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African Union President, Senegalese President Macky Sall said in statements to Radio France International that Africa will face a very serious famine, if wheat exports from Ukraine to the continent are not resumed. Sall said, during his statements that the famine "may destabilize the continent." Referring to his meeting last week with Russian President Putin in Moscow, he said he asked Putin to help Africa get fertilizers and grain. These statements were preceded by several statements by Western politicians linking the war in Ukraine to the food crisis on the continent, most notably the statements of the Director-General of the International Monetary Fund that "to put it very simply, a war in Europe, Ukraine, translates into hunger in Africa," and the statements of the French president, "We expect a famine in Africa because of Russia's war against Ukraine." These statements, in their entirety, were nothing but a tool in mutual propaganda between Russia and the West. Russia met the alarming statements of the West with a direct accusation that Western sanctions aggravated the food crisis and closed the outlets for grain and fertilizers.

While politicians accuse each other of exploiting human suffering as a weapon of war, the image of emaciated African bodies and grieving mothers has returned to the forefront of the news, as have scenes of malnourished children on the African coast or in East Africa, as if the picture had not changed and time had stopped in the same sad scene decades ago. The faces are similar, and the world stands idle in front of an expected famine and relief camps that some reach after long journeys on foot, during which they bury their dead children and the elderly. This is done within the framework of media coverage that is politicized in form and content and has nothing to do with humanity. Despite the seriousness of the situation and the many resonant statements, there is a large deficit in funding of the United Nations emergency program for the affected countries. A joint statement by UN agencies (WFP, FAO, and UNICEF) stated that "only 18 percent of the UN plan to deal with the humanitarian situation in Somalia for 2022 has been funded."

Away from the political outbursts, Oxfam and Save the Children have described the situation in East Africa as catastrophic, noting that one person dies of starvation every 48 seconds, and that hunger highlights the world's repeated failure to avert preventable disasters.

We stand again in front of a painful reality where the people of the fertile African continent, rich in its natural resources and climatic diversity, are unable to secure their daily livelihood, and their vital issues are used in cheap bargains, and they are paying the price of a capitalist war which they have no hand in.

The issue of food security in Africa and elsewhere is inseparable from achieving security and safety for people, and cannot be left in the hands of other countries, threatening it at times and bargaining with it at other times. Nor should it be left in the hands of international bodies that are considered an integral part of the problem, as they have followed policies that destroyed the countries' economies and instilled subordination and dependence on others. These are policies that urged people to consume and import instead of production and reviving of the land and directed agriculture in a haphazard manner in search of a rapid return, thus exhausting the soil without any success. The source of the disease is not in the high prices and Russian or Ukrainian wheat, but it is those policies that neglected the land and local crops, linked the people's sustenance to the overseas regions, produced specific crops and imposed on the people the import of wheat, while neglecting the local agriculture.

For decades, Africa has been suffering from poverty in thought, intellect and political will. Its land has been barbarically abused, and its people are brutally starving. Africa has no way out except by expelling the West and its bodies that impoverished the land and established the triad of poverty, ignorance and disease. And it has no way out except if its people cultivate their fertile land and eat what it grows and dispense with the imported flowery solutions that impoverished the country and the people. But it is impossible for this to happen, except by addressing the crisis of governance and realizing the reality of succession on earth.

[أَمَّنْ يُجِيبُ الْمُضْطَّرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ وَيَكْشِفُ السُّوءَ وَيَجْعَلُكُمْ خُلَفَاءَ الْأَرْضِ أَلَيْسَ مَعَ اللَّهِ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ]

“Is He [not best] who responds to the desperate one when he calls upon Him and removes evil and makes you inheritors of the earth? Is there a deity with Allah? Little do you remember” [An-Naml: 62]

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NEWS & COMMENTS

New President: Status Quo Remains in Somalia

News:

Somali President, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, on Thursday took the mantle of power for the second time, vowing to reconcile his country's divided political groups, as well as relations with neighbours following years of bickering. Mr. Mohamud, who took over from Mr. Mohamed Farmaajo, said his country will remain neutral in the international space, while befriending countries that will respect its sovereignty and seek to tackle common problems like al-Shabaab and poverty. "The event that we are witnessing today [his inauguration] is a specimen of democracy being reinstated in Somalia," he said, stressing that except when the country was, for 21 years, under military rule (1969 – 1991), Somalis have always been pro-democracy. (The EastAfrican, Friday, 10 June 2022).

Comment:

The media locally, regionally and internationally have praised the peaceful transfer of power from the former regime to the new one. Cunningly, they have failed to mention that the new president offers nothing in respect to policies and laws apart from entrenching the prevailing status quo bedeviling Somalia. Initially, he was in power from 2012 – 2017, a period that Somalia witnessed serious political and socio-economic upheavals that continue to-date. The new president is ascending to power for the second time, full of promises but nothing tangible to offer.

