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From the Qur'an:

"Blessed is He in whose hand is dominion, and He is over all things competent -"

"[He] who created death and life to test you [as to] which of you is best in deed - and He is the Exalted in Might, the Forgiving -"

"[And] who created seven heavens in layers. You do not see in the creation of the Most Merciful any inconsistency. So return [your] vision [to the sky]; do you see any breaks?"

"Then return [your] vision twice again. [Your] vision will return to you humbled while it is fatigued."

(*Surah Al-Mulk: Verses 01 - 04*)

Selected Hadith:

Zainab bint Jahsh (RA) reported that the Messenger of Allah (SAAW) got up from sleep saying: There is no god but Allah; there is a destruction in store for Arabia because of turmoil which is at hand, the barrier of Gog and Magog has opened so much. And Sufyan made a sign of ten with the help of his hand (in order to indicate the width of the gap) and I said: Allah's Messenger, would we be perished in spite of the fact that there would be good people amongst us? Thereupon he said: Of course, but only when the evil predominates.

(*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).

Let us start with some stunning facts on the ground. The Afghan Taliban are on a roll. Earlier this week their PR arm was claiming they hold 218 Afghan districts out of 421 – capturing new ones every day. Tens of districts are contested. Entire Afghan provinces are basically lost to the government in Kabul – de facto reduced to administer a few scattered cities under siege.

Already on July 1st the Afghan Taliban announced they controlled 80% of Afghan territory. That's close to the situation 20 years ago, only a few weeks before 9/11, when Commander Masoud said in the Panjshir valley, as he prepared a counter-offensive, that the Afghan Taliban were 85% dominant. With the siege and victory of Kandahar, this has gone above 90%.

Their new tactical approach works like a dream. First there's a direct appeal to soldiers of the Afghan National Army (ANA) to surrender. Negotiations are smooth – and deals fulfilled. Soldiers in the low thousands have already joined the Afghan Taliban without a single shot fired. Mapmakers cannot upload updates fast enough. This is fast becoming a textbook case on the collapse of a Western-sponsored 21st century puppet regime.

The Taliban are fast advancing in western Vardak, easily capturing ANA bases. That is the prequel for an assault on Maidan Shar, the provincial capital. If they get control of Vardak they will be literally at the gates of Kabul. After capturing Panjwaj district, the Taliban have also run over Kandahar – the city where the Afghan Taliban movement started in 1994, leading to their Kabul power takeover in 1996.

The overwhelming majority of Badakhshan province – Tajik majority, not Pashtun – fell after only 4 days of negotiations, with a few skirmishes thrown in. The Afghan Taliban even captured a hilltop outpost very close to Faizabad, Badakhshan's capital.

The Afghan Taliban are also about to make a move on Hairaton, in Balkh province. Hairaton is at the Afghan-Uzbek border, the site of the historically important Friendship Bridge over the Amu Darya, through which the Red Army departed Afghanistan in 1989.

ANA commanders swear the city is now protected from all sides by a five-kilometer security zone. Hairaton has already attracted tens of thousands of refugees. Tashkent does not want them to cross the border.

And it's not only Central Asia; the Afghan Taliban have already advanced to the city limits of Islam Qilla, which borders Iran, in Herat province, and is the key checkpoint in the busy Mashhad to Herat corridor.

The British newspaper Daily Telegraph did some kite-flying in the weekend that London is considering open-ended deployment of a contingent of elite special forces to Afghanistan "to provide training to Afghan units and deploy with them on the ground as advisers."

Connecting the dots, it appears that the US is trying hard to replace the forever war in Afghanistan with a Syria-like hybrid war. The stunning success Russia registered in ensuring the survival of the Assad regime in Syria provides a role model for the Pentagon commanders.

Thus, the 'Kabul' replacement of the ex-top US general in Afghanistan, Austin S. Miller, will "help transition the American military mission" to a hybrid war. The Pentagon has worked out an "over-the-horizon capacity" whereby American warplanes and armed Reaper drones based mainly in the Persian Gulf and parts of Central Asia will participate or back up the Afghan military operations against the Taliban.

The US still hopes to reorganize the counter-terrorism capabilities and assets in the region. Foreign Ministers of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan were recently invited to Washington for consultations to formulate backup plans that could allow the US to bank upon these two countries. Uzbekistan seems favorably inclined, prompting Afghan President Ashraf Ghani to visit Tashkent to follow up.

