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From the Qur'an:

"Say, [O Muhammad],
"Shall we [believers] inform
you of the greatest losers
as to [their] deeds?"

"[They are] those whose
effort is lost in worldly life,
while they think that they
are doing well in work."

"Those are the ones who
disbelieve in the verses of
their Lord and in [their]
meeting Him, so their
deeds have become
worthless; and We will not
assign to them on the Day
of Resurrection any weight
[i.e., importance]."

"That is their recompense -
Hell - for what they denied
and [because] they took
My signs and My
messengers in ridicule."

(*Surah Al-Kahf: Verses 103 - 106*)

Selected Hadith:

It has been reported on the
authority of Abd al-Rahman
bin Samura who said: The
Messenger of Allah (SAAW)
said to me: 'Abd al-
Rahman, do not ask for a
position of authority, for if
you are granted this
position as a result of your
asking for it, you will be left
alone (without Allah's help
to discharge the
responsibilities attendant
thereon), and it you are
granted it without making
any request for it, you will
be helped (by Allah in the
discharge of your duties).

(*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).

Netanyahu's 15 years as prime minister have come to an end, but his legacy lives
on. If there were questions about what exactly that legacy might be, the never-shy
Bibi was quick to list his "accomplishments" in a "valedictory speech" before the
Knesset.

In Trump-like fashion, he boasted that he, and he alone: made Israel a "global
power" — able to stand up to enemies; resisted pressure from allies to stop building
settlements; ended Israel's "socialist economy" transforming the country into a free-
market haven; challenged the old doctrine of "land for peace" and replaced it with
"peace for peace" without surrendering an inch of land or "uprooting a single Jew
from his home"; gave Israel uncontested military might able to operate anywhere in
the region; "transformed Israel into a cyber power"; and paved the way for Donald
Trump to end the "Iran deal" and recognize Israeli control over all of Jerusalem.

What openly asserted the extent to which he has operated according to the same
playbook throughout his entire career and, although he'll never acknowledge it, he
has had accomplices both writing the playbook and implementing it.

Netanyahu is sometimes viewed as a maneuverer with no goal other than personal
power. That is simply not true. He is, and has always been, an ideologue, a neo-
conservative ideologue.

The Netanyahu family ties with American neo-conservatives go back to BenZion's
(Benjamin's father) role in helping to launch the movement in the late 1970s. In
Bibi's writings and public speaking, he has always adhered to the neocon's
Manichean apocalyptic world view: that there is absolute good (Israel and the West)
and absolute evil (the rest); that good must fight evil with unrelenting overwhelming
force; that weakness or compromise is unacceptable; and that victory is assured.

Shortly after the 1993 White House signing of the Oslo Accords, Netanyahu and a
few Israeli colleagues, launched an initiative to sabotage the agreements which
they identified as a sign of weakness and compromise with evil. They lobbied
members of Congress sending regular faxes making the case that the PLO wasn't
to be trusted and that steps must be taken to abort the agreement because of the
dangers it posed to Israel and America.

One of Netanyahu's main allies in Congress was Newt Gingrich. When Republicans
gained control of Congress and Gingrich became speaker of the House in 1995, the
matchup in Washington became Clinton/Rabin supporting the Oslo Accords versus
Gingrich/Netanyahu opposing them. Never before had an Israeli opposition party
challenged its own government in Washington. Back in Israel, Rabin was so
demonized by opponents of Oslo, that he was eventually assassinated in 1995 for
what they called "his act of treason", a murder that Rabin's widow always
maintained was the result of Netanyahu's incitement against her husband.

When Netanyahu was elected prime minister in 1996 on a platform committed to
ending the peace process, Gingrich invited him to address a joint session of
Congress. In preparation for his speech, Netanyahu's American neocon advisers
wrote a position paper for him devoted to "Making a Clean Break" from weaknesses
that characterized the former Israeli government. It emphasized the need to project
power to affirm the moral superiority of Israel and the West and the resolve to resist
pressure from those who sought compromise.

They stressed undoing the "peace process" with the Palestinians, weakening the
PLO, creating alternatives to its leadership, and blocking any official Palestinian
presence in Jerusalem. They also called for building regional alliances based on
strength to confront enemies, singling out Syria and removing Saddam Hussein
from power in Iraq. Additionally, they called for eliminating US economic aid to
reduce any possible future source of pressure, while maintaining US military aid,
enabling Israel to continue to fight the West's and its enemies.

That was 1996. In 15 of the next 25 years, Netanyahu has done what he set out to
do, at enormous cost. But he didn't do it alone. He had enablers, in Congress and
in the George W. Bush and Trump administrations, and most importantly in Israel.
First and foremost were his neo-conservative allies, who helped develop his plan
and aided and abetted him along the way. His support in USA was bipartisan.

