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From the Qur'an:

"And recite, [O Muhammad], what has been revealed to you of the Book of your Lord. There is no changer of His words, and never will you find in other than Him a refuge."

"And keep yourself patient [by being] with those who call upon their Lord in the morning and the evening, seeking His face [i.e., acceptance]. And let not your eyes pass beyond them, desiring adornments of the worldly life, and do not obey one whose heart We have made heedless of Our remembrance and who follows his desire and whose affair is ever [in] neglect."

"And say, "The truth is from your Lord, so whoever wills - let him believe; and whoever wills - let him disbelieve." Indeed, We have prepared for the wrongdoers a fire whose walls will surround them. And if they call for relief, they will be relieved with water like murky oil, which scalds [their] faces. Wretched is the drink, and evil is the resting place."

(*Surah Al-Kahf, Verses 27 - 29*)

Selected Hadith:

Usama (RA) reported that Allah's Messenger (SAAW) climbed up a battlement amongst the battlements of Madinah and then said: "You do not see what I am seeing and I am seeing the places of turmoil between your houses as tile places of rainfall."

(*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).

A report published by the United Nations in 2018 stated that by the year 2020 the Gaza Strip would be uninhabitable. It said specifically that, "the United Nations has stated that Gaza may well be unlivable by 2020." The report emphasized also that "Michael Lynk, Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories Occupied Since 1967, drew attention to Israel's persistent non-cooperation with the Special Rapporteur's mandate. As with his two predecessors, Israel has not granted him entry to visit the country, nor the Occupied Palestinian territory." Anyone who thinks that the Gaza Strip was "liveable" prior to 2020 is out of their mind.

The Gaza Strip has been a humanitarian disaster since it was artificially created in the aftermath of the 1948 Zionist campaign of ethnic cleansing. It was created primarily as a holding place for the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians driven off of their lands by Zionist terrorists in southern Palestine. Impoverished and homeless, these refugees were forced to survive on handouts, and today they make up more than half of the Gaza Strip's 2.2 million inhabitants. Considering the high standard of living that the illegal Jewish citizens occupying illegitimate Israel enjoy, living as they do on the very lands from which the Palestinians were exiled, the "Strip" was never "liveable."

Now 2020 has come and gone, the United Nations report is shelved, and not a thing has changed. Over two million people remain imprisoned by Israel in the Gaza Strip. They suffer from a lack of the most basic needs like drinkable water, electricity, medicine, and nutrition. Israel also denies them basic human rights while Israeli Jews living minutes away enjoy a standard of living that is, by any measure, enviable with full access to the finest health care, nutrition, and clean water. The prisoners of Gaza also face Israeli airstrikes and ground assaults on a regular basis.

A delegation of European representatives recently visited Gaza, yet Europeans have not used their influence, political or otherwise, to end Israeli violations of human rights and international law. It would not have taken much for EU representatives to see the devastation, poverty, and severe shortages experienced by the people of Gaza. All one needs to do is drive through the Gaza Strip to see the evidence, and yet no change seems to be forthcoming from the Europeans. In fact, according to the Israeli press, Germany just announced that in order to provide Israel with a European made vaccine for Covid-19, "Germany used its influence in the EU to bend the rule that a European-produced vaccination would be given to European countries first. Germany justified the decision in part through its "historical commitment to supporting Israel." Knowing full well that millions of Palestinians are denied health care and that the spread of Covid-19 among Palestinians is alarming, no such commitment was made to assist the Palestinians in their fight against the deadly disease.

The comfort that Europeans display as they cooperate with the State of Israel, even as they claim to be champions of human rights, amounts to complicity. According to the Geneva Convention, particularly the Rome Statute, European cooperation with Israel constitutes complicity in genocide. When one looks at the definition of genocide and compares it with the actions of Israel in Gaza, it is quite clear that the Zionist State is engaged in genocide.

In the present Convention, genocide means any of the following acts committed with intent to destroy, in whole

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or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such:

1. Killing members of the group;
2. Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
3. Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
4. Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
5. Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group;

All of the five 'acts' stated above are constantly committed by Israel in Gaza. Furthermore, Article II of the Genocide Convention "contains a narrow definition of the crime of genocide, which includes two main elements," one of which is the "intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnical, racial or religious group, as such." Israeli attacks on Gaza for over seven decades clearly demonstrate that they are part of a larger strategy and that there is clear intent to bring about the destruction of a people.