In effect, Washington is seeking to reposition

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some forces in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, which means that the first-tier troops, drones, bomber planes, and intelligence assets to be placed at bases or appropriate facilities in these Central Asian countries remain available in real time for intervention in the war against the Taliban.

As in Syria, local Afghan militia groups can be brought into the fight against the Taliban. Afghan warlords have worked with the Pentagon and the CIA previously. Equally, the lobby of Pentagon contractors is very influential in the Beltway and the White House is all but certain to extend their contracts.

The grand strategy appears to be to: **a)** beef up the capacity of the Afghan forces which would prevent an outright Taliban takeover but without the US taking on any combat duties; **b)** copy from the Russian playbook in Syria by heavily using air power without putting boots on the ground; **c)** and, make the Taliban 'realize' through a war of attrition that there is no alternative to a negotiated settlement.

In an interesting role reversal from Syria, the US will claim that its involvement in Afghanistan is at the invitation of the Kabul government.

Indeed, if the strategy is seen to be working, other NATO countries can be expected to join the fray, as had happened in Syria and Iraq, embedded in the militia groups or Afghan military units.

The strength of the Pentagon contractors is put at 18000 personnel, the bulk of whom have served in the US military previously. The activities of the Wagner Group in Libya and some African countries apparently provide an inspiring model for the Pentagon.

The American media is awash with apocalyptic visions of Afghanistan's descent into civil war. This has helped generate domestic support in the US for the Pentagon and CIA's continued involvement in Afghanistan, even as President Biden extracts political mileage for ending the forever war. Simply put, a hybrid war will be a "win-win" situation for the White House, Pentagon and the CIA — and NATO.

The bottom line is that for geopolitical reasons, the US and NATO are determined to remain as the dominant foreign presence on the Afghan chessboard. Washington visualizes that the regional states — Russia, China, Iran or Pakistan — may have serious reservations about a long-term US / NATO presence in Afghanistan, but they will not confront the US.

Will the US strategy of hybrid war work? A definitive answer will be possible only through August, given the variables at work. But the chances are rather bleak. The humiliating defeat at the hands of the Afghan Taliban has created a profound credibility problem for the US in the region.

Besides, intrinsically, this is a high-risk strategy. The Afghan Taliban will – without fail – resist and American lives may be lost. Again, the Central Asian states must agree to provide the staging posts for the hybrid war. The Taliban has sternly warned them.

Indeed, Russia and China are opposed to any American military presence in the Central Asian region. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov has hit out at sections of Afghanistan's ruling elite who are collaborating with Washington's hybrid war plans, accusing them of trying to prolong the negotiation process and scuttle the prospects for an interim government.

"They should think about the consequences of these actions for their homeland," Lavrov said. "Russia is already holding consultations both through bilateral channels and within the Collective Security Treaty Organization to protect its neighbors in Central Asia from any direct and serious threat," Lavrov told reporters in Moscow last week. The remarks were obliquely referring to the US strategists.

Most important, the Taliban's success through the coming 6-8 weeks to batter, demoralize and destroy the Afghan armed forces and shift the politico-military balance in its favor will be a key factor in the shape of things to come. This is where Afghanistan is fundamentally different from Syria. The US is overlooking the big role Iran played in tandem with Russia to turn the tide of the Syrian conflict.

Meanwhile, Taliban has also shown savviness to prevent other Afghan groups from uniting behind Ghani as well as to create synergy between its political track at Doha and the military path in Afghanistan. Against the backdrop of the US' plans to fight a hybrid war, the Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid told Reuters on Monday,

"The peace talks and process will be accelerated in the coming days ... and they are expected to enter an important stage, naturally it will be about peace plans. Possibly it will take a month to reach that stage when both sides will share their written peace plan... Although we (Taliban) have the upper hand on the battlefield, we are very serious about talks and dialogue."

The bottom line is that no regional state bordering Afghanistan wants the war to continue in any form. Within Afghanistan too, there is opposition to any further US military intervention. The cowardly manner in which the US troops slunk away from Bagram base will be talked about in the Afghan bazaar for a long time to come and will become folklore.

We are of the considered opinion that the biggest obstacle in the way of establishing peace in Afghanistan is foreign interference and intervention. US wants to continue foreign interference and intervention in Afghanistan, because the US and its allies want to forcibly impose a regime of their own desire and proclivity upon the Afghan people. We believe that it is the right of the Afghans to decide about their governance on their own. We also believe that no other country has any right whatsoever to interfere in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. Period! We fear that any further attempts made to forcibly impose a government in Afghanistan by foreign interference and intervention would plunge the country into violence and bloodshed once again, the culprits for which would be none other than all foreign interventionists.

