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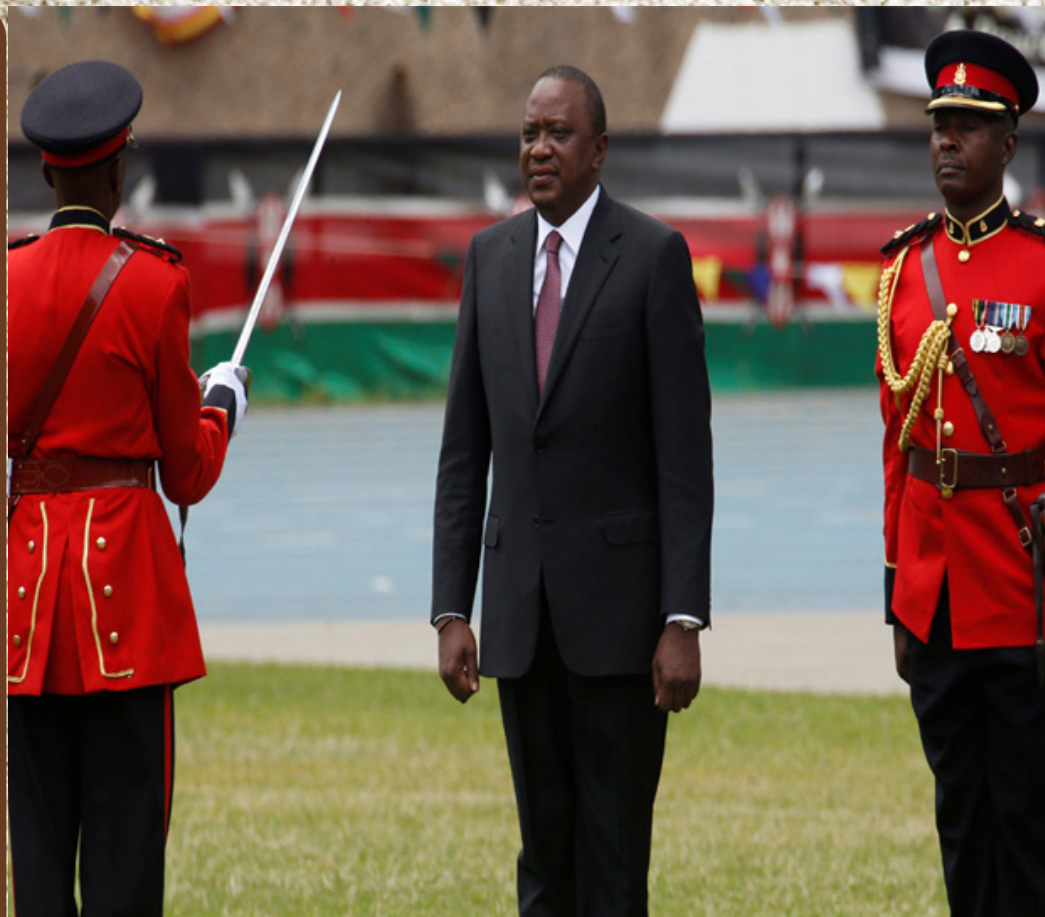
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Press Statement

Finally, President Uhuru Kenyatta has been sworn in for the second term in office in a ceremony attended by various heads of state and boycotted by the politicians from the opposition side. The fete has come when the country is engulfed with ethnic divisions, hate speech and loss of lives. In his inaugural speech, the President acknowledged that he has a huge task ahead of healing and uniting a divided nation, which finds itself into unrest in every election cycle.

We in Hizb ut Tahrir Kenya wish to mention the following:

The problems of ethnic divisions, polarization and loss of lives that are witnessed in every election cycle serve as a clear proof that both Democratic politicians are ideologically bankrupt since their campaigns are fully based on hatred and divisions. This is not particular to Kenyan politicians; but includes those of the Western nations as demonstrated in their election campaigns where they incite religious tensions between Muslims and Christians and racist policies between the whites and blacks. These all are sufficient proofs that have conceded that they cannot win elections based on their sound political, economic, and social policies. It further proves incapability of the democratic system to uproot tribal divisions.