Here's what they did to enable

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Netanyahu's "accomplishments", making it ludicrous for him to claim that he and he alone is responsible for Israel's "successes".

It is hard to make the case that Israel became economically and militarily powerful on its own and is a model capitalist society, when the US annually gives an unrestricted \$3.8 billion in military aid some of which goes to Israel's own weapons industry allowing it to become a major arms exporter. For years the US has contributed additional billions to jump-start Israel's high-tech sector and underwrites billions of dollars in unrestricted loan guarantees. And it allows tax-exempt donations from US groups to provide everything from support for social services to illegal land purchases and development in the occupied lands.

It is also hard for Netanyahu to claim that he stands up to the US when he is only able to do so because Israel has the support of Republicans who have thrice invited him to address joint sessions of Congress. If it were not for the US turning a blind eye and/or providing protective cover and sanctions against international bodies, Israel would be penalized for its illegal behaviors.

Claiming, therefore, that it was his leadership that made Israel strong and able to resist pressure takeschutzpah to say the least.

It is patently false for Netanyahu to claim that Israel and the West are more secure and the "forces of good" have prevailed because of his leadership and his neocon allies. Today, the Middle East is a mess, still reeling from the disastrous Iraq war which did remove Saddam, but unleashed and emboldened Iran and caused extremist movements to grow and metastasize, leaving the US to face a multipolar region in turmoil. As we have recently witnessed, despite the boasts and bravado, Israel while militarily strong is internally fractured and most definitely not at peace because Palestinians, despite decades of oppression, continue to rise in fierce opposition to the denial of their rights.

This is Netanyahu's legacy. Not his boasts of success, but chaos so great and a hole so deep that it will take decades before we can see real peace and stability based on justice and rights, not on false claims of strength.

Yet, the replacement for Netanyahu is an even more fervent militant and outright terrorist – Naftali Bennet. Born to American parents who immigrated from San Francisco to Israel in 1967, Bennett is a far-right ultranationalist who staunchly opposes Palestinian statehood or self-determination of any kind in Palestine/Israel.

Although not a settler himself, from 2010 to 2012 he was head of the main political body (Yesha Council) that represents Israeli settlers living on occupied Palestinian land in violation of international law and is a staunch supporter of Israel's settlement enterprise.

A former member of the Likud party, he was Netanyahu's chief of staff from 2006-2008. As the leader of the Jewish Home party (2012-2018), he was a key partner in Netanyahu's coalition government, serving as minister of education and minister of diaspora affairs. During the previous government, he was minister of economy and minister of religious services. He was also minister of education (2015-2019) and minister of defense (2019-2020) under Netanyahu. In 2018, he left Jewish Home to form the New Right party.

Bennett has repeatedly stated his categorical opposition to a Palestinian state being created in the occupied territories. Instead, he proposes Israel unilaterally annex the approximately 60% of the Palestinian West Bank that fell under full Israeli control under the supposedly temporary Oslo Accords, where most Israeli settlements are located. In 2014, Bennett told journalists Israel "will be gradually attempting to apply Israeli law [annexing] on Israeli controlled areas of Judea and Samaria [the occupied West Bank]." In 2013, he declared: "I favor implementation of Israeli sovereignty over the zone where 400,000 (settlers) live and only 70,000 Arabs." Bennett also ridiculed then-ongoing US-led negotiations under the Obama administration, declaring it's "all a joke."

In 2014, Bennett wrote an op-ed for The New York Times, "For Israel, Two-State Is No Solution," repeating once again his opposition to Palestinian self-determination and his plan to annex 60% of the West Bank. In 2013, he told the New Yorker magazine: "I will do everything in my power, forever, to fight against a Palestinian state being founded in the Land of Israel." A few months later, in June, he declared: "The most important thing in the Land of Israel is to build, build, build [settlements]. It's important that there will be an Israeli presence everywhere. Our principal problem is still Israel's leaders' unwillingness to say in a simple manner that the Land of Israel belongs to the People of Israel." In 2014, then-Minister of the Economy and Religious Services Bennett released a letter addressed to Palestinian citizens of Israel, who make up about 20% of the population, warning them against becoming a "fifth column." According to press reports, the letter, written in Arabic, was riddled with errors.

Bennett also advocates increased Jewish control over the revered Al-Aqsa Mosque Complex in occupied East Jerusalem, known as the Temple Mount to Jews, which is the third holiest site in Islam. Extremist messianic Jews want to build a temple in the Noble Sanctuary, which would spark a major religious conflagration in the region and beyond. In February 2014, Bennett told a meeting of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations that Israel was attempting to exercise greater control over the Noble Sanctuary, stating that he had already taken measures that would "ultimately influence the eastern side of Jerusalem, and that will include the Temple Mount."