Somalia is faced with numerous problems that require genuine and urgent solutions. Some of the problems include perennial famine that keeps impoverishing the masses. Another problem is the mindboggling looting of public resources via foreign multinationals that engage in underhand dealings with those on the apex of power. Deliberate funding and incitement of local militia and inter-clan conflicts by foreign hands that benefit from continuous insecurity in Somalia is another serious problem.

The new regime will NOT solve the above challenges, because the foundation of the regime in itself needs to be replaced. Indeed, the status quo remains in Somalia since the new administration is a continuation of the existing poisonous democratic system founded upon the secular capitalist ideology. It is a governance system that has relegated religion to the periphery in relation to matters of legislation! Hence, it is giving priority to man's limited mind in managing people's affairs based on guesswork imported from their colonial Western masters.

Consequently, the people in Somalia have jumped from one frying pan to another, since the most urgent issue that needs to be addressed is to replace the secular democratic system of governance that thrives in chaos and filthiness. Furthermore, put in its place the Islamic governance system of Khilafah (Caliphate), a system that emanates from the Creator of the universe, man and life i.e. Allah (swt). The Khilafah is not tied to Western colonialists who influence both its internal and foreign policies like what is happening in Somalia and the rest of the world. For instance, these latest presidential elections were held on May 2022 as a result of pressure to meet foreign terms sanctioned by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in order for Somalia to receive \$400 million aid programme amongst other foreign pledges! (Reuters, 16 May 2022).

Currently, Somalia is suffering from the absent of genuine Islamic leadership. Those in positions of power are nothing but Western colonial agent rulers. Their stay in power is for purposes of protecting their masters' interests and executing policies drawn to them from Western capitals especially Washington and London. Their outward appearances and those of their counterparts in Middle East and the entire Muslim world in general hoodwink the masses that they are true protectors and guardians of Muslims and Islam. Alas, they are not, as they do not possess the Islamic personality i.e. their mentality and disposition is contrary to the dictates of Islam as revealed by the Prophet (saw).

On the contrary, the Khilafah will be led by a Muslim, the Khalifah (Caliph), who will strive day and night to implement the Islamic systems emanating from the Islamic Shari'ah that will guarantee tranquility and prosperity to all irrespective of their colour, race or religious background. Also, he will act as the guardian, protector and shield for those under his care and especially the honour of the Prophet (saw) which to-date is being disparaged by the enemies of Islam and Muslims. The sorry-state of Somalia will remain intact, unless the sincere Muslims from within and without recognize the fundamental mistake of adopting the secular capitalist ideology, and start working with Hizb ut Tahrir to resume the Islamic way of life by reestablishing the Khilafah on the method of Prophethood. Now is the moment, seize it and you will not regret.

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Establishing Allah's Law on Earth The Covenant of True Leadership that is Renewed until Allah Fulfills His Promise

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خلافة
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Glory be to Him who created man and fashioned him, blown into him his ruh (spirit), and with the intellect he honoured him. Glory be to Him who sent His Messenger as a mercy to the worlds to bring them out from the darkness of disbelief to the light of faith. Glory be to Him, who revealed His Book to His Prophet, the Chosen One, to be a beacon and a lamp that illuminates the path of all people. Glory be to him who said:

وَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْجِنَّ وَالْإِنْسَ إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُونِ * مَا أُرِيدُ مِنْهُمْ مِنْ رِزْقٍ وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ يُطْعَمُوا

“I did not create jinn and humans except to worship Me * I seek no provision from them, nor do I need them to feed Me.” [TMQ Adh-Dhariyat: 56-57]. Glory be to Him who said:

قُلْ إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ * لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

“Say, “Surely my prayer, my worship, my life, and my death are all for Allah—Lord of all worlds”. * He has no partner. So I am commanded, and so I am the first to submit.” [TMQ Al-An'am: 162-163].

God created His servants and took their covenant that they would testify that He is their Lord

وَإِذْ أَخَذَ رَبُّكَ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ مِنْ ظُهُورِهِمْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ وَأَشْهَدَهُمْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ أَلَسْتُ بِرَبِّكُمْ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ شَهِدْنَا أَنْ تَقُولُوا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ إِنَّا كُنَّا عَنْ هَذَا غَافِلِينَ

“And ‘remember’ when your Lord brought forth from the loins of the children of Adam their descendants and had them testify regarding themselves. ‘Allah

asked, ‘Am I not your Lord?’ They replied, ‘Yes, You are! We testify.’ ‘He cautioned, ‘Now you have no right to say on Judgment Day, ‘We were not aware of this.’” [TMQ Al-A'raf: 172].

He sent down His law so that those on earth might live a good life, guaranteed by his rulings that do not come to falsehood or imperfection, established among them by a God-fearing leader. Allah (swt) chose the nation of His Prophet (saw) to be the best nation brought out for people calling for good, enjoining good and forbidding evil, to be the nation that leads nations in what pleases Him, Glory be to Him

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَوْ آمَنَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ مِنْهُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ

“You are the best community ever raised for humanity—you encourage good, forbid evil, and believe in Allah. Had the People of the Book believed, it would have been better for them. Some of them are faithful, but most are rebellious.” [TMQ Aali-'Imran :110].

