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From the Qur'an:

"And those who, when tyranny strikes them, they retaliate [in a just manner]."

"And the retribution for an evil act is an evil one like it, but whoever pardons and makes reconciliation - his reward is [due] from Allah. Indeed, He does not like wrongdoers."

"And whoever retaliates after having been wronged - those have not upon them any cause [for blame]."

"The cause is only against the ones who wrong the people and tyrannize upon the earth without right. Those will have a painful punishment."

(*Surah Ash-Shuraa: Verses 39 - 42*)

Selected Hadith:

Zainab bint Jahsh (RAA), the wife of the Messenger of Allah (SAAW), reported that one day Allah's Messenger (SAAW) came out in a state of excitement with his face quite red. And he was saying: There is no god but Allah; there is a destruction in store for Arabia because of the turmoil which is near at hand as the barrier of Gog and Magog has been opened like it, and he (in order to explain it) made a ring with the help of his thumb and forefinger. I said: Allah's Messenger, would we be destroyed despite the fact that there would be pious people amongst us? He said: Yes, when the evil would predominate.

(*Sahih Muslim*)

EDITORIAL

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).

Israel is determined to keep the Golan Heights region it captured from Syria in the 1967 war. "The Golan Heights is Israeli, full stop," Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett recently said while addressing a conference about the territory's future. In his speech, Bennett also pledged to double the size of the Israeli population in the Golan.

Israel seized the Golan Heights from Syria in the closing stages of the 1967 Six-Day War and formally annexed it in 1981, a move not recognized internationally. Immediately after the occupation, the Israeli government started to build several settlements in the Golan Heights, where a significant portion of the Jewish population then moved. Most of these settlements were established primarily while the Israeli Labor Party, commonly known as HaAvoda, was in power.

The settlements have been nurtured and strengthened by every Israeli government since 1967.

These settlements are a reflection of the Israel's determination to retain the area. In an interview with the Davar daily in 1974, former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin expressed that "even under a peace treaty, the Golan Heights should be within Israel's jurisdiction. I stress: the Golan Heights." This statement came as Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan declared that Israel would have to stay in the Golan Heights and "to stay means including Israeli settlements there."

Today, around 21,000 Israeli settlers live in the 33 settlements in the occupied Syrian Golan as Israel plans to double the number of residents in the strategic Heights, the border region spanning about 1,800 square kilometers (695 square miles).

Bennett announced that he plans to build two more settlements in the disputed area the U.N. considers part of Syria. "The Golan Heights is a strategic goal. Doubling the communities in it is a goal of the government of Israel," he said.

As expressed by Bennett, Tel Aviv is expected to roll out a national plan for the area. According to media reports, the plan is expected to be approved in at least six weeks during a Cabinet meeting. Bennett stated that he plans to quadruple the Israeli settler population in the Golan Heights, from 27,000 to 50,000, and then eventually increase it to 100,000 settlers.

"The development of the Golan is in (Israel's) national interest," he said. "It is not enough to say. 'The people are with the Golan.' The government also has to support the Golan ... Our goal is to double, and double again, the number of residents in the Golan Heights," he noted.

The Golan Heights is one of the most strategic pieces of land in the Middle East. Its location at the confluence of Syria, Israel, Lebanon and Jordan makes it a natural flashpoint. However, it is the area's elevation that makes it so sought after. The rocky plateau has an average elevation of 1,000 meters (3,280 feet). Mount Hermon, its highest point, towers 2,800 meters over the surrounding area. The area is also a key source of water for an arid region. The rainwater from the Golan's catchment feeds into the Jordan River.

In addition, an Israeli committee for settlements

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approved about 3,000 new settler homes in the occupied West Bank. Yes, don't rub your eyes in disbelief – 3,000 new settler homes in the occupied West Bank and probably as many in the heart of occupied Jerusalem! Word of the approval came from Hagit Ofran. Although, there was no immediate confirmation from the Defense Ministry, but Israeli public broadcaster Kan also reported that about 3,000 units were approved.

The ministry's higher planning council, which authorizes West Bank construction, convened recently to authorize the housing units, with more than half of them getting final approval before the building starts. The start of the meeting was confirmed by the Israeli defense body COGAT.

Meanwhile Israel's defence minister – who has been presented as a force for moderation in an Israeli government led by the settler right – declared six leading Palestinian human rights groups to be “terrorist organizations”.

The move effectively outlaws the most prominent organizations in the Palestinian human rights community. The targeted groups include those assisting farmers and promoting women's rights and democratic values, as well as others documenting Israeli violations of the rights of prisoners and children, and exposing war crimes.

Israel offered no evidence that any of the Palestinian lawyers, field researchers, community organizers, and press officers that staff these organizations are carrying weapons or making bombs.

Shawan Jabareen, director of al-Haq, one of the organizations listed, noted the obvious paradox: “Gantz says we are a terror organization, when he himself is a war criminal”. Al-Haq has been at the forefront of efforts by the Palestinian human rights community to supply evidence to the International Criminal Court (ICC) at The Hague that Israeli military commanders and politicians have been responsible for war crimes against Palestinians.

Gantz, for example, was head of the Israeli military back in 2014 when it laid waste to parts of Gaza, killing at least 1,450 civilians, including some 550 children. He later boasted that he had sent Gaza “back to the Stone Age”.

There should be no doubt that these six Palestinian human rights organizations have prioritized organized, communal resistance to Israel's occupation rather than armed struggle. Some, like the Union of Agricultural Work Committees and the Union of Palestinian Women's Committees, are there to internally strengthen Palestinian society. They hope to make Palestinian communities better able to withstand Israel's relentless efforts to drive Palestinians off their land to be replaced by illegal Jewish settlements – a process Israel ominously calls “Judaization”.