According to a report published by Human Rights Watch (HRW), the issue of complicity with genocide is quite clear. "Prior jurisprudence has defined the term complicity as aiding and abetting, instigating, and procuring [...] Complicity to commit genocide in Article 2(3)(e) refers to all acts of assistance or encouragement that have substantially contributed to, or have had a substantial effect on, the completion of the crime of genocide."

The report defined the following as elements of complicity in genocide:

- "complicity by procuring means, such as weapons, instruments or any other means, used to commit genocide, with the accomplice knowing that such means would be used for such a purpose;
- complicity by knowingly aiding or abetting a perpetrator of a genocide in the planning or enabling acts thereof;

According to that definition, both the EU states and the United States are complicit in the crime of genocide.

Human Rights Watch maintains that Israel has, "entrenched discriminatory systems that treat Palestinians unequally." It "involves systematic rights abuses, including collective punishment, routine use of excessive lethal force against protesters, and prolonged administrative detention without charge or trial for hundreds."

It continues to state that Israel, "builds and supports illegal settlements [...] expropriating Palestinian land and imposing burdens on Palestinians but not on settlers, restricting their access to basic services and making it nearly impossible for them to build." Regarding the Gaza Strip, HRW writes that "Israel's more than decade-long closure of Gaza severely restricts the movement of people and goods, with devastating humanitarian impact."

The first order of business needs to be the immediate and unconditional lifting of the siege imposed on the Gaza Strip since 2007. A no-fly zone monitored by UN or European naval forces must be imposed on all Israeli aircraft. In addition to these measures, humanitarian relief must be made available to the people of Gaza without delay. Israel must be sanctioned and all military and economic cooperation with Israel must be stopped until such time that it complies with international law and ends all its violations of human rights. This should be followed by setting a date for free and fair one person, one vote elections in all of historic Palestine. Then processes must be put in place for the repatriation of Palestinian refugees, and funding must be set aside for payment of reparations and restitution. Israel must also be held accountable for its violations of international law since 1948 and Israeli politicians, as well as military commanders, must be investigated and charged with war crimes.

European countries are fully aware of the reality that exists in Gaza. A long and cruel siege, constant Israeli attacks resulting in the killing of countless civilians, destruction of homes and infrastructure, extreme poverty, and trauma are the daily bread of Palestinians in Gaza.

The reality in Gaza is no secret and Israeli violations of international law are well known. In the light of the everyday nightmare in Gaza, some wonder what can drive hundreds, at times, thousands of young women and men to the edge of steel barricades and barbed wire that make their home a prison built of walls but not of silence. Yet they struggle on as they toss stones at soldiers hundreds of yards away and ignite fires that pose no threat but speak loudly of freedom. Ultimately, it's the indefatigable spirit of these 140 square miles of self-determination that threatens the myth, indeed, puts the lie to the grand sale of an "all-powerful" and "authoritarian" Israel.

Whatever Israel has built on seized land and, ultimately, will leave behind has not been erected by the "call of principled purpose" but the drive to become the ruling state in the world. At day's end, it's a legacy that knows no home, or welcome, but that of brute force. For empires large and small history is but a predictable march of gaudy pretense. Gilded shacks built of shallow stilts and tattered shrines, theirs is homage to little more than empty tease. It's who and what they are... it's what they do... at least until they crash. And sooner or later all despotic empires crash.

Be assured, Israel will not be the exception. It is a promise made by the Almighty (*SWT*)!

Signing off...

Raza ul Haq (Editor)

One Hundred Years of Servitude

How the West Hoodwinked Palestinians into Statelessness

Part 1 of 2

It is impossible to think of the plight of Palestinians at the hands of the Free World and not recall the childhood fairy tale of Little Red Riding Hood and its dark if obscure underpinnings.

Are the Western powers intent on reinterpreting the tale, equating the wolf with the grandmother? They are telling the little girl to celebrate the wolf for his focused and dynamic approach to achieving his objectives convincingly – and to try and negotiate a settlement with him in the best interest of peace.

The grisly tale begins about a hundred years ago. Europeans in general and Russian and Germans in particular had a history of persecuting Jews, which they felt guilty about. European justice kicks into action. The deprived Jews are compensated at the expense of poor Palestinians, who would eventually be dispossessed of the land of their forefathers per force.

More than 700,000 Palestinians were forced to become international refugees in 1949. Eighty years later, the civilized world does not recognize their right to return to their ancestral homeland. On the other hand, in the 1990s alone, Israel welcomed and integrated 100,000 Russian Jews and 39,000 Ethiopian Jews.

