in the country. He insistently demanded from the government to keep a strict eye of vigilance on the anti-Islam and anti-Pakistan activities of the Qadianis/Ahmadis.

While commenting on the locust attacks and damage to crops thereof in various parts of Pakistan, the Ameer noted that the fact of the matter is that this wrath is a consequence of our own misdeeds. We must realize that Allah (SWT) is not pleased with us. Therefore, it is imperative for us to seek for His (SWT) forgiveness, at both the individual and collective levels, so that we could be eligible for the pleasure and mercy of Allah (SWT). The Ameer concluded by asserting that the real task to do, in this regard, is to make the God-Given state of Pakistan a Fortress of Islam in genuine terms, so that we could be successful in this world and in the Hereafter.

Date: 01 June 2020**Lahore (PR): “The desecration of the graves (shrines) of Hazrat Umar bin Abdul Aziz (RAA) and his wife (RAA) is an evil attempt to create chaos and anarchy within the Muslim Ummah.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Hafiz Aakif Saeed**, in a statement. He lamented that whoever is behind such an atrocious and monstrous act is vehemently condemnable, while the sinister silence of the Muslim leaderships and the Ummah as a whole on this issue is a matter of grave concern. He said that the global forces of evil wanted to cause further strife among the Muslim Ummah, in the guise of such appalling actions, while those elements who committed such wicked acts were performing the role of ‘tools’ for delivering success to the malevolent agenda of the evil global powers and had become agents of the enemy.

The Ameer noted that the two and a half years of Khilafah of Hazrat Umar bin Abdul Aziz (RAA) was a ‘golden era’ for the Muslim Ummah, which was historic in terms of welfare for the masses and the munificence of Islam, second only to the era of the Khilafat-e-Rashida. The Ameer remarked that the Muslim Ummah ought to unite in order to devise a unified plan of action to stem the occurrence of such outrageous and despicable happenings. The OIC, Arab League and other international Islamic forums, in particular, must take strict notice of the matter and force the Syrian regime to immediately arrest and give exacting punishment to all elements responsible for doing this deplorable act.