One of His Sunnahs, Glory be to Him, is that He made leadership a necessity of life to run the affairs of His creation, so flocks of birds have a leader who directs them, and cattle and animals have someone who leads them, as well as ants and bees... They are nations like humans

وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا طَائِرٍ يَطِيرُ بِجَنَاحَيْهِ إِلَّا أُمَّةٌ أُمَّتَالِكُمْ مَا فَرَّطْنَا فِي الْكِتَابِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ثُمَّ إِلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يُحْشَرُونَ

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“And there is no creature on [or within] the earth or bird that flies with its wings except [that they are] communities like you. We have not neglected in the Register a thing. Then unto their Lord they will be gathered..” [TMQ Al-An'am:38].

Leadership is an authority to direct and organize life, and it is a necessary matter for its conduct. And Allah the Almighty made the pledge of allegiance to the leader of the Ummah of Islam in order to implement Allah's rulings in it and He obligated the Ummah to obey Him unless he commanded them to disobey him, then he is not heard nor obeyed.

The Prophet (saw) was the first leader of the Ummah of Islam and the greatest man known to humankind; he conveyed the message, fulfilled the trust, and left the Ummah of Islam, glorious and powerful, who led nations and spread among them the light and guidance of Allah, and humanity has not witnessed a leader greater than him; He is the one who brought people together in sects and clans, races and colors under the banner of “There is no god but Allah,” breaking boundaries and uniting hearts.

To worship Allah means to populate the earth and spread His wisdom on it. That is the trust that the heavens, the earth, and the mountains refused to carry and that man would bear. The prophets and messengers received it, and the Messenger of Allah (saw) was the last of them to fulfill this great trust to the fullest and to please his Lord and witness him hand over the trust to his Ummah to continue walking on his path and follow his method in fulfilling the covenant he made to preserve Allah's religion and spread it in the worlds.

It was the covenant of the true, honest, faithful leader, who has nothing but to please his Lord and spread his law among all people so that life may be as Allah loves and is pleased with for His servants.

فَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ كَذَبَ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَكَذَّبَ بِالصِّدْقِ إِذْ جَاءَهُ أَلَيْسَ فِي جَهَنَّمَ مَثْوًى
لِّلْكَافِرِينَ * وَالَّذِي جَاءَ بِالصِّدْقِ وَصَدَّقَ بِهِ أُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُتَّقُونَ * لَهُمْ مَا يَشَاءُونَ
عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ ذَلِكَ جَزَاءُ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

“Who then does more wrong than those who lie about Allah and reject the truth after it has reached them? Is Hell not a ‘fitting’ home for the disbelievers? * And the one who has brought the truth and those who embrace it—it is they who are the righteous. * They will have whatever they desire with their Lord. That is the reward of the good-doers.” [TMQ Az-Zumar: 32-34]

And upon his path, his companions walked, and they were for what he placed in them and what he taught them of preserving the religion and working to spread it, establishing the affairs of the Ummah, spreading justice and security in it, and competing to provide the needs of everyone who has affiliation with the state of Islam

and in the service of religion and the elevation of its word, they spend their money, and for the afterlife and the pleasure of Allah they spend what they have. They were working to improve the implementation of its rulings upon the servants, fearing Allah in them and fearing His wrath if they fall short or do wrong. They used to serve their subjects and provide for their needs, especially the elderly, and those without a guardian. And the story of the blind old woman who was served by Abu Bakr, the Caliph of the Messenger of Allah, and then continued her care, Omar Ibn Al-Khattab (ra), is a good example of the race for good care and the glee of one of them for the other in that “You have exhausted the caliphs after you, O Abu Bakr...” They take turns in the secretariat, and each of them strives to perform it well in a manner that is pleasing to God. And they used to fear Allah even in birds (they spread love for them so that they do not go hungry) and the beasts (they levelled the path for them so that they do not stumble)!

A trust performed by the Muslim Khulafa (Caliphs), each one according to his piety and fear of Allah (swt). They tried to preserve this religion and defend it and spread it in all parts of the earth so that the word of Allah would be supreme and the rule would be for the One Allah, but the enemies of this religion and with the help of a small group of the sons of the Ummah who betrayed Allah and His Messenger and neglected the trust and sold it were able to bring down the Khilafah (Caliphate) state. The political entity that preserves the religion and is based on the implementation of its rulings, and they divided them into states on which they installed agents of theirs, based on their interests and securing for them the looting of the Ummah's wealth and lands. The matter was assigned to those who do not deserve it, and if the matter is assigned to the one who doesn't deserve it then we should await the arrival of the day of judgment as peace be upon him has told us: «إِذَا ضَلَّتِ الْأَمَانَةُ فَأَنْتَظِرُ السَّاعَةَ» قَالَ: كَيْفَ إِضَاعَتُهَا؟ قَالَ: «إِذَا أَسْنَدَ الْأَمْرُ إِلَى غَيْرِ أَهْلِهِ فَأَنْتَظِرُ السَّاعَةَ» Allah's Messenger (saw) said, **“When honesty is lost, then wait for the Hour.”** It was asked, **“How will honesty be lost, O Allah's Messenger?”** He said, **“When authority is given to those who do not deserve it, then wait for the Hour”** [Narrated by Al-Bukhari].

