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From the Qur'an:

"O you who have believed, fear Allah and speak words of appropriate justice."

"He will [then] amend for you your deeds and forgive you your sins. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger has certainly attained a great attainment."

"Indeed, We offered the Trust to the heavens and the earth and the mountains, and they declined to bear it and feared it; but man [undertook to] bear it. Indeed, he was unjust and ignorant."

"[It was] so that Allah may punish the hypocrite men and hypocrite women and the men and women who associate others with Him and that Allah may accept repentance from the believing men and believing women. And ever is Allah Forgiving and Merciful."

(Surah Al-Ahzab: Verses 70 - 73)

Selected Hadith:

Narrated Mu'adh ibn Jabal (RA):

The Prophet (SAAW) said: "The flourishing state of Jerusalem will be when Yathrib (Madinah) is in ruins, the ruined state of Yathrib (Madinah) will be when the great war comes, the outbreak of the great war will (lead to) the conquest of Constantinople and the conquest of Constantinople (will make) the Dajjal (Antichrist) comes forth. He (the Prophet SAAW) struck his thigh or his shoulder with his hand and said: This is as true as you are here or as you are sitting (meaning Mu'adh ibn Jabal)."

(Sunan Abu Dawud)

{ 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).

On November 10, 2017, The Jamestown Foundation (a US based think tank <https://jamestown.org/>) published an article about Tanzeem-e-Islami in its Terrorism Monitor Volume: 15 Issue: 21 titled Pakistan's Tanzeem-e-Islami and Its Troublesome Extremist Links authored by Farhan Zahid (<https://jamestown.org/program/pakistans-tanzeem-e-islami-troublesome-extremist-links/>). The article was a clear example of a pre-existing bias that sinisterly maligned Tanzeem-e-Islami and falsely associated it with terrorism. Tanzeem-e-Islami has tried to contact The Jamestown Foundation, to no avail we must add, on more than one occasions regarding the fantasy propagated in the article in the name of 'research', so that the record could be set straight. In that regard, we are reproducing our latest endeavor below, so that even if The Jamestown Foundation continues to turn a deaf ear to our requests, at least our readers may know the truth and make an informed decision regarding the veracity of the article by written by Farhan Zahid and the 'facts' presented in it.

Raza ul Haq (Editor)

TANZEEM-E-ISLAMI REPLY TO THE JAMESTOWN FOUNDATION ARTICLE "Pakistan's Tanzeem-e-Islami and Its Troublesome Extremist Links"

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The article brackets Tanzeem-e-Islami with Jamaat ul Momineen, Hizb ut Tahrir and other organizations from the very onset. Jamaat ul Momineen is an unknown entity. A search on the internet reveals no organization by that name. Hizb ut Tahrir is banned in Pakistan since 2004. Tanzeem-e-Islami has no links with any proscribed or terrorist organization.

Tanzeem-e-Islami's aim is to establish an Islamic Welfare State on the lines of Khilafat-e-Rashida (the reign of first 4 caliphs after the demise of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the context of the modern age. Tanzeem's view is that the government in a Muslim country is responsible to Implement Islam in its totality and if it shirks its responsibility, as does the government of Pakistan, then the population should pressurize it to implement Shariah law. However, Dr. Israr Ahmad went to great lengths to explain that opposition of the government today does not amount to sedition against the state. This is so because the institutions have developed to the extent that the government and the state are two separate entities. Dr Israr Ahmad also emphasized that the qualitative and quantitative differences in arms and ammunition made success impossible if a group were to take up armed struggle against the state. Secondly, terrorism is prohibited in Islam. It is a sinister ideology and its practical manifestation leads to fear, chaos and the loss of innocent lives. Islam does not allow to create corruption on the land and Tanzeem-e-Islami considers terrorism unacceptable.

Why Tanzeem is accused of hate-speech! Tanzeem is openly and clearly against the persecution of the Palestinians, the grabbing of their land by the occupying Zionists, the illegal settlements in the occupied lands and denial of Palestinians their due rights. While countries like the US, under control of the Jews, support this unjust occupation many countries and fair-minded majority population of the world shares criticism of this injustice. If support of the just

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Palestinian cause is anti-Semitism, then all those countries who voted for the UN resolution against Israel's settlements (United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334) will have to be labelled anti-Semitic as well. Similar unjust activities of the Jews in the past have been criticized in the Quran as well as in the Bible. Dr. Israr spent his life expounding the message of Quran. Surely, explaining the message of the Quran cannot be labelled hate-speech.

Dr. Israr certainly opined that the Arab World had degenerated in a religious sense and that the spiritual nerve center of the Islamic intellectual movement had shifted to the Indo-Pak subcontinent. However, in his view, all Muslims in their respective countries were liable for striving for establishment of Islamic systems in their respective countries.