It is true Kenyan problems need to be addressed; but since all politicians from both political divide either ruling or opposition have embraced poor capitalist policies. The invalid capitalist ideology is the root cause of all problems facing the world in general. Capitalism is anchored on enriching the rich and exploiting the poor ultimately resulting in a huge gap between the wealthy and the poor. That was the reason as to why three successive regimes that ruled Kenya failed to address the citizens' challenges despite having some amendments including changing the constitution and election committees. Therefore, opposition's demand to have changes on the electoral system and respect to rule of law all those are attempts to introduce cosmetic changes to an ideology that is founded on evil. We say Kenya and the whole world is in dire need of Islam and its political framework (Khilafah) which has clear solutions to the problems facing humanity. Islam defines politics as sincerely taking care of the needs of the people rather than a power struggle among the politicians who fight for their own benefit. A system where role of political parties will not be as vehicles for ascension to power. Instead they will be tasked with oversight role to ensure the leadership is fulfilled its responsibility and deliver to all its citizens.

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Capitalist Governments are Benefit Driven and Not Quality Service Driven Such that Projects are Designed to Act as Cash Cows



News:

The Treasury has disowned a firm that was contracted to collect revenue on its behalf from eCitizen users, deepening the mystery of how a private company took over a role ordinarily handled by the KRA. [Business Daily]

Comments

Before the dust even settles due to the celebrations by millions of Kenyans who danced with joy and sigh of relief due to the introduction of Government Digital Programme. The programme which the Treasury secretary Henry Rotich said will curb corruption and seal wastage of public

resources in national and county governments; and it was allocated Ksh1.9 billion for its implementation. Part of the programme saw the launch of Huduma Kenya, eCitizen Portal, of National Youth Service and Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) to handle e-procurement, taking place between November 2013 and 2014.

What Kenyans did not know these launches were just 'cash cow' projects meant to siphon billions from their already deplorable debt-driven economy that charges them exorbitant taxes from all corners of their pockets! Numerous scandals emanated from the said programmes just to mention a few:

1. The cost in setting up of Huduma Centres it was a subject of Public Accounts Committee whereby millions were dubiously lost via inflating of prices of items and procurement of service. e.g Records show that setting up of the offices cost Sh437 million of the Sh1.2 billion spent by the directorate of public service management in the 2013/2014 financial year. Among the expenses at Huduma centres was the Sh174,000 used to buy 20 ball point pens. There was also the purchase of 100 4-GB flash disks at a cost of Sh242,500. In some cases, the costs for the Huduma centres were curiously similar: Sh2.4 million for the digital printing of a poster,

Sh1.2 million for an informational sign, Sh2.4 million for editing and half of that for a banner. Some transactions were vague, such as the payment for “purchase of items in Huduma Centres” where Sh282,534 was spent. Curiously, the ministry spent Sh10.6 million to refurbish Nyeri Provincial Commissioner’s office and fashion it into a Huduma centre, an amount enough to put up a new building.

2. IFMIS was tampered with to an extent we witnessed the NYS saga that saw over Ksh1.8billion was stolen, with Ksh5 billion being an accounted in the Ministry of Health and the list continues.

3. **Latest scandal being the eCitizen Portal** where over Ksh.5.6 billion is ‘**unknown**’ as who has been pocketing the said amount since 2014 when it was launched! eCitizen is an online portal through which the Kenyan government provides essential services such as applications for passports, driving licences, business registration certificates, vehicle logbooks and title deeds. Each of the services under the platform attracts a Ksh50 charge known as ‘convenience fee’ above the normal cost. This is in addition to the transaction fees charged by mobile money operators (telecoms) for making the payments. For instance, a person renewing her driving licence for one year would ordinarily have paid Sh600. But under the State’s online platform, the charge is Sh650 besides the transaction fee.

Parties in question in the latest scandal whose lid has just been opened are Ministry of Treasury and Webmasters – who developed the platform, Safaricom – who issued the platform with paybill No. 206206 and Goldrock Capital is the collector of the said monies accrued from the Ksh50 ‘convenience fee’ since 2014! Where was the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA) since it is the primary agency authorised by law to collect revenue on behalf of the government?! Surprisingly each of

the parties is throwing tantrums since the scandal came to light with no one ready to take the blame!