The matter is entrusted to those who do not take care of people's affairs and do not stand up for their interests. They burdened them with taxes and high prices, and deprived them of the wealth that Allah had endowed them with. The matter was entrusted to those who sold the country and spread injustice among the people and spread immorality and corruption among them.

So where are those who took over the affairs of people and ruled them with a human system that serves the interests of a few and oppresses the majority of people from which children suffer in the world (wars, famine, physical and sexual exploitation)?! Where are they from the fear and displacement that these people, especially

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the sons of Muslims, live in?! Where are those who rule with a system that is incapable of providing care and that does not provide for human needs from which thousands of children who die of starvation live or who subsist from weeds and garbage to make ends meet?! And they are the sons of a Ummah that has wealth, what guarantees it a decent life?!

There is a great difference between these people and those who used to rule by the law of Allah, they have mercy on the young and respect the old! «لَيْسَ مِنَّا مَنْ لَمْ» «يَرْحَمْ صَغِيرَنَا وَيُوقِرَ كَبِيرَنَا» **“He is not one of us who does not have mercy on our young and does not respect our elders”**. [Narrated by Abu Dawud and Tirmidhi]

There is a difference between them and those who used to wipe the heads of orphans and provide them with what they need!

Where are the rulers today when people suffer from poverty and unemployment?! Where are the youth of the Ummah who end their lives by hanging, drowning, or burning after all doors were closed in their faces, and their lives became black and despair and frustration became their titles?!

Where are they from the pain of our youth while they are surrounded by a torrential stream of tribulations and temptations?! They live a life that invites them to all the prohibitions and forbids them from chastity and purity! Where are those who took the trust and strived to preserve it and feared Allah in the youth, so they helped them to get married, pardoned them and helped them to satisfy their instincts with the rulings that Allah (swt) enacted and what pleases Him?! On the authority of Abu Huraira who said, The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, «ثَلَاثَةٌ حَقٌّ عَلَى اللَّهِ عَوْنُهُمْ؛ الْمَجَاهِدُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ، وَالْمُكَاتِبُ الَّذِي يُرِيدُ الْأَدَاءَ»، **“There are three whom it is right for Allah to help: The slave whose master has agreed to let him buy his freedom when he wishes to pay the sum, the one who marries desiring to live a chaste life, and the one who fights in Allah’s path.”**

Where are the rulers today when the youth are unable to abstain from the expenses of marriage or to support a family and meet their expenses (unemployment is rampant and the costs of marriage and living are exorbitant...)?!

Where are the rulers, when the woman has become exploited, oppressed, enslaved, deceived by the titles of freedoms and rights while she is in chains, waiting for someone to free her from this miserable life that has made her lose her femininity that Allah created in her?!

Where are those who claim to lead the world from the famines, poverty, unemployment and wars that the entire world is suffering from?! From a life of wretchedness, people’s chests are narrowed and their necks are tied,

waiting for another system that takes care of the affairs of all people: the poor and the rich, the young and old, their men and women, that takes care of the human being as a human being?!

Does she have a better system than that of her Creator to take care of her affairs and ensure her needs?

أَلَا لَهُ الْخَلْقُ وَالْأَمْرُ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ

“The creation and the command belong to Him alone”. Blessed is Allah—Lord of all worlds!” [TMQ Al-A’raf: 54]

Where are these from the true leaders who are conscious of the trust that Allah has entrusted to His servants and which was carried by the best of mankind, his companions, and everyone who was true with Allah?! Whoever is truthful and fulfills the trust has been saved, and whoever falls short and lies has betrayed and will regret a day when regret will not benefit him!

The true leadership bears the call of Allah and reminds of honesty with Allah, bears the concern of this message and the concern of this religion and works to defend it and honour it on earth, not fearing the blame of the blamer and not being deterred by the few who follow this path. It is the one who works to guard the law of Allah and is based on making him rule the earth with all strength and solidity. Does not compromise, does not compliment, does not tolerate. It has the determination with which to conquer all hesitation, and the courage and boldness that negates any slackening or regression from it. It is honest and its sincerity with Allah, the Helper, the One who grants victory, the Ever Strong.

