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Details:

Panama Leaks Drama is Due to Democracy

The main opposition Pakistan People's Party (PPP) has decided to introduce in the Senate a bill seeking the formation of a judicial commission on the Panama Papers leaks. The announcement was made by Leader of Opposition in the Senate Chaudhry Aitzaz Ahsan and the party's parliamentary leader Saeed Ghani at a news conference on 12 July 2016. Mr Ahsan said that the draft of the proposed law was being prepared and it would be made public after its approval by PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari and after consultation with other opposition parties. The PPP leader said that the opposition knew that it did not have a majority in parliament, but it had decided to introduce the private member's bill to put moral pressure on the government, which was reluctant to do the legislation despite the opposition's demand.

The Panama Leaks took place on 3 April 2016 yet over three months later, drafts of laws are being pushed here and there, with opposition and ruling parties locked in making deals and using various leverages against each other, in Islamabad and in London. The opposition was bound to do this because it itself has usurped wealth from the Ummah through Democracy in its term. As for the military leadership, as is clear from the example of Musharraf and Kayani, it too is far from being pure of corruption and is standing inside watching the drama, as an example of honor amongst thieves.

The Ummah is burdened by a political and military leadership that does not fear Allah (swt), rules by other than the Book of Truth and seeks only personal gains, such that its financial corruption has become so severe that it can no longer be hidden from the eyes of the world, despite the existence of decades-old secret channels. Indeed, it is clear that those linked to the current system, whether from the rulers or the opposition or from the political leadership or military leadership, are steeped in financial corruption to the order of billions of Rupees. Moreover, corruption, financial and otherwise, is inevitable in the current system, because Democracy is a system of whims and desires, allowing those at its helm to manipulate laws according to their interests or those of their Western masters, **“And judge between them by what Allah has revealed, and do not follow their desires, and beware (O Muhammad) that they might seduce you from some of what Allah has sent down to you.”** [Surah Al-Maaida 5:49].

The Monumental Betrayal of Kashmir by Rulers of Muslims

As the bloodshed in India-held Kashmir sparked protests in the capital of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and outside the UN office in Islamabad on 12 July 2016, Pakistan

called on the world community and particularly the permanent five (P5) members of the UN Security Council to take note of the aggravating human rights situation and get the UN resolutions on Kashmir implemented. "The foreign secretary urged the international community and particularly the permanent members of the Security Council to take notice of the gravity of the situation in IOK, call on India to respect human rights of the people of IOK and implement UN Security Council resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir," said Pakistan's Foreign Office in a statement at a briefing held for envoys of China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States. As for General Raheel Sharif, at the Corps commanders' conference of 13 July 2016, he declared,

"The world needs to ... help resolve the long-standing dispute for lasting amity in Kashmir and enduring peace in the region."

There is seething anger in Pakistan over the unanswered Hindu oppression of the Muslims of Kashmir. To deflect the anger, the rulers of Pakistan adopt the standard response when of rulers of Muslims under pressure, which is to throw up their hands as if they can do nothing and refer the matter to the United Nations. The rulers of Muslims have abandoned oppressed Muslims, not just in Kashmir but all over the world, including Palestine, Myanmar (Burma) and Syria, even though they collectively possess over three million troops. As for referring the matter for the United Nations, its permanent veto-wielding members are the foremost in enmity against Muslims, the US, Britain, France and Russia.

The liberation of the Muslim lands of Kashmir, and the Muslim lands of India itself, from the Kaafir Hindus, and the liberation of all other parts of the Islamic lands under Kaafir occupation, will not take place under the present rulers. These rulers first contented themselves with leaving the duty of Jihad to weak voluntary organizations alone, as a cover for their own their shortcomings, negligence and treachery and because their masters in the West used to permit them to support such organizations. Now they are even opposing and destroying these organisations. The liberation of Muslim lands is the duty of a state, after sufficient and suitable military preparation has been undertaken. Though it is obligatory according to the rules of Jihad to repel aggression inside the occupied lands, it is also obligatory on those outside the occupied lands to mobilise the Muslim armies to liberate these lands so as not to depend solely on **and steeds of war so that you may strike fear in their hearts.**" [Surah al-Anfal 8:60]

