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From the Qur'an:

"Blessed is He who sent down the Criterion upon His Servant that he may be to the worlds a warner

"He to whom belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and who has not taken a son and has not had a partner in dominion and has created each thing and determined with [precise] determination."

"But they have taken besides Him gods which create nothing, while they are created, and possess not for themselves any harm or benefit and possess not [power to cause] death or life or resurrection."

> (Surah al-Furgan. Verses 1 - 3)

Selected Hadith:

Asma' bint Abu Bakr (RA) said:

The Messenger of Allah (SAAW) was one day (i. e. on the day when the sun eclipsed) so perturbed that he (in haste) took hold of the outer garment (of a female member of his family) and it was later on that his (own) cloak was sent to him. He stood in prayer along with people for such a long time that if a man came he did not realize that the Messenger of Allah (SAAW) had observed ruku', as it has been narrated about ruku' in connection with long qiyam.."

(Sahih Muslim)

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).

At a superficial level, President Emmanuel Macron's statement identifying Islam as a threat to France means that Muslims in Europe will experience even more Islamophobia, vilification and ghettoization.

Nevertheless, there are far more important ramifications of his ignorant statement. His crude allegations against Islam and plans to introduce a legal and political framework to further constrain Muslims in France will lead to the weakening of NATO regimes' standing in the Muslim world.

The West's secular proxies will also experience greater difficulty in advancing their agenda in the Muslim world. Organizations that are camouflaged as NGOs will not be able to hold their moral and intellectual ground when Muslim governments like those in Pakistan, Turkey or Malaysia restrict propagation of anti-Islamic dogmas in Muslim societies, in a similar fashion to what Macron is doing to Muslim organizations in France.

Also, his accusation against Muslims of separatism while they struggle to adhere to an Islamic lifestyle in a militantly secular France reflects the deep-seated moral, social and political crises in Western societies.

Coupled with arrogance, the insecurities expressed by Macron will also likely emerge among other NATO regimes as a multipolar order replaces the West-centric world.

Macron knows that the crisis in the Muslim world he referred to in order to discredit Islam is the direct result of NATO meddling.

It is not Islamic movements that invaded Afghanistan, Libya and Iraq, or set up the Guantanamo Bay torture camp or installed corrupt authoritarian regimes such as those in Egypt and Syria.

It is Western regimes that are responsible for such criminal conduct and mayhem.

Thus, Macron's statement that Islam is in 'crisis' means something quite different.

Consciously or subconsciously, Macron realizes that Islamic movements in different parts of the world will survive the unraveling of the Western centric global order and assert their rightful position.

He is frustrated because the multiple invasions of Muslim lands and spending billions to discredit Islam and undermine it as a guiding road map to resolve global problems, have not produced the desired results.

From Europe to Indonesia, Muslims continue to follow the Islamic paradigm to solve their communal, municipal, financial and geopolitical problems.

This reflects the great resilience and confidence of a people who have experienced a well-financed and well-organized War of Terror since 2001. (Continued on Page 2)

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This is precisely why many Muslim scholars often point out that Islam's regenerative power will reassert itself.

Macron's statement simply confirms this reality even if a militant secularist heading an equally secular regime has expressed it in a crude and insulting manner.

The need of the hour is for the leaders of all Muslim countries to realize the gravity of Islamophobia in the western world and give a collective response in a befitting manner.

Signing off... Raza ul Haq (Editor)

"Clash of Civilizations"? Exposing Armenia's Infowar Strategy

Armenia and its supporters are waging a five-phase infowar strategy against Azerbaijan which selectively relies on international legal claims, wrongly blames Turkey for sparking the Nagorno-Karabakh Continuation War, decontextualizes the unverified reports about Ankara allegedly sending Syrian fighters to the battlefield, tries to pit Russia against Turkey, and falsely portrays the conflict as a so-called "clash of civilizations" between Christianity and Islam

Armenia's Infowar On Azerbaijan

The Armenian narrative in the Nagorno-Karabakh Continuation War is nothing more than a five-phase infowar strategy against Azerbaijan. It's an inaccurate reflection of reality which weaponizes false claims, innuendo, and fearmongering in order to promote the landlocked country's illegal military occupation of universally recognized Azerbaijani territory. Regrettably, it's been somewhat successful in misleading its targeted audience even though it's thus far failed to have any significant impact on influencing Russia, which the author recently argued would actually have its interests advanced by any Azerbaijani victory, not an Armenian one. Still, Armenia's five-phase infowar strategy is dangerous because it's climaxing with the false portrayal of the conflict as a so-called "clash of civilizations", which is why the main points of its narrative must be identified and systematically debunked. Paraphrased summaries of each phase and the facts that contradict them will now be presented.

