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From the Qur'an:

"Say, (O Prophet), "If your parents and children and siblings and spouses and extended family and the wealth you have acquired and the trade you fear will decline and the homes you cherish – (if all these) are more beloved to you His Allah than and Messenger and struggling in His Way, then wait until Allah brings about His Will. Allah does not guide the rebellious people.'

"Indeed Allah has given you (believers) victory on many battlefields, even at the Battle of Hunain when you took pride in your great numbers, but they proved of no advantage to you. The earth, despite its vastness, seemed to close in on you, then you turned back in retreat."

"Then Allah sent down His reassurance upon His Messenger and the believers, and sent down forces you could not see, and punished those who disbelieved. Such was the reward of the disbelievers."

(Surah At-Tawbah, Verses 24 - 26)

Selected Hadith:

Anas ibn Malik (RA) reported:

The Messenger of Allah, (SAAW) said, "None of you have faith until I am more beloved to him than his children, his father, and all of the people."

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

Secularism is a fascinating subject, not the least because of the richness of its meaning. For it means widely different things at different times and in different circumstances. Upon a cursory examination of French record on the subject, three flavors stand out: extra sweet, regular and bitter. In the extra sweet version, it means support of church by state. In the regular version it means separation, i.e. mutual non-interference, of church and state. And in the bitter version it means the suppression of religion by state. For obvious marketing reasons, not all versions are at display at the same time, so as not to confuse the consumers. But they are there.

For 'Secularism-Regular' we can look at the France of the past century since 1905. After a power tussle, both church and state decided on peaceful co-existence. The church and state have defined boundaries and they generally remain within them. It is a case of live and let live. That is why the Jewish skullcaps and Christian crosses were not discovered to be violating "secular principles" and "fiercely guarded secular traditions" (labels used by the propaganda machine to justify Secularism-Bitter we are witnessing now) until hijab appeared on the scene. Somewhere between Secularism-Sweet and Secularism-Regular lies the relationship between the French government and the Catholic schools. Nearly 20% of French students go to Catholic schools. So many can go there because they are affordable. And they are affordable because they are highly subsidized by the "fiercely secular" French government! Of course such inconvenient facts were carefully left out from the media coverage so as not to spoil a good story!

The Secularism-Bitter has been reserved to fix the problem of the undeserving "infidels" who refuse to learn how to behave as good colonial subjects. When French were a minority in Muslim Algeria they imposed their culture on the majority. When Muslims became a minority in France the same French are not willing to give the minority even the right to follow their religion. So they have concocted this special brew of Secularism-Bitter which says that it is okay to be a Muslim in France but it is not okay to pray five times a day, observe fasts in Ramadan, insist on halal food, wear hijab if you are a female or a beard if you are a male, or take any other of your religious obligations seriously and sincerely.

A report by a government body, The Institut National d'Etudes Démographiques (INED), declared assimilation of Muslims as a desirable goal then effectively defined an assimilated Muslim as one who did not pray regularly, did not fast, and made fewer visits to the country of origin. The policy has been in effect for decades. Each year the French government refuses about one-third of the applicants for naturalization, and some of those refusals are of candidates who meet the formal conditions for naturalization, but fail the "assimilation test" as defined here.

Secularism-Bitter flourishes in the other less-known France. The world knows of (Continued on Page 2)

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the France of Freedom, Equality and Brotherhood. But there is another France too, that of Islamophobia and hate. Among its many bitter fruits have been the banning of Islamic publications, arbitrary arrests of Muslim leaders (especially during the time of Charles Pasqua, former interior minister), roadside identity checks for Muslims, restrictions on halal slaughter, and creative prohibitions on mosque building. Media accounts have repeatedly reminded us that about 70% of the French public is in favor of the hijab ban and other anti-Islamic steps now being legislated. This is used as a legitimizing statement so the readers can rest assured that it must be both right and good.

What has been left out is the fact that both the French government and its media have worked long and hard on generating this Islamophobia. It "is not a recent phenomenon but was already clearly established as early as the First World War," says Neil MacMaster in Islamophobia in France and the "Algerian Problem". For the 6 million French Muslims there are only five purpose built mosques and not a single Muslim member of parliament. Of course we can count on the media machine to act as the cheerleaders as France moves down the path of (in) equality, (in) tolerance, and Islamophobia.