Dr. Israr was a well-known and popular Quran scholar who was given special qualities for analyzing and explaining the Quranic message. There is nothing hidden about him or the message of Tanzeem. Dr. Israr's and other Tanzeem leaders' lectures and books are freely available on line. In fact, Dr. Israr was one of the first Islamic Scholars to sanction and emphasize the use of audio-visual aids for propagating the message of Islam. He did emphasize imbibing the Quranic message in full and following it in totality. If someone finds any part of his speech radical (or Tanzeem's for that matter), then he or she must present evidence and highlight the exact wording and where it is present.

To say that Dr. Israr did not believe in democracy and electoral politics and he fully supported the regime of military dictator General Zia ul Haq between 1977 and 1988 is untrue. Dr. Israr Ahmad joined Zia ul Haq's Majlis Shura in 1981 in order to be able to advise the government on Islamic matters but left after a few months only when he realized that the government was not serious in its implementation of Islam. He loved the Qur'an and wasted no opportunity to spread its message. At the time when the only TV channel was run by the government, he delivered a weekly Quranic lecture which became very popular.

Dr. Israr did not consider participation in the electoral process as un-Islamic. However, he was convinced, as were many others who left Jamaat-e-Islami along with him, that the prevalent democratic system and the electoral process could not lead to establishment of a true Islamic welfare state on the lines of the Khalifat-e-Rashida in the context of the modern age. He criticized 'pure' democracy as practiced in the West since it allows framing any kind of laws, even those against the commandments of Almighty Allah. However, he approved of the system if it were made subservient to the will of Allah in that any laws repugnant to the Quran and Sunnah could not be enacted, something that is already part of the Constitution of Pakistan. In such a form, he approved of the democratic system but considered it unsuitable for making progress towards a just Islamic welfare state in Pakistan.

Dr. Israr always preached the true message of Islam and Quran without any compromises and opposed free mixing among males and na-mahram females. Where essential, the workplace should be suitable for observing hijab and be secure. This is indeed the position of Islam.

Regarding the cases of terrorism mentioned in the referenced article, the fact is that no member of Tanzeem-e-Islami has ever been arrested in connection with IS' Khurasan province or in any other case related to terrorism. Neither has ever been accused by the authorities for involvement in terror financing. If the authorities had indeed arrested any members of Tanzeem or otherwise had found any of its members involved in terrorism in any way, then it would have surely banned Tanzeem.

Insinuations regarding the alleged connections of Tanzeem-e-Islami with IS cells operating in Karachi, Lahore and Sialkot, and other named terrorists are fabricated and none of them has ever been proven in any court of law. Had the allegations been true, Tanzeem-e-Islami would be a proscribed organization today, which clearly it is not. It has to be noted that similar finger-pointing was done by the Pakistani media, especially the liberal sections with the ulterior motive of maligning religious organizations, without any real evidence. Tanzeem is a Pakistan-wide organization and conducts Quranic lectures and sessions in many cities which are open to public. No member of Tanzeem-e-Islami was involved in Safoora Goth bus shooting of 2015, an incident of terrorism that Tanzeem-e-Islami vehemently condemned. The brutal massacre was carried out by members of the terrorist organization Jamaat Ansarul Shariah Pakistan (ASP). Tanzeem-e-Islami has no direct or indirect links whatsoever with any terrorist organization. This fact is already known to Sindh's top anti-terror cop and acknowledged on-record by the Counter-Terrorism Department's (CTD's) Transnational Terrorists Intelligence Group (TTIG) In charge Raja Umer Khattab, along with other state institutions responsible for maintaining law and order in Pakistan.

Even Sheba Ahmed and another former member of Tanzeem-e-Islami who, at some point in time, were investigated for involvement in certain crimes had left Tanzeem long time prior to any alleged crime taking place. Clearly, they differed with Tanzeem's ideology to warrant exit from it. The fact that any of the accused were 'former' members of Tanzeem-e-Islami speaks volumes. It is worth noting that they had left Tanzeem before they committed the alleged crimes. The question to ask then is why did they leave Tanzeem? The natural conclusion is that there was divergence of views between the individual and the organization. Either the individual concerned did not find support within Tanzeem for his views or Tanzeem found him to be at odds with its own philosophy and expelled him. Other accused in these cases and referred to in the article i.e. Habibullah and Mushtaq were never associated with Tanzeem in any way.