A hundred years on, why is the world still unable to rid itself of this lone surviving colonial project of Israel? To answer that question, we must dig up the annals of history to see how the project began in the first place.

It all started actively in 1896 when Theodore Herzl, the father of modern Zionism, conceived the idea of a 'Jewish home'. A vast majority of the Jews of the time rejected the idea, fearing that they will lose the European countries' nationalities and be expelled to such a Jewish State.

Conservative Jews considered it a sacrilege since only the Messiah can establish the sacred state. Both Baron Hirsh (Germany) and Baron Rothschild (UK) disliked the idea.

The same year, Herzl met Sultan Abdul Hamid in Istanbul, with a request for a grant of some land to the Jews in Palestine, promising that all the financial burdens of Ottomans will be taken care of in return. Well aware of the Zionist plan, the Sultan rejected the request saying the land belonged to the Muslims who had shed sweat and blood for it for millennia.

Herzl presented the idea in the first World Zionist Congress held in Basel, Switzerland in 1897. After the death of Herzl in 1904, Chaim Weizmann and other Zionists kept pursuing their case. In 1917, Lord Balfour, the pro-Zionist British Foreign Secretary, and Prime Minister Lloyd George obliged by issuing the Balfour Declaration to Lord Rothschild.

Now the Rothschilds and Hirshes came on board. In return British leaders wanted Jewish influence in other European capitals to convince them to remain on Britain's side in the First World War.

Anticipating defeat of Ottomans especially in the Middle East, UK committed herself to facilitating Zionists in the Secret Sykes-Picot agreement for the land east of the Mediterranean. Quietly the British allowed Jewish emigration into Palestine that came under their control after the WW1 defeat of Ottomans.

Formed immediately after WW1, the League of Nations granted Britain a mandate to administer more than half of the conquered Middle East and later grant right to self-determination – the other half going on similar terms to France.

Part of the mandate called on Britain to establish a Jewish national homeland. Palestine was the only area of the region where the right to self-determination was not given to the local population.

Britain directly administered these regions from 1928 to 1948. First British High Commissioner to Palestine Sir Herbert Samuel was a Zionist Jew. He inducted better educated Jews in administering the land. By the end of the mandate period the Jews were better prepared to administer Palestine than the less educated and underprivileged Palestinians.

It is of interest to note that secretly and separately Britain made conflicting covenants with Sharif Hussein of Hejaz, the Jews, the French, the Saudis, and the Palestinians in exchange for revolts rendered against the Ottomans Empire.

From Egypt to Iraq, nation states would always go to the same colonial power for dispute resolution i.e., Britain (later to be replaced by USA). One hundred years on, it is still the same.

For more than hundred years Zionist with their financial tycoons, behind the scene maneuvering and making and breaking of western leaders have achieved their goals, a feat unmatched by other ethnoreligious groups in the world. The civilized world calls this track two diplomacy and lobbying.

Emigration to 'the Promised Land' was slow early on despite incentives, but the rise of Hitler in 1933 and then the

Holocaust accelerated the process manifold.

In 1947, Jews were less than 10 percent of the population of Palestine according to Palestinians. Jewish claims put the proportion at more than 30 percent. Ownership of Jewish landholdings were less than 6 percent.

After WW2, UK declared that it would terminate the Administrative Mandate on 14 May, 1948. The UN passed Resolution 181 on 29 November, 1947 for the partition of Palestine. Fifty five percent of the land was given to ten percent Jews and 45 percent land was for ninety percent Palestinians.

Arabs rejected the resolution because it violated their right to self-determination recognized under the UN charter. Civil war broke out between Jews and Palestinians which lasted for the next six months.

Drawing financial support from Jewish communities from all over the world, the Jews amassed around \$180 million, whereas the Palestinians did not even receive the one million pounds committed by the Arab league.

Under the leadership of Mufti Ameen Al Hussein they gathered funds from local Palestinian communities. Initially the Palestinian Fedayeen fought well but with time the Jews improved on their war capabilities with volunteers joining them from overseas. Within six months Haganah, the main paramilitary force of Jews became better organized and better equipped and got the upper hand in the civil war.

On 14 May, 1948, Israel declared independence. The next day, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon supported by manpower and ammunition from Saudi Arabia and Iraq attacked Israel. In order to match the Arabs' superior arms and air force, the Jews bought used aircrafts and military equipment's discarded after WW2 from Europe.

The Arab-Israeli War continued until the 1949 Armistice Agreement under the auspices of the UN. The upshot was that Israel came into existence taking over even more land than was originally granted by the UN.