What is happening in Kenya in terms of successive corruption scandals one after the other year in year out not only in the public sector but also in the private sector the corruption evils are at high peak levels with no one to account the private sector which ‘it’s a watchdog’ of the public sector! It is because of the implementation of the invalid capitalist ideology whose creed is secularism- to separate religion from state/life. Therefore, it grants democracy via democratic politicians the monopoly of regulating/legislating life affairs based on their limited minds and with a specific measurement of actions anchored on benefit/interest. Therefore, all regulations or projects emanating or sanctioned by the rich capitalists who include democratic politicians; are not only anchored on the zeal of quality service delivery but also meant to exploit and plunder the public resources to enrich their insatiable appetite for world luxuries that are temporary and extremely tempting. Since there is no accountability due to the fact both the regulator/legislator and executor are both part of the ‘privileged club’ that is above the law!

Allah (swt) says:

وَمَا الْحَيَاةُ الدُّنْيَا إِلَّا لَعِبٌ وَلَهْوٌ وَلَلْآخِرَةُ خَيْرٌ لِلَّذِينَ يَذْكُرُونَ ۗ أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ

“**And the life of this world is nothing but play and amusement. But far better is the house in the hereafter for those who are Al-Muttaqun (the pious). Will you not then understand?**” (Al-An’aam: 32)

The Prophet (saw) too, clarified the value of this life in relation to the hereafter. He said, “**The life of this world compared to the hereafter is as if one of you were to put his finger in the ocean and take it out again then compare the water that remains on his finger to the water that remains in the ocean**” [Sahîh Muslim (2858)]

It is only in Islam that a person assumes leadership role with the sole purpose of delivering quality service driven by the yearning to seek the pleasure of Allah (swt) with the hope of being granted Jannah (paradise). From such a person piety is anchored in him/her and nothing will obstruct his/her quest to develop and design projects that are in conformity with the Islamic dictates and which will improve the lives of his/her comrades under the shade of the Islamic State of Khilafah established based on the Prophetic Methodology.

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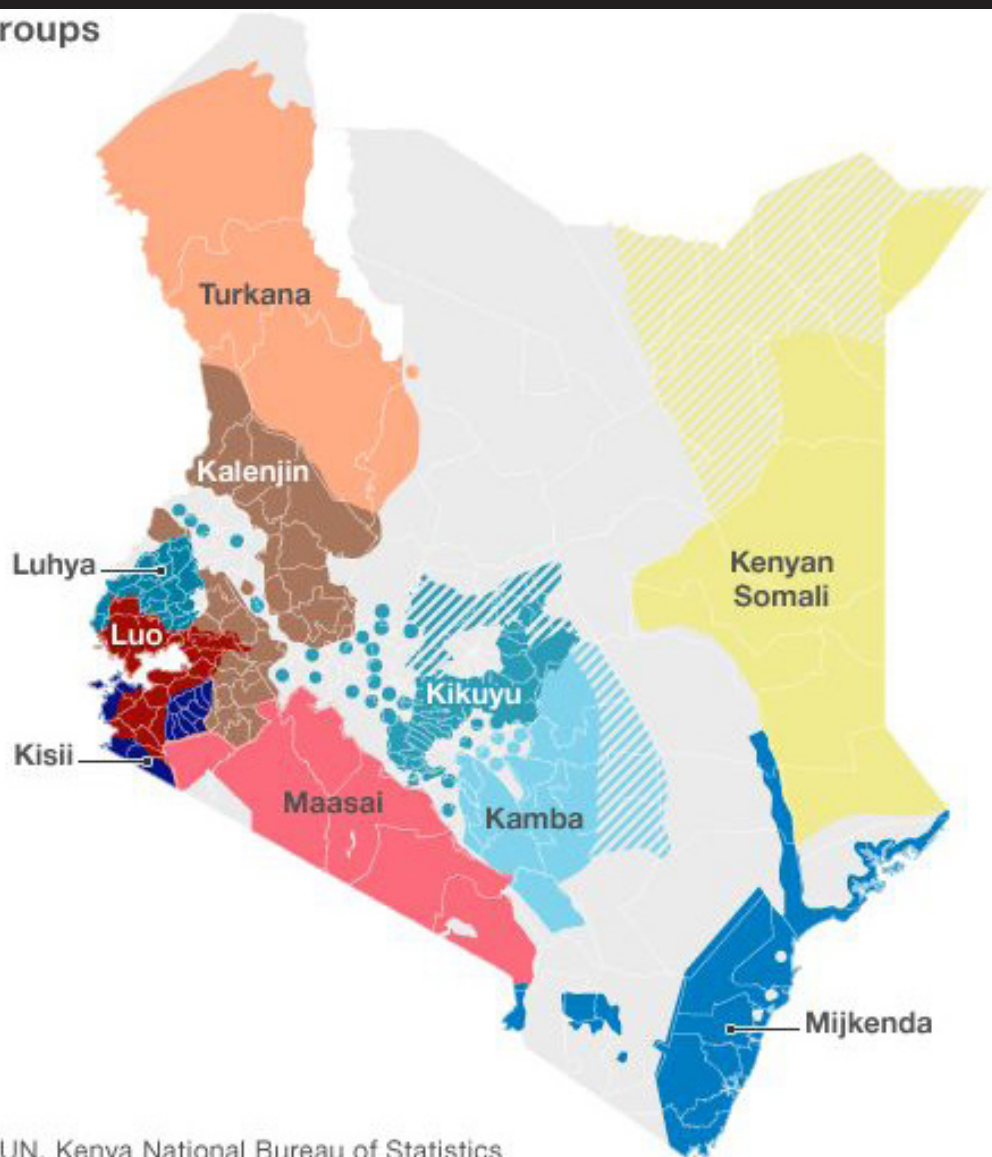
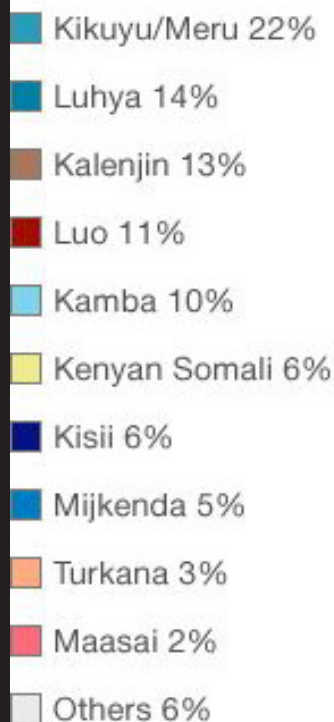
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Tribalism Is a Decay That Promotes Neo Colonialism