Just like a suspect having previously attended IBA or Fordham does not make those institutions responsible, similarly him attending Tanzeem lectures or being a former member does not make Tanzeem liable for his crimes. Tanzeem is against the use of violence as a solution to Pakistan's problems. Period. In fact, it considers it a big problem for the society and does not support it or preach it in any way. Tanzeem considers a lack of full adherence to the Islamic System, not corruption, as the root cause of Pakistan's problems.

As for Madrassas, Tanzeem-e-Islami does not run any whatsoever; contrary to what is falsely stated in the article. Period. Any teaching and learning centers associated with Tanzeem-e-Islami are called "Qur'an Academy" and "Qur'an College". Being a responsible religious organization, Tanzeem-e-Islami ensures that these independent entities do not allow any militant or extremist individual, group or organization

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to infiltrate, let alone run, any of these teaching and learning centers, situated in any region of Pakistan. No mosque or institution affiliated with Tanzeem-e-Islami is banned or placed on any watch list (including the 4th Schedule) by any security or law enforcement agency of Pakistan.

Tanzeem does believe that Muslims should follow Islam in letter and spirit in all aspects of their lives. It calls masses to the Quranic message, tries to educate them in the complete message of Islam and to join together in a peaceful struggle for the establishment of an Islamic government. Khilafat-e-Rashida is considered by all Muslims as the Golden period of Islam in the fourteen centuries after the demise of the Prophet (PBUH). If a militant organization aims to establish an Islamic State through militant means, then although the end-goals of the two organizations maybe identical, it is wrong to say that "Its ... teachings are congruent with the ideology of militant Islamist groups" as maliciously stated in the article. Tanzeem teaches non-violence while a militant organization may be propagating violence.

The whole article seems to have been written with a prejudiced and prejudged conclusion on the basis of some loose statements printed by the media. At places, it appears as if either the writer lacks full grasp of the subject or is intentionally trying to twist logic. No effort was made to ascertain facts or to check the accuracy of these statements. No evidence has been produced. Several statements are attributed to CTD with no names as to who in CTD said it or when. The article is an example of poor journalistic standards and ethics.

It must be emphasized that while several organizations including Hizbut Tahrir are banned in Pakistan, Tanzeem has never been banned or even warned. This is proof enough that the intelligence agencies including CTD did not find any evidence whatsoever against Tanzeem. Several years have passed since these events and the investigations must have been concluded by now. An iota of an evidence against Tanzeem would have resulted in action against it.

It is appropriate that Jamestown Foundation issue an apology for unnecessarily maligning Tanzeem as a terrorist organization and retract the article from its website immediately.

Note: *This rebuttal has been penned by the senior Rafiq of Tanzeem-e-Islami brother Qamar Islam. It has been emailed to the Jamestown Foundation on 30 December 2021.*

Main News Headlines 16 – 31 December 2021

- Cabinet approves first ever national security policy, with focus on geo-economics: News
- Pakistan's loans surge to \$4.6b in first five months of current FY: News
- Pakistan successfully test-fires enhanced range Babur cruise missile: News
- Tarin elected Senator from KP on vacant seat: News
- JUI-F wins local govt elections in KP as PTI loses all mayor seats: News
- OIC pledges trust fund, food security for Afghanistan; calls for unfreezing assets: News
- Pakistan proposes six-point mechanism for Afghanistan in OIC moot: News
- World must look at the Afghanistan issue from a humanitarian perspective: Saudi FM
- OIC leaders laud Pakistan's efforts, call for unified action on Afghanistan crisis: News
- SC restores 16000 govt employees from Grade 1 to 7: News
- Gwadar sit-in ends as govt negotiates successfully with protestors: News
- Israel hits Syrian port for second time this month: News
- Canada police shootings leave 32, USA 850 dead this year: Report
- 'High risk' of armed conflict over Ukraine, Russian defense ministry warns: News
- India restricts foreign funding for Mother Teresa charity: News
- Syria condemns Israel's plan to double Golan Heights settlements: News
- No transport for women travelling without hijab, male relative: Taliban
- Israel approves plan to double settlers in occupied Golan: News
- Taliban scrap Afghan election commission: News
- Iran says won't enrich uranium beyond 60pc if talks fail: News
- Indian troops martyr five youth in IIOJK: News
- Disrespecting Prophet (PBUH) is not freedom of expression: Putin
- Muslims under pressure in India as BJP and RSS banning places to pray: News
- Afghanistan is home for all, Taliban assure minorities: News
- NATO rejects compromise with Russia on Ukraine's membership prospects: News
- Over 700,000 flock to Saudi Arabia's top music festival: News
- UAE ends cinema censorship, introduces 21+ rating: News
- Rape a "primary weapon" of Indian army in IIOJK; Attendees in tears at Russell Tribunal: News
- Khalistan Referendum voting in UK's Slough busts Indian fake news: News
- World must accept Taliban government: FM Afghanistan
- US downplayed civilian death toll in Iraq, Syria & Afghanistan airstrikes: NYT
- Oil prices may hit \$100 with record demand in 2023: WB Report
- Pentagon Documents Show US Govt Lied about Drone Strikes: News
- Taliban govt resumes issuing Afghan passports in Kabul: News
- Taliban prepare new Afghan budget without foreign aid: News
- Global debt hit record high in 2020 of \$226tr: IMF



Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

Date: 25 December 2021

Lahore (PR): “The proclamation by extremist Hindus to commit genocide of Muslims is a reflection of their deep-rooted internal malevolence.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, while lambasting the call for genocide of Muslims made by extremist Hindus, under state patronage, in Haridwar city of the state of Uttarakhand in India. He condemned the gathering in which many a notorious extremist and terrorist Hindu Pandits and leaders of the ruling BJP had delivered speeches laced with hatred to incite Hindus on mass violence against Muslims. The Ameer lamented that ever since the government of fascist Modi assumed power, various ploys for the genocide of Indian Muslims are being used. The Muslims of Assam have been stripped of all fundamental citizenship and human rights in guise of the so-called Citizenship Act. The fact of the matter is that thousands of Muslims have been lynched in the name of ‘cow vigilantism’ and the goons of the RSS are roaming freely spreading a reign of terror under state patronage. The Ameer demanded that the rulers of all Muslim countries must unite to make the protection of the Muslims of India a chief priority. Practical measures ought to be taken for the diplomatic, trade and economic boycott of India. The Ameer concluded by asserting that the need of the hour is for all Muslim states to impose effective and lasting sanctions on India, so that the Indian government is forced to rein the extremist Hindus and, consequently, the Muslims of India are no longer made the target of oppression, injustice and cruelty.

Date: 24 December 2021

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 founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, 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, alone. The Ameer concluded by warning that if the genuine Islamic System is not established in Pakistan, then the *raison d’etre* of our beloved country will be lost and, consequently, not only would Pakistan face an uphill battle for its stability but also face a real existential threat.

Date: 18 December 2021

Lahore (PR): “The extraordinary foreign minister level session of the OIC must recognize the government of the Afghan Taliban.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. He demanded that the recognition of the Afghan Taliban government be made an agenda item of the foreign minister level extraordinary session of the OIC scheduled to take place in Islamabad on 19 December 2021. He noted that ever since the Afghan Taliban have formally regained power in Afghanistan, after 15 August 2021, the malevolent powers of the world have been using every trick in the book to make them unsuccessful. The US has illicitly frozen the country’s monetary reserves, due to which Afghanistan is currently facing a serious economic crisis. The Ameer emphasized that the Muslim Ummah should unify in providing comprehensive support and assistance to the government of the Afghan Taliban. The Ameer lamented that the rulers of the 57 Muslim states, including Pakistan, are demonstrating an appalling lack of faith (in Allah *SWT*) and appear overwhelmed by the fear of world powers to such an extent that they are working overtime to convince all and sundry that the foreign minister level session of the OIC is not a step towards recognizing the Afghan government. The Ameer concluded by asserting that if the Muslim Ummah unites in its decision to recognize the Afghan Taliban government, then the big powers of the world would be left with no option other than to recognize them, too.

Date: 17 December 2021

Lahore (PR): “The Saudi rulers ought to refrain from all such undertakings in the holy places of Islam that are in violation to the Shariah, merely for petty economic and political gains.”

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, in a statement. The Ameer lamented that it is extremely distressing and painful that such actions which are in utter violation of the Islamic Shariah are being perpetrated by the Saudi rulers in those holy places that host the House of Allah and the Madinah-tun-Nabi for some time now. He bewailed that music festivals that desecrate the Islamic values of modesty and decency are being organized in emulation of the decadent civilization of the modern West. Moreover, such cities are being developed where people would live with ‘absolute freedom’ without being restrained by a religious moral code. The Ameer said that the Arab rulers are gravely mistaken if they think that by imitating the modern Western civilization, they would be able to please the Jewish and Christian world powers and that would protect and save their thrones and dominions. The Arabs should know well that the real objective of Israel – the master of the Western world – is to create a Greater Israel and the Zionist entity would not hesitate to capture vast areas of the Arabs to achieve its ultimate goal. The Ameer remarked that we warn the Arabs to wiser up and stop digging their own grave. The Ameer concluded by asserting that the fact of the matter is that the protection and salvation of the Muslim Ummah rests in sincerely following the Deen of Islam and seeking the pleasure of Allah (*SWT*), not in aiming to gratify the malevolent clouts of the world.