Energy is a Public Property in Islam to Benefit All of the Khilafah's Citizens

MOL Pakistan Oil and Gas Company B.V as the operator of the Tal Block and joint venture partner of Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) has intimated following two discoveries at Tal Block, a filing by the OGDC at the PSX on 13 July 2016 stated. The Talonj West-1 exploration well drilled in the Tal Block reached its total depth of 4,941 meters on April 24, 2016. OGDC stated that the information submitted on Wednesday was in compliance of code of corporate governance for dissemination amongst members of the stock exchange. The Makori Deep-1 exploration well drilled in the Tal Block reached its total depth of 5,067 meters on April 17, 2016. During testing, the well flowed oil and gas in Lockhart-1 formation at the rate of 2,020 barrels of oil per day and 5.4mmscf/d respectively.

The Islamic Ummah is blessed with huge energy resources, as is clear from the world ranking of the member states of the Organization of Islamic Co-Operation (OIC). Saudi Arabia, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Iraq, Algeria, Nigeria, Libya, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Indonesia, Azerbaijan, Oman are thirteen members of the OIC which

are within the top twenty five oil producers and a fourteenth, India, is a land ruled by Muslims for centuries. Algeria, Turkmenistan, Qatar, Indonesia, Malaysia, Nigeria, Egypt, Uzbekistan, Oman, Libya, Brunei, Kazakhstan, United Arab Emirates and Iran are fourteen member of the OIC which are within the world's top twenty five natural gas exporters.

Despite this immense wealth, the public do not benefit as they should, contributing to the immense levels of poverty in Muslim World. The current rulers have usurped this resource for the Ummah through privatization, so whilst a select ruling elite lives a life of excessive luxury, the public is unable to secure even basic needs. Islam alone will end this economic oppression. Islam ensures the distribution of wealth and one of its mechanisms is the public ownership of energy and mineral resources. These resources are neither owned by the state nor individuals. Instead, the state administers such resources to ensure that its benefit is used for all the citizens. RasulAllah (saw) said, « **الْمُسْلِمُونَ شُرَكَاءُ فِي ثَلَاثِ الْمَاءِ وَالْكَلْبِ وَالنَّارِ** » **“The Muslims are partners in three things, waters, feeding pastures and fire.”** (Ahmad).

Eradicate US Presence to End "Terrorism"

Pakistan's military leadership, its Corps commanders, deliberated on 13 July 2016 steps for preventing terrorists from carrying out cross-border attacks in Afghanistan and strengthening border controls. The discussion on international concerns about militants using Pakistani soil for attacks in Afghanistan and management of the long porous border with Afghanistan to prevent unauthorised cross-border movement took place at the Corps Commanders Conference at the General Headquarters, presided over by Army Chief Gen Raheel Sharif. The army chief directed his commanders and intelligence agencies to act against those using Pakistani soil for attacks in Afghanistan. Although the military insists that it is already taking action against terrorists of all "hues and colors", the categorical direction from the top has come amid mounting international pressure over concerns that Taliban and other Afghan terrorist groups still operated from the region cleared during the recently concluded kinetic operations in North Waziristan.

"Terrorism" is of two types today, one which comprises of attacks on US and Western forces in Afghanistan and a second which comprises of attacks on Muslim armed forces and civilians. It is on this basis that there was a previous distinction between good and bad Taliban, but now the military leadership is targeting all "hues and colours" as per US requirements. However, the root cause of "terrorism" is the US presence itself. If the US presence ended there would be no need to undertake attacks against foreign occupying forces that have oppressed Muslims for over a decade. As for the attacks on Muslims, they are organized by US intelligence and private military through their assets in the easily infiltrated tribal networks and are used to justify a blanket retaliation against all tribals, of all "hues and colors."

Pakistan never faced such devastation and unrest before the US violation of the region. The Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood will work from the first day to eradicate the US presence and unify the Muslims currently divided by the Pak-Afghan border against their actual enemies.