Distribution of ethnic groups

Ethnic groups



Source: Kenyan embassy to the UN, Kenya National Bureau of Statistics

Among the stubborn diseases distressing Kenya is tribalism. This decay emits an awful smell especially during the electioneering season like the last two elections that happened a few months ago. The two political leaders Uhuru Kenyatta and Raila Odinga were seen to annex one tribe after the other in trying to protect and defend their political objectives.

Tribalism is among weak bonds that do not qualify to bind society and is interpreted as dominance over other tribes and maintaining that your tribe deserves to be granted a higher status than other tribes. This bond emanates from the survival instinct which is part of human nature that leads man to pursue dominance within his tribe and when he achieves it he proceeds

further to attain dominance over other tribes. Tribalism is associated with instigating huge disputes within human society towards achieving that dominance.

First: a short history of tribal politics and their effects to Kenya

After European settlers colonized Kenya for a number of centuries where they manipulated sentiments of Kenyan tribes and as a political veto to further their colonialism. And even after the colonialists hoodwinked that they have left Kenya with the excuse of granting her independence, already they had ensured that the tribal seeds had started germinating where their political agents were required to plough the crops of tribal monster.

In 1960s, it started what the Kenyan political analysts termed as the 'Luo Narrative of Victimology' meaning that kikuyus are the ones betraying luos. The Kenyatta senior administration and those known as 'Kiambu Mafia' were largely involve in kidnappings and political assassinations against Nyanza politicians. The assassination of Thomas Joseph Mboya on July 5, 1969, detention of Jaramogi Oginga Odinga and other incidents were referred to as matters, which escalated more tribal hatred between Luos and Kikuyus. On the other side, Kikuyus have their own narrative known as the 'Kikuyu Narrative' which states that Luos do not care for security and stability of the nchi. The incident of Russian hospital where President Jomo Kenyatta's

motorcade was attacked by Luo youths during the opening ceremony of the hospital built by Russia at a cost of 1.2 million pounds. This incident occurred a few months after the assassination of Tom Mboya, where many people were killed. This incident was later known as the Kisumu Massacre.