True leadership is a responsibility, and everyone who fears Allah fears not giving it its due: في رواية عن أبي ذر قال: ألا تستعملني؟ فضرب بيده على منكبي ثم قال: «يا أبا ذر إنك ضعيف، وإنها أمانة، وإنها يوم القيامة خزئ وندامة، إلا من أخذها بحقها، وأدأى الذي عليه فيها» Abu Dharr told that he asked Allah’s Messenger to make him a governor, but he patted him on his shoulder with his hand and said, **“You are weak, Abu Dharr, and it is a trust which will be a cause of shame and regret on the day of resurrection except for him who undertakes it as it ought to be undertaken and fulfils his duty in it.”** In a version he said to him, **“I see that you are weak, Abu Dharr, and I wish for you what I wish for myself. Do not accept rule over two people and do not become guardian of an orphan’s property.”** [Narrated by Muslim]

The true leadership is that their concern is based on implementing Allah’s rulings upon people to illuminate their lives with it, so that the perfection of Allah’s Shariah is manifested in solving their problems, securing their needs and ensuring a decent life for them, spreading justice and mercy among them and making them feel secure in it and they will enter Islam in groups. The true

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leader is the one who does not see the world unless it is governed by, dominated, and guided, by Allah's laws because he is certain of Allah's promise of empowerment and victory for His faithful servants.

The true leader is the one who places the great trust above all considerations, as our master Abu Bakr, may Allah be pleased with him, who drew from the best of creation and accompanied him in his emigration. "فَمَنْ كَانَ مِنْكُمْ يَعْْبُدُ مُحَمَّدًا ﷺ فَإِنَّ مُحَمَّدًا ﷺ قَدْ مَاتَ، وَمَنْ كَانَ يَعْْبُدُ اللَّهَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ" **“Whoever amongst you worshipped Muhammad (pbuh), then Muhammad (pbuh) is dead, but whoever worshipped Allah, Allah is alive and will never die.”**

In a decisive step, it preserved the unity of the state and eliminated apostasy.

The true leader is a leader who does not lie to his people, is honest with Allah and His Messenger and the believers, works day and night to restore the glory and honour of Islam and unites the Muslims under the banner of monotheism and unites them in one state in whose shade they live a life of strength and honour by which they conquer enemies, humiliate them, rule them and lead them with the just rulings of Allah.

The true leadership is the one that places its covenant with Allah at the top of its actions, because it believes that this is an obligation upon it and a legal duty that must be adhered to. It is the leadership that renews this covenant every now and then and assures that there is no rest for it unless the law of Allah rules the world and Islam returns its glory and becomes the only leadership that brings people out from the darkness of human rule to the light of the rule of the Lord of humanity a leadership that only cares about implementing Allah's rule and living under its sun's shade.

It is a leadership united in a political party, Hizb ut Tahir, that works to resume life with Islam, does not want a position and does not seek a worldly honour, but rather fears Allah as if it sees Him and is honest in the implementation of the covenant it made until the banner of monotheism rises in the sky and the religion is all to Allah and there is no command but His. What a great leadership it is that was true with its Lord: in Him it relied, and in His promise it clung to and was certain.

مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ رِجَالٌ صَدَقُوا مَا عَاهَدُوا اللَّهَ عَلَيْهِ فَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ قَضَىٰ نَحْبَهُ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَنْتَظِرُ وَمَا بَدَّلُوا تَبْدِيلًا

“Among the believers are men true to what they promised Allah. Among them is he who has fulfilled his vow [to the death], and among them is he who awaits [his chance]. And they did not alter [the terms of their commitment] by any alteration -.” [TMQ Al-Ahzab: 23].

ANSWER TO QUESTION

America and the Change in its Agents in Pakistan



Question:

Al Jazeera English reported on 28/ 04/2022 that, “Pakistan’s Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has appointed Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, son of assassinated former Premier Benazir Bhutto, as foreign minister... At just 33, Bhutto-Zardari becomes one of the world’s youngest foreign ministers... Sharif announced a 41-member cabinet after he took over from removed premier Imran Khan earlier this month.....” The government of Shebaz Sharif, who succeeded his brother Nawaz as president of PML-N, was sworn in on 19/4/2022, that is, more than a week after the withdrawal of confidence from Imran Khan.

The question is what caused this change? Note that Parliament, with the support of the army, had given confidence to Imran when he was appointed, whilst the army was angry with the two parties, the PML-N and PPP at that time. So what has happened since? Does America have a hand in the matter, knowing that it has been behind the rule in Pakistan for years?

Answer:

In order to clarify the answer to these questions, we review the following:

Firstly, how did Imran Khan reach ruling?

1- It was the army that granted Imran Khan power. Imran Khan ran a government that was unparalleled with respect to the generals. He has been criticized for being too close to the military since he promised to create a “New Pakistan,” getting rid of corruption and nepotism, after winning the 2018 elections. Until recently, Imran Khan was described as one of Pakistan’s most closely allied to the military, amongst the heads of government. Imran was even accused of being subservient to the military.