In October 2018, Bennett said that if he were defense minister he would order a shoot to kill policy against Palestinians attempting to walk across the boundary between Israel and Gaza, where nearly 2 million people have been trapped under an illegal Israeli siege and naval blockade for 15 years. When asked if he would instruct soldiers to kill Palestinian children, Bennett said, "They are not children — they are terrorists. We are fooling ourselves. I see the photos." At that point, at least 140 demonstrators had been killed by Israeli soldiers, including at least 29 children according to the UN, as well as medical workers and journalists, and more than 29,000 others injured, as part of the Great March of Return.

With Israeli wolves breathing down their necks, Palestinians are largely on their own, resistance their only option, staying the course no matter the long odds against them. The history of Occupied Palestine is the triumph of wrong over right, a festering injustice, an entire people harmed, no end to their suffering in sight, no interest in their rights and welfare by the world community. Unfortunately, the "Muslim Ummah" in general, is acting like an ostrich with the head buried in sand. Utterly indifferent and completely powerless to the plight of the Palestinians, they are "satisfied" that their own nation states are not in any imminent danger, at least for now. It is, truly a pity!

Signing off...

Raza ul Haq (Editor)



Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

Date: 25 June 2021

Lahore (PR): “The Ministry of Foreign Affairs ought to openly and candidly reject the ‘Turkish Plan’ for providing security at the Kabul airport.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer noted that it is one thing to provide US troops with a passage for ‘safe withdrawal’ from Afghanistan, however, the Ameer remarked, the presence of even a single soldier of any country in Afghanistan after the complete withdrawal of US troops would amount to nothing other than serving the interests of USA and acting as a spoiler of peace in Afghanistan. The Ameer queried that would Turkey even think of giving one of its airports to the forces of another country? He asserted that Pakistan should bluntly and vigorously reject the Turkish plan to provide security at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul and candidly state that it is not the policy of our country to be a part of any such plan that would undermine the sovereignty of Afghanistan. He emphasized that the right to decide about their own government as well as their preferred mode of governance rests with the Afghan people alone. The Ameer warned that any country that plans to keep its forces in Afghanistan or tries to interfere in any other way in the internal affairs of Afghanistan would have to face the same fate as the US in Afghanistan. He concluded by stating that the real obligation of all Muslim countries should be to fully and unreservedly support the re-establishment of the Islamic government in Afghanistan.

Date: 22 June 2021

Lahore (PR): “Vulgarity and promiscuity incite sexual perversion and depravation in the society.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer noted that the PM of Pakistan had expressed his opinion regarding the matter on a previous occasion, which led to the infuriation of the secular and liberal sections of our society. Despite that the PM has reiterated his stance, which is commendable. However, the Ameer remarked, we would not be wrong to pose the question that when the PM is the chief executive of the country and the leader of the majority party in the parliament, then why does he restrict himself to offering mere advice and suggestions on the issue, instead of legislating to curb vulgarity and promiscuity in the first place. Moreover, the PM can take strict action toward that end by directing government institutions, which will not only discourage the scourge of vulgarity and promiscuity, but also result in punitive action against all those sections and sources in our society that are involved in violation of the law by proliferating immodesty of various kinds. The Ameer emphasized that it is the obligation of the incumbent government to fully implement article 31 of our constitution and create such an environment in our country that is amicable for curbing sins and evils, so that a righteous society comes into being. The Ameer concluded by asserting that only then would we be on the path towards moulding Pakistan into a genuine Islamic welfare state.

Date: 11 June 2021

Lahore (PR): “The tragic incident in Canada is, in fact, Islamophobic terrorism.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer vehemently condemned the incident in a city of Ontario, Canada in which a truck driver deliberately rammed into a Muslim family of Pakistani origin, martyring the entire family except for a young boy. The fact of the matter is, the Ameer remarked, the governments and the fanatically anti-Islam media of the West, which are the embodiment of Islamophobia today, have transferred that criminally sick notion to the general public and as a consequence, Islamophobia has been transformed into Islamophobic terrorism. The Ameer lamented that on the one hand the West uses the pretense of the so-called ‘Muslim terrorists’ in order to bomb and raze entire towns and cities of Muslims to the ground, yet whenever Muslims become the victims of terrorism, the West invents excuses to make the incidents seem trivial, calls the perpetrator of terrorism ‘mentally ill’ and does not leave any stone unturned to convolute and toss even the most horrific acts of terrorism into legal limbo. He said that when non-Muslims become a victim to any untoward accident, the US and Europe become vociferous, however it is a matter of great shame and agony that other than Turkey and Pakistan, all Muslim countries are sinisterly silent on the horrific murder of the Muslim family in Canada. The Ameer said that the indifference and cold-heartedness of the Muslim Ummah is providing lifeblood to the enemies of Islam and they audaciously spill the blood of Muslims. Therefore, the Ameer concluded by asserting, the leaderships of the Muslim world must unite and work together and make a comprehensive plan of action to deal with the increasing menace of Islamophobic terrorism.