Second: effect of tribalism

Leave alone this reality, incidences of tribalism are reported in many sectors in Kenya. Starting from administration, security, health, economics, and business. Situation has been that tribes that unite together and form government get a bigger share of the national cake against those that are on the opposition. Last year (2016), the National Cohesion and Integration Commission (NCIC) made a survey on inclusivity of tribes in counties' Public Service in 185 government parastatals and discovered that out of 47 counties only 15 that is 30% of all counties have a workforce from tribes outside the counties. It found out that the rest of the regions, that is 32 counties, employ members of local tribes by 70%.

Kenyan politics revolve around tribal cocoon. Since pseudo independence, there started clashes and tribal coalitions but under the guise of two major political outfits; Kenya Africa National Union (KANU) and Kenya African Democratic Union (KADU). The original KANU was a coalition between major opposition tribes: Kikuyus and Luos. KADU on the other hand was aligning other tribes experiencing oppression. The irony is that the kenyatta administration made Moi his confidant who was prepared to take over the reins of power after having being made the vice president in the year 1966 to 1978. This move was not welcomed by Jaramogi Oginga Odinga. The Moi administration was famous for furthering the divide and rule politics. Consequently, tribal clashes erupted in 1992 between the Kalenjins and Kikuyus where estimated that more than 5,000

people were killed. In 2007, Kenya once again experienced tribal clashes after the disputed general elections.

Third: one of the styles used to further colonialism

The most important thing to understand here is that by dividing communities along racial, regional and tribal lines, then coming with a new weaker form, of nationalism and patriotism, are all among conspiracies used by neo colonialist to consolidate his political and economic influence in the world in general and in particular the Islamic world in particular. The same way the colonialists succeeded in destroying the Islamic Ottoman State. Using missionary style within the territory of the Islamic State, they infiltrated the poison of tribalism and nationalism.

Islam abolished tribalism, nationalism and patriotism:

The Arab community was boiling up with disease of tribalism for centuries until when Islam came. In abolishing this vice Islam started by proclaiming the monotheistic belief to Allah (swt) the creator of heavens and earth.

وَمَا أَمْرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقِيَمَةِ

And they were not commanded except to worship Allah, [being] sincere to him in religion, inclining to truth, and to establish prayer and to give zakah. and that is the correct religion. [Al-Bayyina: 5]

Likewise, Islam stated clearly that the only bond that should bind all people is the ideological bond and not the tribal. Allah Ta'ala says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَتَّخِذُوا آبَاءَكُمْ وَإِخْوَانَكُمْ أَوْلِيَاءَ إِنِ اسْتَحَبُّوا الْكُفْرَ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ وَمَنْ يَتَوَلَّهُمْ مِنْكُمْ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الظَّالِمُونَ

O you who have believed, do not take your fathers or your brothers as allies if they have preferred disbelief over belief. and whoever does so among you - then it is those who are the wrongdoers.[At-Tawba: 23]

This means that to all people who have already embraced Islam it was enough for them to stand united. No tribe, race or region was to be preferred to Islam. Allah (swt) after having commanded muslims to be united under one creed He (swt) also forbade division among them.

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَةَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا وَكُنْتُمْ عَلَى شَفَا حُفْرَةٍ مِنَ النَّارِ فَأَنْقَذَكُمْ مِنْهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ لَكُمْ آيَاتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَهْتَدُونَ

And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided, and remember the favor of Allah upon you - when you were enemies amongst yourselves and he brought your hearts together and you became, by his favor, brothers and you were on the edge of a pit of the fire, and he saved you from it thus does Allah make clear to you his verses that you may be guided.

[Aal-Imran: 103]

Nevertheless, Islam attacked the slogans of those calling for tribalism

The Messenger of Allah (saw) said, **He is not among us he who calls for asabiyyah (tribalism), he is not among us he who fight for asabiyyah (tribalism) and he is not among us he who dies out of asabiyyah (tribalism)**

Since the world today is about to witness the true revival which is the resumption of the Islamic way of life under its Khilafah State, it will be superficial thinking of Muslim movements yearning for this change to confine themselves to patriotic, nationalistic and tribal thoughts.

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Improper Use of Telecommunication Technology is The Outcome of Absolute Freedom

Communication is among essential elements in humanity's life. Through it, people convey to each other important and beneficial information in their day-to-day life. In the past centuries, means of communication were scarce and limited. Among them was sending messengers, or blowing of horns and lighting of fires as indicators to conveyance of important news. After the revolution in telecommunication technology in the second half of this century, the world was transformed into a small village where within a fraction of a second news would be disseminated in every corner of the globe.