Had it not been for the army's support for him, Imran Khan would not have gained any confidence for ruling! In 1996, he announced the formation of his political party Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI). In 1997, Imran Khan failed to win even a single seat in the National Assembly during the general elections. It was only in 2013 that his party managed to make an impact in Pakistani politics, due to the support of the Pakistani Army. His party managed to win 30 seats in the National Assembly. It was the third largest opposition party, after the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and the Pakistan People’s Party. The army then chose to give Khan a chance to win the 2018 elections. However, that was only after Imran Khan agreed to the Chief of Army Staff, Qamar Bajwa, running the general elections.

2- The army, alongside the intelligence under the direction of Lieutenant-General Faiz Hameed, worked relentlessly to improve Khan’s political prospects. The ISI helped arrange his gatherings across the country, making him a winning candidate. Whilst intimidating the press over providing positive coverage of PML-N, the security services attacked the PML-N, arrested, detained and harassed PML-N staff – Nawaz’s wing. The military also worked behind the scenes to disqualify PML-N candidates from running...

3- Although Imran Khan's party won 149 seats in the National Assembly, it was still less than the 172 seats needed to form a majority government. However, it was able to do so in the form of a coalition government, with the arrangement of the military. The coalition government was the plan of the Pakistani Army to ensure a means of a roll-back, should Imran Khan change his mind and act against the army. The intelligence also succeeded in wooing members of the Pakistan People’s Party into Imran Khan’s government. Thus, a total of 17 members of Imran Khan’s team were appointed under the influence of the ISI. Only three members of the cabinet were PTI supporters who had never been in any other party previously!

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Secondly: After Imran Khan became Prime Minister, he provided many services to America,

1- Pakistani Geo News TV channel reported regarding Khan that, "He received a letter from US President Trump earlier today 3/12/2018, in which he asked Pakistan to play a role in the Afghan peace talks and help bring the Taliban movement to the negotiating table," as reported internationally by Russia's Sputnik on 3/12/2018. Then Imran Khan met two days later with the US Special Envoy Khalilzad in Islamabad, confirming Pakistan's progress with respect to the American plan for Afghanistan!

2- Former Pakistani Defense Minister, Khawaja Asif, confirmed the betrayal by Pakistan's rulers, whilst he is one of them. In a series of tweets, Khwaja Asif stated on 3/1/2018, "You have asked what did we do? A dictator surrendered on a single phone call, our country witnessed the worst bloodbath, you carried out 57,800 attacks on Afghanistan from our bases, your forces were supplied arms and explosives through our soil, thousands of our civilians and soldiers became victims of the war initiated by you... We considered your enemy as our own, we filled the Guantanamo Bay, we served you with such an enthusiasm that we left our country with load shedding and gas shortage. We tried to please you at the cost of our economy, we provided tens of thousands of visas as a result of which the networks of Black Water spread across our country." There is nothing more frank than this: Pakistan fought a war that was not its war... It shed the blood of Muslim children for America's sake... And it squandered the values of its Islamic Deen, in order to serve American interests...

3- Likewise with regard to India, as he failed previously, Imran kept silent about India's annexation of Kashmir, except by stances of lip-service. So we said in the question and answer of 8/8/2019, "When India announced its recent decision to revoke the Kashmir special status, Pakistan's position was also disappointing, it did not go beyond condemnation, to remove the blame. The Pakistani Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying, 'Pakistan strongly condemns and rejects the announcements made today (Monday 5/8/2019) by New Delhi. No unilateral step by the Government of India can change this disputed status, as enshrined in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions, Pakistan will exercise all possible options to counter the illegal steps.' (AFP 5/8/2019) ... In other words, exactly as the [Palestinian] Authority of Abbas and the Arab countries around them do, they denounce and protest against the violations of the Jewish entity of the Blessed Land of Palestine without mobilizing the armies to fight. Pakistan repeats the same role and denounces without moving the army to fight!" [End Quote]

4- Imran Khan dealt with the International Monetary

Fund (IMF), whilst this fund is under the control of the US. Imran Khan implemented its policies, after he spoke against dealing with the IMF in his campaign for power. Indeed, Imran had stated before coming to power, in an interview published in the British newspaper, 'The Guardian,' on 18 September 2011, that, "A country that relies on aid? Death is better than that. It stops you from achieving your potential, just as colonialism did. Aid is humiliating. Every country I know that has had IMF or World Bank programmes has only impoverished the poor and enriched the rich." Yet, on coming to power he reneged on his promise! Negotiations with the International Monetary Fund began in earnest. Then, on 3 July, 2019, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreed to arrange a \$6 billion loan for Pakistan under a 39-month Extended Fund Facility (EFF)...

5- Pakistan's Prime Minister, Imran Khan, recalled services for the US, in an interview with Fox News on Monday 22/7/2019, stating, "We in Pakistan always felt that we were an ally of the US and if we had been given the information about Osama bin Laden, we should have taken him out. And yet it was ISI that gave the information which led to the location of Osama bin Laden. If you ask CIA it was ISI which gave the initial location through the phone connection." He stated this "in the first visit of the former cricket hero to the White House, since his election a year ago in Pakistan, where he met US President Donald Trump," as reported by Al-Quds Al-Arabi on 23/07/2019.