Our message for the Muslim countries is that if they cannot support the Afghan Taliban in their efforts for the restoration of the Islamic Emirate in Afghanistan, then leave them alone!

Signing off...

Raza ul Haq (Editor)

Domestic Violence Bill - Do we need imported solution?

The Domestic Violence Bill for Islamabad Capital Territory recently passed by the Senate has caused restlessness among a large number of Pakistanis including the religious community. The poorly written bill has many ill-conceived and anti-Islamic aspects that will damage the family unit. The Domestic Violence Bills passed earlier by provincial assemblies were criticized by religious parties. The ICT Bill has gone further in fulfilling the anti-Islam agenda.

Indeed, Domestic Violence is an abhorrent crime and we must eradicate it but we need to address it in conformity with our religion, culture and norms and not impose outside solutions that are unsuitable and destructive to our society.

Domestic Violence Bill and similar laws are being imposed in Pakistan in the name of international commitments. Pakistan ratified CEDAW (Convention on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women) in 1996 with a reservation subjecting it to our Constitution which itself is subject to all laws being in conformity with Quran and Sunnah. As for our international commitments, we are within our right to reject any such anti-Islamic requirements.

Initiatives like CEDAW and the Istanbul Convention (for preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence) are western proposed solutions to the problems of the western society. Islamic perspective is not built into such protocols and are thus incompatible with Islamic societies. Turkey, an original member of the Istanbul Convention has already pulled out.

In the Western Society today, the woman is unprotected in her relationship due to lack of a marriage contract. The Society has exploited the woman in the name of freedom and gender equality so that she is forced to cohabit with men (usually on a short-term basis) who can dump her at any time. She has to earn her own living and there is no support from her family. In most cases, the family doesn't even know who she is living with and where. Family bonds have been broken in the name of freedom. Who will then support her if she faces domestic violence? Whom will she turn to for help? Thus, the Government has to come to her rescue.

Islam does not address domestic violence in isolation, it addresses the family as a whole. If the family is healthy then violence will inevitably disappear. Family being the building block of a society, Islam has emphasized making family unit strong. Healthy families will mean a healthy society.

Firstly, Islam protects women in marriage and any relationships outside of marriage are strictly forbidden. Secondly, the relationship between husband and wife is a strong bond to be nurtured with kindness, love and mercy.

Prophet PBUH said, "The best among you is the best towards his wife, and I am the best of you to my wives." (*Ibn Majah*)

In an organizational unit there can be only one head. The husband is head of the family responsible for his wife and children's needs and nurturing. In fulfilling that role, there may be occasions when he has to exercise his authority to admonish and discipline them. However, this authority is not unlimited. In extreme cases, he is even allowed to beat his wife. But this is light beating with a Siwak (Tooth brush).

If they cannot resolve their differences, both of them are urged to search their hearts, evaluate the relationship, and make a serious attempt to reconcile.

"...Live with them in the recognized manner. If you dislike them, then it is quite likely that you dislike something and Allah has placed a lot of good in it" (*Quran 4:19*)

In case the problem persists, external help is counselled

"If you fear a split between them (the spouses), send one arbitrator from his people and one from her people. If they desire to set things right, Allah shall bring about harmony between them." (*Quran 4:35*)

Despite all these efforts, sometimes divorce may become unavoidable. Even in divorce, the direction is to separate in best possible way.

The Prophet PBUH said, "Of all the lawful things, divorce is the most hated by Allah."

Allah says: "The parties should either hold together on equitable terms or separate with kindness." (*Quran 2:229*)

Islam's approach is to try to solve marital problems and avoid breakups as much as possible because as a result the children will suffer along with the parents. Islam, therefore, makes every attempt to repair the relationship and save the marriage through advice and mediation. Where relationships are involved, police complaints and legal remedies should be the last resort because it is difficult to reconcile the hearts once litigation has begun.

In cases of serious issues of violence, the wife always has the provision to file for divorce (khula). Additionally, she has her family's support behind her which acts as a deterrent against domestic violence.

Our Parliament has ignored this divine wisdom and imported a solution devised for a totally different social set-up. Threats of divorce, insults, ridicule and harassment are made crimes punishable by law. It is fair to ask that if a husband is reported to police for any of these delinquencies, then how will the law protect the wife if he actually decides to divorce her in retaliation? By taking action against him for "negligent abandonment", are we expecting to save the marriage and create love between the two?