The churn has, however, been increased manifold since the start of October 2020!

The French President, Emmanuel Macron, gave a speech on 'Islam in Crisis' and accused Muslims of 'separatism', while they struggle to adhere to an Islamic lifestyle in a militantly secular France. That alone reflected the deep-seated moral, social and political crises in Western societies. Coupled with arrogance, the insecurities expressed by Macron were prelude for what was to follow.

Macron crossed all limits in his enmity against Islam and blasphemy against the Holy Prophet *(SAAW)*. He posthumously gave the highest civilian 'honor' of France (Légion d'Honneur) to the condemned blasphemer, Samuel Paty, which clearly showed that France is a proponent of the 'Crusader Mentality' even today. The so-called champion of free speech and expression displayed the notorious blasphemous caricatures on government buildings in France and proved his intense state-sponsored hatred for Islam and Muslims. He confirmed that he is a fervent advocate of Islamophobia. The Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, said that this person (Macron) needs a mental check.

Macron knows that it was 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. Consciously, Macron realizes that Islamic movements in different parts of the world will survive the unraveling of the Western 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 organized War of Terror since 2001.

The fact of the matter is that the entire West and its cronies have crossed the red line of Islamophobia and they keep showing that time and again. Muslims must now devise a strategy to practically counter such malevolent agenda, rather than just giving lip service. Muslims should retort by boycotting French products and cease all trade and economic relations with France. In addition, all Muslim countries ought to terminate diplomatic relations with France.

This is precisely what many Muslim scholars often point towards as the 'Regenerative Power of Islam'.

Our sincere advice to the readers is that the strategy to survive the ominous state-sponsored extremism and anti-Islam/Muslim bigotry of the West, India and Israel is two pronged. Firstly, we would advise all our readers to never let go of 'wisdom' and 'insight' in order to look beyond the deceptions of the forces of evil.

Secondly, and more importantly, we would strongly recommend our readers (leaders and masses alike) to seek the forgiveness of Allah (*SWT*) for betraying Him (*SWT*) and His messenger (*SAAW*) by holding firmly unto the universal message of the Qur'an and the Sunnah, and strive their utmost to establish the Deen of Allah (*SWT*) in their individual and collective lives, culminating in the establishment of the genuine Islamic System of Social Justice in the World. May Allah (*SWT*) accept our mass apology and save us from His (*SWT*) wrath, give us the potential to look beyond the deceptions of the forces of evil, guide us from the Qur'an and the Sunnah to establish the Islamic System of Social Justice among our ranks and grant us success in this worldly life and bestow on us lofty ranks in the Hereafter. *Aameen!*

Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

Date: 26 October 2020

Lahore (PR): "The French President has gone rabid in enmity against Islam."

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. He said that the President of France, Emmanuel Macron, has crossed all limits in his enmity against Islam and blasphemy against the Holy Prophet *(SAAW)*. The President of France has posthumously given the highest civilian award of France (Légion d'Honneur) to the condemned blasphemer, Samuel Paty, which clearly shows that France is a proponent of the 'Crusader Mentality' in this era too and is, hence, continuously demonstrating enmity towards Islam.

The Ameer remarked that the so called champion of free speech displayed the notorious blasphemous caricatures on government buildings in France and proved his intense hatred for Islam and Muslims, and confirmed that he is a fervent advocate of Islamophobia. He questioned that would this so called 'leader' of France, responsible for trampling and desecrating the feelings and emotions of almost 1.75 billion Muslims, have the courage to allow 'free speech and expression' on the subject of the Holocaust?

Therefore, he said, that this matter is an example of the worst kind of religious bigotry and has nothing to do with the 'freedom of speech or expression'.

The Ameer said that the Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, has rightly stated that this person (Macron) needs a mental check (because he has become insane).

The fact of the matter is that the entire West and its cronies have crossed the red line of Islamophobia and they keep showing that time and again.

The Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami said that the truth is that any person who carries out such a despicable and shameful act as carried out by the French President does not deserve to be the head of any state. He asserted that the Muslims would now have to devise a strategy to practically counter such malevolent agenda, rather than just giving lip service.

The Ameer concluded by elaborating that the Muslims should retort by boycotting French products and cease all trade and economic relations with France. In addition, all Muslim countries ought to terminate diplomatic relations with France.

Date: 16 October 2020

Lahore (PR): "India has become the global hub of providing haven, nurturing, facilitating and exporting terrorists."

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, <u>Shujauddin Shaikh</u>, in a statement. He noted that India is a country in today's world that not only perpetrates state terrorism, but also exports terrorism to other parts of the world. India not only finances terrorists but also provides them with all forms of facilitation and support. He remarked that India has packed a small country like Afghanistan with its consulates, whose prime objective is to infiltrate Pakistan with its terrorists to carry out terrorist activities. He said that a high-ranking official of the government has claimed that Pakistan has irrefutable evidence of Indian involvement in terrorist activities perpetrated against Pakistan.

The Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami demanded that our government should share all such evidence with the UN and all other international institutions and organizations so that the malevolent face of India with regards to sponsoring terrorism could be unmasked further.

While expressing deep sorrow and concern over the martyrdom of more than 20 civilians and military personnel in two incidents of terrorism in the country on 15 October, the Ameer said that the State of Pakistan must candidly respond with force to these tragic incidents of terrorism.

He said that India is also engaged in all sorts of schemes to foment sectarianism in Pakistan. The martyrdom of Ulema (religious scholars) belonging to various religious schools of thought in Pakistan, too, is a part of the malicious Indian plan to create instability and strife in Pakistan, he remarked.

The Ameer concluded by asserting that our rulers, Ulema-e-Karam and the masses must recognize the nefarious designs of India and work in tandem to consciously and resolutely move in the direction of a national consent, founded on the basis of the Deen (Islam). We must understand and accept that only a genuine Islamic Welfare State of Pakistan will be able to defeat the evil plans of our enemies.

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Press Release issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

Date: 23 October 2020

Lahore (PR): "The exemplary way of life of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) is the real remedy for all problems facing the Ummah."

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, <u>Shujauddin Shaikh</u>, in a statement. The Ameer noted that the holding of Seerah conferences and Nasheed gatherings during the month of Rabi ul Awal is certainly laudable and while the Hamd (glorification) of Allah *(SWT)* and the Sanaa (praise) of the Holy Prophet *(SAAW)* are indeed provisions (of Islam) and vital modes of devotion, but the fact of the matter is that Islam is a Deen, i.e., a complete code of life, therefore, until it is not practiced in toto, Muslims would neither be able to attain dignity and honor in this world, nor would they be able to succeed in the Hereafter.

Muslims ought to look towards the noble Seerah of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) as the perfect model to follow and assume the mission bestowed on us by the Holy Prophet (SAAW) by recognizing <u>that</u> undertaking <u>which</u> the Holy Prophet (SAAW) persistently perused from the time of declaration of his (SAAW) Prophethood and which continued throughout his (SAAW) earthly life.

We are of the considered opinion, he remarked, that there can never be any disagreement regarding the fact that the Holy Prophet (SAAW) persistently strived, night and day, for 23 years for the establishment of that Deen (Islam) which was divinely revealed on him (SAAW) by Almighty Allah (SWT).

The Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami said that the Holy Prophet (SAAW) unequivocally acquired the testimony of all the people in his (SAAW) sermon delivered during the Farewell Pilgrimage that he (SAAW) had fully and exquisitely fulfilled the responsibility bequeathed on him (SAAW) by Allah (SWT) and he (SAAW) also declared that it was now the obligation of the Ummah to propagate the Deen (Islam) to the entire world for all times to come.

The Ameer lamented that we are facing disgrace and ignominy today because we have failed to fulfill <u>that</u> responsibility given to us. The Ameer concluded by asserting that we have solemn belief that if we strive with utmost sincerity and determination to establish the Deen (Islam), Allah *(SWT)* would grant us success, as a result of which not only would we be reinstated to the position of 'Leaders of the World' but it would also serve as the source of our success in the Hereafter.

InshaAllah!

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