One of the modern gadgets used in communication today are the mobile phones which are used in daily communication between people without restriction to distance. Due to continuous inventions, the handsets are now not only used in communication but also in financial transactions and surfing the internet to access various services. Among the basic thoughts sanctified by the ruling capitalist ideology today is the guarantee of absolute personal freedom to individuals. This ideology purports the nature of man he is inherently good and not bad and that any evil that is committed by man is as a result of restricting his will. In order for man to express, his good nature he should be fully guaranteed liberty and the role of government is to safeguard and assure complete attainment of personal freedom; and that happiness is the attainment of optimum level of sensual gratification.

Consequently, this freedom is what has turned the bounty in telecommunication technology into poison that is disseminated and polluting the minds of people especially the Muslim youths, which has led them to stay away from Islam as it is portrayed to them as obstacle towards achieving their 'happiness'. Among the vices perpetrated using

these communication gadgets are:

Firstly, wide spread promiscuity

Today handsets have provided youths with platforms to have easy access to obscene websites advertising the vice, including homosexuality and lesbianism, enabling them to view sexually explicit pictures and videos which then incite them to practically attempt to do what they see. Eventually, this has led to wide spread immorality in the society to the extent that some even decided to adopt them as means of livelihood having a lucrative pay; by engaging in fornication.

Secondly, thriving gambling

The capitalist betting companies through employment of freedom of ownership took advantage of advancement in telecommunication technology to maximize their revenues by launching betting games via mobile phones at a relatively lower cost in order to make participation easier. Everyday more and more companies emerge to enrich themselves by syphoning millions of people. A larger percentage of participants in these betting games are youths; this is so by the companies relating the betting games to soccer, which is the most famous sports amongst many youths.

These are just some of the vices committed through mobile phones. However, the vices do not result to a general prohibition of these phones because they are gadgets resulting from science and technology, which is universal, and from the general Madaniyya things invented for the benefit of all humankind, rather the prohibition will be confined on how they are used.

Man crafts his behavior in life based on what he carries in terms of basic thoughts dominating his mind. These

thoughts are produced and nurtured by the ruling ideology dominating him. Consequently, since the thoughts raised and promoted by the capitalist ideology today are those of unrestricted personal freedom, where government gives priority to an individual over the community, and where economic value of a commodity or service is measured by the desire of the commodity by a consumer despite its violation to morals, what else do we expect other than decadence and obliteration? Therefore, the user of mobile phone or any other gadget so that he uses it properly, it is inevitable that he possesses the right thoughts free from corruption.

This practically cannot be fully achieved if the ideology which produced and promoted these corrupt thoughts among the youths still rules our lives as it will continue sheltering this evil by issuance of licenses to these websites and companies to further their businesses causing more youth to fall victims, by seeing the need to guarantee personal freedom and freedom of ownership.

To put an end to this, it is incumbent to uproot this imperialistic capitalist ideology which is obsessed with materialism more than morals, by devoting our time and money to call for a substitute Islamic ideology which instills good morals to its adherents especially youths where through its state the Khilafah, it will inculcate piety within its citizens and ban websites and companies that violate morals within the state, thus leading to control and encouragement of proper use of telecommunication technology for the purpose of conveying the Islamic culture and uplifting the call of Tawheed the call of "La Ilaha Illallah Muhammadun Rasulullah"

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The Westminster Sex Scandal Highlights the Cracks in the Secular Liberal System



News

On Monday 6th of November, the leaders of the main political parties in the UK met to discuss plans for how to tackle the sex scandal crisis that has gripped Westminster and rocked British politics over the past fortnight. They agreed to a new independent grievance procedure and improved human resources to help potential victims who suffer sexual harassment by politicians and others working in parliament. Over the past 2 weeks, a string of allegations ranging from assault and rape to inappropriate

sexual misconduct and lewd banter have been charged against a number of MP's and other senior political figures from across political parties, including the International Trade Minister, the First Secretary of State, and the Defence Secretary who resigned his post due to the allegations. The scandal has highlighted how sexual misconduct is a profound problem within the corridors of Parliament. Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn stated that "a warped and degrading sexual harassment culture" is thriving in Westminster. (Independent)