This law is also an attempt to encourage children to rebel against the parents. Forget about disciplining; any questioning could easily fall into "invasion of privacy, liberty and integrity" and be liable for punishment. The father is still responsible for financial support because "intentional deprivation of economic or financial resources" is also an offense. These kinds of laws are a surefire recipe for breaking the family bonds. This is how the west has destroyed its family system and this is what our genius leaders and legislators are trying to emulate in this country.

A large majority of our legislators lack command in English Language and the legal jargon to fully comprehend the laws they approve. In most cases, they are blind followers of the party's dictates. And all major parties, when it comes to fulfilling the western agendas, are all too eager to oblige.

Islam has given us the best of guidance for the family system and the need is to educate the people and to improve its implementation. We need leaders who can think independently, see what is best for our Islamic Society and put into place solutions that suit us. Our Constitution cannot have any laws "repugnant to the Quran and Sunnah". PM has therefore taken the prudent step by referring the Bill to the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII); the very purpose of creating the CII is to ensure the laws' conformance to Islam.

Note: This article was penned in the backdrop of the Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act 2021, passed by the NA and the Senate of Pakistan.

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Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

Date: 09 July 2021

Lahore (PR): “Promulgation of the Protection of Parents Ordinance 2021 is a good step taken by the government.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. He said that we commend all such actions taken by the government which reflect the promotion of Islamic values. He noted that the state has recently taken a few practical measures, too, for the protection of parents, after the promulgation of this ordinance, which is a good omen. However, he remarked, just a few days ago, both our National Assembly and the Senate had passed the Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act 2021, which is in blatant violation of the Islamic Shariah. While expressing concern and apprehension at this contradictory attitude of the government, the Ameer stated that it appeared as if the members of the ruling coalition had parted into two assemblages, with secular/liberal ones in one faction while the relatively ‘Islamic-minded’ ones in the other, with both factions slugging it out in order to have their respective agenda outdo the other. The Ameer asserted that Pakistan was envisioned and created on the basis of Islam and our Prime Minister, too, keeps reiterating the slogan of Riyasat-e-Madinah, therefore the PM ought to have unwavering faith in Allah (SWT), reject all such elements that want the social/cultural system of the West to be enforced in the country and instead, the PM should utilize all his energies for making strides in enforcing the Islamic Shariah and the Islamic system based on Social Justice (*Adal*) in Pakistan. The Ameer concluded by emphasizing that we would be able to mould Pakistan into a genuine Islamic welfare state only if we practically implement and enforce the Ideology of Pakistan, which would not only result in the fortification of Pakistan but also make the Muslims of Pakistan eligible success in the Hereafter.

Date: 02 July 2021

Lahore (PR): “The new legislation regarding ‘domestic violence’ will decimate our family system and structure.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, while outrightly rejecting the Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Act 2021. The Ameer noted that the said legislation, which has been passed unanimously by the government and the opposition in both the National Assembly and the Senate, not only mirrors the morally bankrupt social system of the West but also opens the door for desecration of the family system of Islam, including sacrilege of the sanctity of blood relations in our religion. This legislation, he remarked, is contrary to the agreed upon principles of Islam that are based on the teachings of the Qur’an and Sunnah and have been in practice for over 14 centuries. Moreover, this act is also in violation to the constitution of Pakistan. He said that the language, jargon and technical terminology used in this legislation clearly demonstrates that the dictation of the UN and the West has been wholly accepted, none of whom have any interest whatsoever in the protection of the honor and dignity of women and are always seen demonstrating abject annoyance with the sanctity of precious and honorable relations of a household. He demanded that the government must repeal this anti-Islam legislation with immediate effect and keep a watchful eye on all such NGOs influenced by the West that are always looking for ways to advocate and sponsor anti-Islam legislation in Pakistan. He lamented that it should be a matter of great disgrace for a government that uses the slogan of ‘Riyasat-e-Madinah’ to table and vote for such a non-Islamic legislation. Moreover, he lamented, that the shameful behavior of the opposition is such that it opposes the treasury benches on all other issues, yet fully endorses the government when the matter is related to a legislation that is against the Deen and the Islamic Shariah. The Ameer concluded by asserting that it is the obligation of the government to enforce articles 31-(1) and 227 of the constitution in order to ensure that no legislation is done in Pakistan that is repugnant to the Qur’an and Sunnah, such an environment is shaped in Pakistan that is enabling for the creation of a righteous society and Pakistan is made a genuine Islamic welfare state by making the edicts of the Qur’an and the Sunnah predominant in the country.