These organizations have been gradually making an unassailable case: both for Israeli leaders to be prosecuted at the ICC for war crimes, and for boycotts and sanctions to be imposed on Israel of the kind that was used against apartheid South Africa.

Labelling Palestinian human rights activists as “terrorists” will serve the same goal as labelling western activists seeking to end Israel's oppression of Palestinians as “anti-Semites”, or labelling Jews acting in solidarity with Palestinians as “self-hating” and “traitors”. Israel will bundle all this supposed “hate” into its existing narrative that it is facing a campaign from all sides to “demonize” the only Jewish state in the world. The reality is that Israeli leaders are conflating their own terror at being held to account for their crimes with an imagined “terrorism” being waged by lawyers and researchers trying to show the reality of occupation.

Will anyone fall for it? The record suggests western governments just might.

Let's not forget that 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: 29 October 2021

Lahore (PR): “Pakistan ought to reconsider ties with any such country that commits blasphemy against the Symbols of Islam.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer noted that the forces of evil are openly engaged in Islamophobic terrorism in the world today. The Ameer remarked that France in Europe and India in Asia are at the forefront of sponsoring Islamophobic terrorism at the state level. In particular, the Ameer lamented, these enemies of Islam do atrocious acts of sacrilege of the Holy Quran and blasphemous acts against the Holy Prophet (SAAW) in order to cause distress to the Muslims by hurting their emotions. While commenting on the protest of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP), the Ameer said that the citizens of Pakistan have the right to protest in order to express their sentiments. The government should not resort to the use of force against the protesters and make every possible effort to negotiate for an amicable resolution of the matter with the protestors. The government ought to demonstrate restraint and show magnanimity in handling the crisis, the Ameer remarked. He also appealed to the members of Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) to avoid violence at all costs. The protests should be peaceful and every possible effort should be made to ensure that the general public does not face any trouble due to the protests. The Ameer asserted that in this regard all promises and agreements made regarding this matter must be upheld in toto by both parties (The government and TLP). The Ameer concluded by emphasizing that both parties must remember that fulfilling oaths is an integral part of the faith of a Muslim.

Date: 22 October 2021

Lahore (PR): Lahore (PR): “Muslim countries ought to take the lead in recognizing the government of the Afghan Taliban.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, in a statement. The Ameer noted that the recently held consultation sessions in accordance with the Moscow Format saw Russia, China, Iran, Pakistan and many Central Asian states sitting together with the top leadership of the Afghan Taliban government and agreed on the need to make the security of our region robust. The Ameer remarked that the regional powers have invited the Afghan Taliban to such an important high-level regional meeting due to the fact that they fully understand that the Afghan Taliban are the real representative authority in Afghanistan and only they have the writ over Afghanistan, which is why the Afghan Taliban have also been afforded the opportunity to express their views in the sessions and the powers of the region are engaging with them in discussions related to the security of our region. The Ameer stated that these regional powers are, in fact, approving of the change in the Afghan regime that took place at the time of the US withdrawal from Afghanistan and they also agree on the need to provide humanitarian, economic and financial assistance to the Afghan Taliban government in Afghanistan. Despite these statements and circumstances, the Ameer lamented, the question remains that what is keeping these regional powers from recognizing the government of the Afghan Taliban in Afghanistan? The Ameer asserted that if these powers want the Afghan Taliban to ‘adjust’ their fundamental ideology, then we are certain that they would most certainly fail in their objective. While addressing the government of the Afghan Taliban, the Ameer said that Allah (SWT) granted them with a manifest victory against the forces of evil in the battlefield and, indeed, Allah (SWT) alone would bestow on them a way out of the current economic and financial difficulties facing them. In Sha Allah! The Ameer emphasized that the need of the hour is for all Muslim countries to recognize the government of the Afghan Taliban without further delay. The Ameer concluded by stating that such unified action of recognizing the government of the Afghan Taliban by Muslim countries would leave other countries with no option but to follow suit.

Date: 15 October 2021

Lahore (PR): “Following the ‘Uswah-e-Hasana’ of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) is only path of salvation for the Muslims.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in his message for the month of Rabi ul Awwal. He said that Allah (SWT) sent Muhammad (SAAW) as the last Prophet and Messenger. The Ameer asserted that following the way of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) is not exclusive to any particular month for the Muslims. In fact, he continued, it is imperative for the Muslims to fully follow the way of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) in all aspects of their entire life, from the cradle to the grave. He said that while Muslims organize ‘Mehfil-e-Melad’ during this month, which is certainly a source of divine reward, yet it is a matter of great shame and ignominy that we do not follow the Sunnah and commandments of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) throughout the year. Moreover, the Ameer lamented that the part of the Seerah of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) that is related to his (SAAW) mission of the enforcement of the Deen of Allah (SWT) in the land has been completely forgotten by today’s Muslims, and it is extremely concerning that the religious speakers do not remind their listeners about that aspect of the Seerah any longer. The Ameer remarked that the fact of the matter is that it was due to that mission that the pagans of the Quraysh of Makkah, first, and the Jews and Christians, later, became the sworn enemies of the Holy Prophet (SAAW). While commenting on the ‘Rehmatul-lil-Alameen Authority’ established by the government, the Ameer said that all this is virtuous and noble, yet the real problem rests with its implementation and practical manifestation of such steps, and it is imperative to ascertain whether the newly established ‘Rehmatul-lil-Alameen Authority’ would be able to bring about any fundamental change regarding the collective system of our country or not, because until Islam is enforced as the system at all levels of our country, steps such are not likely to be effective..