Comment

This immoral behaviour is just one of the undesirable fruits resulting from the flaws of the secular liberal culture and system that has nurtured a culture of disrespect towards women amongst many men as well as creating confusion regarding the morally appropriate interaction between the genders. The fact that sexual harassment, assaults and rape are endemic within liberal societies worldwide, affecting all fields of life, including politics, the

media, educational institutions, the medical field, and the army, should surely warrant questioning of the role of liberal values and laws in causing this crisis. A survey published in 2016 by the Trades Union Congress (TUC) and the Everyday Sexism Project found that more than half of women (52%) in the UK had experienced unwanted sexual behaviour at work, and among women and girls aged 16-24, the proportion reporting sexual harassment rose to 63%. Around one in 8 women reported inappropriate sexual touching at work and 1% said they had been raped or seriously sexually assaulted in their workplace. All this is despite the fact that sexual harassment is categorized as a form of unlawful discrimination under the 2010 Equality Act, and unwanted touching can constitute a sexual assault by law.

It highlights the fact that simply strengthening disciplinary measures, grievance procedures and judicial punishments cannot be the way to generate a 'culture of respect' towards women. Rather, liberal societies need to recognise that the promotion of sexual freedoms, alongside sanctioning the sexualisation of society and women through entertainment, advertising and other industries will inevitably have a negative impact on how men view and treat women.

Furthermore, the reluctance of many women to bring forth claims of sexual harassment for fear they will be ignored, marginalized at work, or lose their job is an indictment of how low women's dignity has become within liberal societies. In the mentioned TUC survey, four in five women said they did not report the incidents to their employers, with many fearing that it would harm their relationships at work or that they would not be taken seriously. This fear is not unwarranted. In this current Westminster scandal, a number of women have reported that when raising their grievances relating to sexual misconduct by MP's or senior party members, their

complaints were brushed under the carpet or that they were even discouraged from reporting the issue. Bex Bailey for example, a prominent Labour Party activist who claimed that she was raped at a party event in 2011, stated that when she raised the crime with a senior party official she was told that if she reported the incident it could damage her career. All this reflects how in capitalist societies, securing political power or profit will often take prominence over protecting women's dignity.

Additionally, what has emerged in discussions within liberal societies over this scandal is confusion over what exactly constitutes sexual harassment and what is 'just innocent flirtation and banter' or 'friendly physical contact between work colleagues' as some have called it. The subjectivity within liberal societies and absence of clear lines of demarcation of what is acceptable and unacceptable interaction between men and women due to considering mind the source of right and wrong for individuals have resulted in this confusion. Consequently, some women who are subjected to lewd comments or forms of unwanted touching are described as over-reacting and not taken seriously.

Preventing sexual harassment and assaults against women necessitates beliefs, values and laws that nurture respect for women and protect their dignity at every level of society. The Islamic social system embodies such beliefs, values and laws which oblige men to view and to always treat women with respect. It prohibits the sexualisation or exploitation of women for any purpose, unequivocally placing the protection of women's dignity above the pursuit of any monetary or materialistic interest. Islam also rejects sexual freedoms, and instead, it lays down a clear set of laws that effectively regulate the relationship between men and women to ensure that all forms of sexual interactions, without exception, are confined to marriage alone. This is alongside prescribing

severe punishments for any form of violation of a woman's dignity, including even uttering a single word against her honour. All this facilitates a healthy and productive relationship between the genders in society, enabling women to work, study, travel and have an active public life free from the fear of harassment and assault.

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The Prophet's (saw) Methodology for Revival

7th Halaqa: Boycott Against Da'wah Carriers and Their Followers

In this halaqa we will discuss the third tactic used by the Quraysh against the Prophet's (saw) da'wah which is **Boycott and Sanctions against Da'wah carriers and their followers.**

The Issue of the Document (Swahifah)

When the Quraysh saw that the Companions had sought refuge in Abyssinia and were accorded peace and serenity and Negus expulsion of the Quraysh who came to him, Umar's embracing of Islam. And Hamzah ibn Abd al-Muttalib's support to the Prophet (saw) and his companions. And the spread of Islam to tribes, they gathered together and conspired between themselves, to write a covenant which will boycott and sanction Banu Hashim and Bani Abd al-Muttalib, neither to marry from them nor marry to them, neither to sell to them nor buy from them...