1. "Armenia Abides By International Law While Azerbaijan Breaks It"

Four UNSC Resolutions (822, 853, 874, 884) were passed in 1993 demanding that the Armenian military withdraw from universally recognized Azerbaijani territory. The continued presence of such forces on foreign lands against the will of its legitimate government is a violation of international law. Azerbaijan has the right to reclaim control over its territory in accordance with the earlier cited resolutions. Although Armenians argue that their local ethnic kin in Azerbaijan deserve to practice their UN-enshrined right to self-determination, no legal moves can be made in this direction under the conditions of foreign military occupation and without the return of all internally displaced Azerbaijanis to the region. Even if such an internationally recognized vote ever takes place, it'll likely result in the creation of a broadly autonomous region as opposed to the area's separation from Azerbaijan since Nagorno-Karabakh isn't contiguous to Armenia and originally has a mixed population.

2. "Turkey Sparked The Nagorno-Karabakh Continuation War"

As the author recently wrote, "Azerbaijan Has The Legal Right To Request Turkish Military Assistance In Nagorno-Karabakh", but both Baku and Ankara have denied that anything of the sort has happened thus far. Armenia and its supporters like to fearmonger about what many have described as Turkey's foreign policy of "Neo-Ottomanism", but Turkey would actually be fully abiding by international law if it supported Azerbaijan in removing the Armenian occupying army from Nagorno-Karabakh upon Baku's request. It's the continued presence of that foreign military on universally recognized Azerbaijani soil that kept the conflict "frozen" for so long that it inevitably thawed with time. The author earlier argued that Armenia, not Azerbaijan or Turkey, was responsible for the latest outbreak of violence in order to attract more international support for its cause, force its "totally neutral" Russian ally to take a side, ruin its "balancing" act, and drive a wedge between it and Turkey.

3. "Turkey Is Sending Syrian Terrorists To Nagorno-Karabakh"

The reports about Turkey's dispatch of Syrian anti-government fighters to Azerbaijan are unconfirmed, but even if they were proven true, Baku has the legal right to contract their services. Secondly, while the author doesn't endorse the activities of the so-called "Syrian rebels", he recognizes that not all of them are designated and/or truly treated as terrorists. Russia declared at the onset of its anti-terrorist intervention in Syria that the "Free Syrian Army" isn't a terrorist group and acknowledged that some of its envoys had visited Moscow. It also allowed Mohammed Alloush from the banned Jaysh al-Islam to attend the first Astana peace talks in January 2017 as the head of the "opposition" delegation, and Foreign Minister Lavrov later suggested that they, his country, and Syria join forces against terrorists. In addition, focusing only on alleged Syrian mercenaries (whose activities would be legal as long as they aren't terrorists) ignores reports about Armenian diaspora, Kurdish (PKK), and even ethnic Greek mercenaries whose activities in Nagorno-Karabakh would be illegal under international law.

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4. "Russia & Turkey Are About To Come To Blow Over Nagorno-Karabakh"

Russian and Turkish diplomats are in close communication with one another about their countries' position regarding the rapidly changing developments of the Nagorno-Karabakh Continuation War. Neither has any intention to fight the other in the worst-case scenario of a CSTO-NATO war, whether a proxy war or a direct one. They already cooperate real closely in Syria so there's no reason why they can't do the same when it comes to Azerbaijan. Their stance towards mercenaries is also identical in that they consider such armed groups' alleged involvement in the conflict to be a destabilizing factor. There are thus far no indications to credibly claim that Russia and Turkey are about to come to blows over Nagorno-Karabakh, though Armenia wants to make it seem that way since this narrative might lead to more Western (especially French) diplomatic involvement on its side. It also wants to play mind games with both countries' leaders to provoke a split between them.

5. "Armenia Is On The Front Lines Of The Clash Of Civilizations"

The Armenian Prime Minister recently declared that "The front line in Artsakh has become a clash of civilizations and battle of survival" even though his July 2020 National Security Strategy asserts that "We reject the presumption of a clash of civilizations, and in international relations we position ourselves as supporters of the dialogue of civilizations." This dramatic volte-face is a purely opportunistic means to exploit the so-called "clash of civilizations" by falsely presenting the Nagorno-Karabakh Continuation War as an inevitable, existential conflict between Christianity and Islam, one which could lead to the "genocide" of the Azerbaijani Armenians. That claim ignores the fact that Azerbaijan's Russian Christian minority is completely integrated into society and respected. It's also a dangerous portrayal of events intended as a last-ditch desperate attempt to attract as much Western support as possible, drive a wedge between Russia and Turkey, and stave off Armenia's defeat.

