



## A Visit of Betrayal

## News:

Trump embraces Pakistan: 'Tactical romance' or a new 'inner circle'?

Trump hosts Pakistan army chief Asim Munir for an unprecedented White House lunch, as the US and Pakistan reset ties. (https://www.aljazeera.com/)

## Comment:

At a time when the Muslim world is bleeding—from Gaza to Kashmir, to the streets of Tehran—General Asim Munir's visit to U.S. President Donald Trump is not only tone-deaf but a betrayal of immense proportions. The meeting, held at the White House and framed by Trump as an expression of gratitude for Munir's role in de-escalating a near-war with India, is being hailed by segments of the Pakistani establishment as a strategic diplomatic move. In truth, it marks yet another chapter in the humiliating legacy of Pakistan's military elite bowing before Western powers—even as those very powers arm and defend the Zionist regime in its latest wave of brutal aggression across the Middle East.

Trump's welcoming of Munir comes in the wake of U.S.-backed 'Israeli' strikes inside Iran, which have killed hundreds. Yet rather than challenging U.S. complicity in this bloodshed, Munir extended a hand to the same Trump who funds and arms the Zionist entity, authorized drone strikes across Muslim lands, and once branded Pakistan a nation of "lies and deceit." The general's presence in Washington reveals the extent to which Pakistan's leadership has become complicit in a global system of colonialist domination.

This visit reflects decades of policy in which Pakistan's military leaders have prioritized maintaining favor with Washington over standing with the Ummah. Trump himself made it clear that his administration values Pakistan primarily for its strategic leverage against Iran and for helping contain the conflict with India—interests that serve U.S. hegemony, not the Islamic Ummah.

What makes this betrayal even more painful is the disconnect between the sacrifices and deep love for Islam among Pakistan's people and the actions of its leadership. There is open betrayal and a blatant disregard for the obligation to submit to Allah's commands, to treat the enemies of the Ummah as enemies, to defend Muslim lands, and to avenge their martyrs. That duty, in this case, has been shamelessly forsaken.

To the Muslims in Pakistan and to their extension within our community: we remind you that true leadership does not kneel before the enemies of Islam, nor sit silently as Palestine and Kashmir burn, and now Iran bleeds. The way forward lies in a complete political and ideological break from American dictates. Only through the reestablishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the method of Prophethood can Pakistan's military strength be harnessed to liberate occupied lands, safeguard sanctities, and restore justice to the Ummah. Until then, every handshake with a war criminal like Trump will remain a painful reminder of how far Pakistan's leadership has strayed from its Islamic obligations.

﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُواْ لاَ تَتَّخِذُواْ الْيَهُودَ وَالنَّصَارَى أَوْلِيَاء بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاء بَعْض وَمَن يَتَوَلَّهُم مِّنكُمْ فَإِنَّهُ مِنْهُمْ إِنَّ اللّهَ لاَ يَهْدِي الْقَوْمَ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿

"O believers! Take neither Jews nor Christians as guardians—they are guardians of each other. Whoever does so will be counted as one of them. Surely Allah does not guide the wrongdoing people." [5:51]

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