Thirdly: The tense relationship between Imran and the army leadership, and then the United States:

Imran Khan continued to be under the control of the army, with the US behind it, for about three years of his rule. At the end of the third year, his relationship with Army Chief Bajwa became tense, as it did subsequently with the US for its support of the army stance. Imran refused to accept the army's candidate for the position of the head of the ISI. Lieutenant-General Anjum Nadeem was held up in the appointment, which led to unease in the army... As reported by Al-Manar TV website on 27/10/2021, "Anjum will take up his new post on 20 November. On 6 October, Bajwa appointed Anjum to replace the head of the ISI, Lieutenant-General Faiz Hameed. Anjum was occupying the position of Corps Commander in the southern port city of Karachi. Bajwa appointed Hameed as the Corps Commander in Peshawar this month." Imran Khan has been publicly stating his support for Faiz Hameed as the leadership of internal intelligence. Thus, the relationship of the government of Imran Khan with the army was marred by tensions, following the appointment of Nadeem Anjum in the place of Faiz Hameed. This was particularly so amongst widespread speculation that Khan would nominate Hameed to replace Qamar Javed Bajwa, whose second term in office ends in November 2022.

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Of course, America stands behind the army chief. Hence, the decision was made to pave the way for the withdrawal of confidence from Imran Khan, alongside a search for a replacement for him. Imran Khan received some of this information. So, Imran tried to make amends with the army leadership. He agreed to appoint Nadeem Anjum in the place of Imran's friend, Faiz Hameed. However, the army leadership insisted, with American support, that Imran must be removed from the post of prime minister, with the appointment of someone else! The army and America feared that this violation of the army's decision would lead to the undermining of the decisions of the army, backed by America. Hence the insistence on removing Imran...

Fourthly: Imran Khan was agitated, especially since he rendered great services to America as we mentioned, whilst, similarly, he obeyed the leadership of the army... it is as if he ruled out that the army and America would work to isolate him, after the services he provided them. However, he forgot or made himself forget that the kuffar countries do not allow their agents any room to breathe! In any case, he was upset about this and made statements about America, but by then it was too late! Among his statements:

1- As reported by Euro News Arabia on 4/2/2022, "Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan told a group of foreign journalists today, Saturday, 'The move to oust me is blatant interference in domestic politics by the United States.'" The Arab Post on 3/4/2022 stated that, "local media reported that Khan had received a message from the ambassador of Islamabad in Washington that included a recording in which a high-ranking US official, said to be US Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Donald Lu, declaring that the United States felt that relations could be better if Khan left."

2- In a stance differing with Washington's position on Russia regarding its attack on Ukraine, Imran Khan refused to condemn the attack and even visited Moscow, appearing next to the Russian President. Vladimir Putin, on 24/2/2022, i.e. on the first day of Russia's war on Ukraine. This is whilst the Pakistani army chief, Qamar Bajwa, condemned the attack explicitly, supporting the American stance and contradicting Khan's recent statements. Al Hurra reported on 2/4/2022 that, "the Pakistani army chief criticized the Russian war on Ukraine, calling for an immediate halt to what he described as a "huge tragedy," affecting a smaller country. It is noteworthy that General Qamar Javed Bajwa's criticism of Moscow contradicts the Prime Minister of his country, Imran Khan. Imran Khan defended the necessity of Islamabad's neutrality, directing it towards what is happening in Ukraine. He also refused to criticize the actions of Russian President Vladimir Putin."

3- In another stance, as reported by 'The New Arab,' on 7/3/2022, "Imran Khan spoke of ambassadors of the European Union writing a letter asking him to condemn the Russian military operation in Ukraine... Imran said, 'I want to ask the European Union ambassadors: Did you write such a letter to India?' He added, 'What do you think of us? Are we your slaves...that whatever you say, we will do?' The Pakistani ruled continued, "When India violated international laws in Kashmir and the United States Security Council Resolutions, did any of you [EU ambassadors] criticize India. Did you break off ties with India? Or suspend trade with them?"

Fifthly: As we said above, Imran Khan did not expect that all his service to the army, and behind it, America, would be of no use to him! It is as if he did not realize that whoever comes to power with the support of the colonial kuffar, as an agent for them, becomes like a chess piece for them. They move him as they like. Moreover, they dispense of him as they like, without hesitation, if he does not achieve their interests. This was what happened to Imran Khan! On 7/4/2022, the Deputy Speaker's decision rejected the vote on the opposition's motion of no-confidence against the government of Imran Khan. It also annulled the decision of the President of the Republic to dissolve Parliament on 3/4/2022 and move towards holding early elections, on the advice of Prime Minister Imran Khan. The court ruled that this move was against the constitution and hence null and void. The apex court also ordered the speaker of the house to hold a session of Parliament on 10/4/2022, in which the 342-seat Pakistani Parliament voted by 174 votes for no-confidence against Imran Khan... It is clear that in these events, the military was running matters behind the scenes. The senior judges would never take such a decision without the full support of the army chief...