Concluding Thoughts

Armenia's five-phase infowar strategy against Azerbaijan started off by selectively relying on international law but has quickly climaxed to the point of alleging an ongoing "clash of civilizations" between Christianity and Islam. Even Bush, whose two wars on Muslim-majority Afghanistan and Iraq led to indescribable destruction, said that "there is no clash of civilizations", yet Pashinyan is portraying his war on Muslim-majority Azerbaijan as precisely one such example of that so-called "clash". This is an extremely dangerous development that could provoke inter-religious violence across the world if radically inclined folks from either faith or even others are misled into believing it. At all costs, Armenia's fearmongering about a "clash of civilizations" must therefore be exposed and debunked. It cannot be allowed to settle in the minds of the world's people otherwise it could accelerate preexisting "Balkanization" processes in identity-diverse and conflict-prone regions.

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Lahore (PR): "PEMRA ought to take practical measures against the promotion of indecency and profanity in the media."

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. He said that PEMRA is merely resorting to giving 'advice' and 'pleading' to the media to stop promoting indecency and profanity, despite the fact that PEMRA is a state-backed regulatory institution and, hence, it ought to legally censure and ban all such media houses and other sources, with the full force of the law, that are involved in destroying the moral values of our nation for the sake of petty worldly gains.

He said that due to these half-baked 'actions' of PEMRA, the media is getting increasingly bold and crossing all limits in promoting indecency and profanity. He said that Allah (SWT) has delivered a stern warning in the Holy Qur'an to those guilty of promoting vulgarity, indecency and profanity, and notified those guilty of the crime of the most awful punishment.

He remarked that the situation has reached such a tipping point today that even UNICEF, a body of the West, has been forced to state in a recent report that the reason for increased sexual violence and crimes in the world is the promotion, advocacy and open exhibition of indecency and profanity in the media.

The Ameer concluded by asserting that Islam declares Modesty to be an integral part of Faith, therefore, in a country like Pakistan, which was created on the basis of Islam and it is written in the constitution of Pakistan that Islam is the official religion of the state, if the rulers do not take practical punitive action against the proliferation of profanity, vulgarity and indecency, then they would be considered to have acted with deliberate criminal negligence in this world and in the Hereafter.

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<u>Date</u>: 03 October 2020

Lahore (PR): "The military adventurism of Armenia on the territory of the Muslim country Azerbaijan is unacceptable!"

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. He noted that the history of Armenia is packed with enmity against Islam. The crusaderideology driven Christian State of Armenia was at the forefront of causing chaos and instability through intrigues against the Khilafat-e-Usmania (The Ottoman Khilafah). After the break-up of the former Soviet Union, Armenia started to openly and treacherously support the secessionist and rebellious elements and movement in the Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan and today Armenia has imposed war on Azerbaijan by trying to illegally occupy the region. He said that Azerbaijan has the unconditional and unconstrained right to engage in an armed-struggle against Armenia to protect and safeguard its territorial integrity. He commended that once again the President of Turkey, Tayyip Erdoğan, has taken an open and clear stance in support of a Muslim country. The Ameer concluded by emphasizing that the fact of the matter is that it has become imperative today for Muslim countries to unite and bond together as a genuine Muslim Ummah in order to safeguard and protect themselves from the nefarious designs of their enemies.

<u>Date</u>: 02 October 2020

Lahore (PR): "The acquittal of those responsible for demolishing the Babri Mosque by an Indian court despite their candid confession of the crime is appalling."

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. He remarked that the fact of the matter is that not only the Modi administration, but all state institutions of India, including the judiciary, are openly advancing and fostering the Hindutva ideology and making it clear as daylight through their actions that there is no place for any religion other than Hinduism in India. The Ameer said that this decision by the Indian court has created a shocking precedent in the judicial history of the world, because one of the 'accused' who has been acquitted publicly confessed to the crime after the court verdict that he had indeed participated in demolishing the Babri Mosque and that "it was a victory for the Hindu religion and nation", yet the self-confessed criminal stands cleared of all charges and the Indian judicial system remained unmoved. The skies would never have witnessed such a blatant sacrilege of Justice in human history, he lamented. The Ameer noted that the Muslims of India are being subjected to persecution, viciousness and cruelty in particular. Various leaders of the ruling BJP party have claimed that India would be 'cleansed' of all people other than those subscribing to the Hindu religion after the year 2021. The Ameer concluded by stating that if the Islamic World remains silent on such decisions being made in India based on oppression, cruelty and injustice, and they do not respond effectively now, then there would be no stopping India from making such unjust and tyrannical decisions in the future and Indian oppression and brutality against Muslims would keep intensifying.