Due to the self-centered leadership of Arab states and desire to grab maximum land for their own country, the combined forces lacked coordination and unity of command.

King Abdullah I of Jordan was secretly in cahoots with the Jews. His interest was only in conquering Jerusalem and the West Bank. He was opposed to an independent Palestinian State at his western border. The Egyptians occupied the Gaza strip. As a result, the Palestinians ended up in worse state than what was granted by the UN in 1947.

The most important consequence of the First Arab Israeli War was the establishment of a militarily superior Israel over the combined might of the Arab states.

More than 700,000 Palestinians became refugees. Their children and their children's children remain homeless and stateless to this day.

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Press Release issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

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Lahore (PR): “The US expression of ‘concern’ regarding the court verdict in the Daniel Pearl case is unwarranted interference in the internal affairs of Pakistan.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement.

He noted that the decision to acquit the accused in the Daniel Pearl case has been dispensed by the Sindh High Court (SHC). He asserted that the US must never be afforded the permission to interfere with the judicial system and process of Pakistan. He queried that would the US allow Pakistan to interfere in its own judicial verdicts?

The Ameer said that our courts have delivered this verdict after duly and meticulously considering all constitutional and legal issues and requisites and the plaintiffs still reserve the right to appeal against the decision in the Supreme Court of Pakistan (SC).

The Ameer demanded of the government of Pakistan to ensure that the impartiality and independence of the judiciary is upheld at all costs and said that our government ought not to succumb to any kind of external pressure regarding this matter.

The Ameer concluded by stating that it is our considered opinion that the standard of justice, fairness and impartiality must be upheld in this court case, without any compromise on legal and ethical rudiments.

**Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami****Date: 24 December 2020****Lahore (PR): “The Quaid-e-Azam had declared that the Holy Qur’an would be the constitution of Pakistan!”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement.

He noted that the best way to honor and pay tribute to the Quaid-e-Azam is to earnestly and sincerely act upon his sayings, precepts and philosophy. He was such a staunch proponent of the establishment of the Islamic System in Pakistan that he candidly branded those elements as ‘mischievous’, who were spreading rumors that the *Shariat-e-Muhammadi (SAAW)* would not be established in Pakistan.

On his deathbed, the Quaid-e-Azam had said that “I have firm belief that it is spiritual endowment of the Holy Prophet (*SAAW*) that Pakistan has come into existence. Now it the obligation of the people of Pakistan to make it (Pakistan) a reflection (replica) of the *Khilafat-e-Rashida* (The Rightly-Guided Caliphate), so that Allah (*SWT*) may fulfill His (*SWT*) promise and bestow on Muslims the leadership and dominion over the entire world”; a statement utterly brimming with faith!

The Ameer asserted the fact that Pakistan and Islam are like hand in glove. There is not a speck of doubt that the *raison d’etre* of Pakistan is Islam and Islam alone.

The Ameer concluded by warning that if the genuine Islamic System is not made the foundation and cornerstone of Pakistan, then Pakistan would not only face an uphill battle for stability but also an existential threat.

Date: 18 December 2020**Lahore (PR): “The Fall of Dhaka, in fact, befell due to our failure to practically implement the Ideology of Pakistan.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement.

He noted that remembering and observing 16 December as a ‘Black Day’ or blaming each other for the break-up of Pakistan into two parts, would not help in any way in resolving the problems being faced by the ‘present’ Pakistan. Had the Ideology of Pakistan been practically implemented immediately after independence in 1947, i.e., the Islamic System of Collective Justice been established, then Pakistan would not have been broken-up into two part, but instead it would have sprouted and matured as an extremely strong and stable country of the region, and despite the geographical distance between them, both parts of the country would have been a source of stability and harmonizing strength for each other.

He remarked that our conundrum is that we have not learnt any lesson from that prodigious disaster and, even today, certain so-called leaders are trying to create social-class-based and linguistic discord in the country. He said that we have tried the structures of parliamentary democracy, the presidential system and martial law, yet the circumstances of Pakistan are not improving, rather increasingly deteriorating on a consistent basis.

He observed that, therefore, we ought to reflect and decide, on the basis of both faith and reason, regarding which system would make Pakistan a great nation. He asserted that whichever metric we use, we inevitably reach the same conclusion, without fail, that in order to ensure the survival and security of Pakistan, it is imperative for us to establish the genuine and complete Islamic system in our country.

The Ameer concluded by affirming that we are such a fortunate nation that our success in this world and in the Hereafter is knotted to a single factor – Islam!