Sixthly: On the following day, 11/4/2022, the Parliament chose Shehbaz Sharif as Prime Minister, until the date of the general elections in August 2023. As for Shehbaz, he is the younger brother of Nawaz Sharif, who was the former Prime Minister of Pakistan. Shehbaz has been the leader of the opposition in the Pakistani National Assembly since 2018. Shehbaz took over the leadership of the Pakistan Muslim League after his brother Nawaz, who founded the party. Shehbaz committed himself to being obedient to the army and America... and then the army supported him in the election to replace Imran Khan and he did the following:

1- Shehbaz began his political term according to what America wants... He began with a conciliatory tone with India, stating that he is ready for dialogue instead of confrontation. Sky News in Arabic reported on 14/4/2022 that "In his first speech, Shehbaz Sharif said, 'We want good relations with India but there cannot be sustainable peace unless the issue of Kashmir is resolved,' whilst calling upon the Prime Minister of India to allow the resolution of the Kashmir issue and so energies are

devoted to the prosperity of the two countries.” The Indian Prime Minister Modi responded to him by tweeting, “Congratulations to H. E. Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on his election as the Prime Minister of Pakistan. India desires peace and stability in a region free of terror, so that we can focus on our development challenges and ensure the well-being and prosperity of our people.” Note that the Indian Prime Minister is hateful of Islam and Muslims. Modi incites his Hindu followers against Muslims in India. His followers restrict the Muslims and do not accept Muslims residing in their country of India. They restrict the Muslim daughters in schools in the matter of Islamic dress code.

2- News reports mention that Shehbaz Sharif offered to work with the generals, if he was elected. He stated that the country needed to move forward and overcome differences with the army. He had previously criticized the army in its coup against his older brother, the former Prime Minister, Nawaz Sharif, in 1999. Shehbaz Sharif competed in the 2018 elections but lost out to Imran Khan. In December 2019, the National Accountability Bureau froze 23 properties owned by the Shehbaz and his son, charging them with money laundering. In September 2020, Shehbaz was arrested on charges of involvement in money laundering, but he was released in April 2021 on bail. So, his reconciliation with the army was one of the factors that allowed him to reach power.

3- Let us refer here to America’s rapid congratulations to Shehbaz Sharif, as its Secretary of State, Blinken, said, “The United States congratulates newly elected Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and we look forward to continuing our long-standing cooperation with Pakistan’s government.” (Sky News 4/14/2022). This confirms that America has accepted Shehbaz’s reconciliation with the army, as well as his pledge to implement American policy. It agreed to arrange his success in reaching power, after it had prevented both him and his brother Nawaz previously. Now the US has only agreed after Shehbaz is fully prepared to work with America, whilst he has reconciled with the army that is loyal to America!

4- The Voice of America (VOA) reported on 12/4/2022, that “Pakistan’s new government said Tuesday it would “constructively and positively” engage with the United States to promote “shared goals” of regional peace, security and development... “We welcome U.S. reaffirmation of long-standing ties with Pakistan,” Sharif’s office said in response to remarks by White House press secretary Jen Psaki on Monday in which she underscored the criticality of Washington’s ties with Islamabad regardless of its leader. “We look forward to deepening this important relationship on the principles of equality, mutual interest and mutual benefit,” the Pakistani statement said. On Monday, Psaki said the Biden administration supported the “peaceful upholding of constitutional democratic principles” and does not support one political party over another in Pakistan. “We

value our long-standing cooperation with Pakistan, have always viewed a prosperous and democratic Pakistan as critical to U.S. interests,” she said. Psaki said the “long, strong and abiding” relations will continue under new leaders in Islamabad.”

This confirms that America was behind the downfall of its former agent, Imran Khan, and the promotion of Shehbaz Sharif, who frankly declares his willingness to work with America, more vigorously than Imran Khan did!

Seventhly: These agents do not learn or reason. If America overthrows one of them, they rush to court the US and prepare to provide services to America, until they reach ruling. It defines them as being less than truly ideological political leaders, seeking only office. Shehbaz Sharif did not learn from America overthrowing his brother more than once, whilst both him and he were punished with exile. The Ummah needs principled politicians who adhere to an ideology, which is the ideology of the Ummah, Islam. Islam alone treats all matters in a radical and correct manner, whilst its politicians alone can save the Ummah, revive it and make it a superpower, not a country subjugated to America.

Indeed, Pakistan is qualified to be the support point of this great state, the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) State, by the permission of Allah (saw).

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“Surely this is sufficient (as a reminder) for those devoted to worship.” [TMQ Surah Al-Anbiyyah 21:106]

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