Having agreed on the terms they documented them, and sticking it inside the Ka'abah, as a way of emphasis upon themselves. The Quraysh confined Muslims and members of Banu Hashim in the valley of Abu Talib, and the boycott went for a period of three (3) years consecutively. The boycotted and sanctions persisted till they resorted to feeding on leaves due to starvation!

The End of the Embargo:

Among the Quraysh there are those who agreed to this boycott and those who detested it. As for those who

detested it, they worked hard to end the agreement led by Hisham ibn Amru. Hisham used to communicate with Banu Hashim in the valley sending to them food at night while hiding. He went to Zuhayr bin Abi Umayyah and told him, "Oh Zuhayr! Are you contented that you eat, drink, dress up and marry while your uncles are in a situation that you know? Neither is it sold to them nor bought from them, neither are they married from them nor married to them?" Zuhayr replied "Woe unto me what will I do alone? Were there another person I would have stood behind him to break the agreement". Hisham said: "You have for you another person". Zuhayr asked, "Who is it?" Hisham replied "Me". Zuhayr told him "Look for us a third person".

Hisham went to Mut'im ibn Adiy and said, "Are you contented that two kinfolds from Bani Abd Manaf are exterminated, while you witness it and concur with the Quraysh in this oppression?" Mut'im replied, "What will I do me alone?" Hisham said: "You have for you a second person". Mut'im asked "Who?" Hisham said, "It's me". Mut'im said, "Look for us a third person". He said: "Already". Mut'im asked, "Who?" Hisham said, "Zuhayr bin Abi Umayyah ". Mut'im said, "Look for us a fourth person".

Hisham ibn Amru went to Bakhtariy ibn Hisham and told him the same way he told Mut'im ibn Adiy to which he (Bakhtariy) asked: "Is there anyone who will assist on this?" Hisham replied: "Yes". Amr asked, "Who?" Hisham replied, "It's Zuhayr bin Abi Umayyah and Mut'im ibn Adiy and I am with them". Mut'im said, "Look for us a fifth

person”.

He went to Zam’ah ibn Al-Aswad and talked to him, he informed him of their ties and rights. Zam’ah asked, “On this matter that you are calling for is there anyone else?” Hisham replied, “Yes”. He mentioned to him all the others, they agreed to meet at night at “HUJUN” a high mountain in the city of Makkah where they met and agreed upon breaking the agreement, Zuhayr said: “I will be the one to start for you and the first to speak”.

At the break of dawn, they returned to their homesteads and Zuhayr came back dressed nicely, he circumambulated around the Ka’abah seven times, then he faced people and said, “Oh people of Mekkah! Are we to eat and dress up while Banu Hashim are destroyed neither sold to them nor bought from them! By Allah, I will not rest till this oppressive agreement is torn apart”. Abu Jahl who was seated at the corner of the mosque said: “You have lied it won’t be torn apart!”

Zam’ah ibn Al-Aswad said: “By Allah, you are the biggest liar we never reviewed this agreement while writing it!” Abu al-Bakhtariy ibn Adiy said: “You two have spoken the truth and he who speaks against it is a liar! We seek refuge from Allah from this agreement and what is written inside of it!”

Hisham ibn Amru reiterated it! Abu Jahl said, “This matter has been predetermined at night people negotiated elsewhere far from here”. Mut’im stood up to tear the agreement only to see that termites had eaten it except the words “BISMIKALLAHUMMA” i.e. By your Name oh Lord.

From this incident, the agreement was abolished, the Prophet (saw) and those among him got out of the valley. Indeed, the Quraysh saw a great miracle among the miracles of his Prophethood nevertheless they ignored and persisted in their disbelief upon disbelief.

As Allah (swt) explains:

وَإِنْ يَرَوْا آيَةً يُعْرِضُوا وَيَقُولُوا سِحْرٌ مُّسْتَمِرٌّ

“And if they see a miracle, they turn away and say, “Passing magic.”[Al Qamar: 2]

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Q&A: Political Repercussions in the Province of Catalonia!



Question

BBC reported the Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy's office, today (19/10/2017), as saying: "the cabinet would meet to activate Article 155 of the constitution, allowing it to take over running of the region.... The head of the Catalan government, Carles Puigdemont, had sent a letter to the Spanish government, threatening that the Parliament of the region will approve the referendum on the independence from Spain if Madrid continues to block dialogue and continues its repression." After the referendum of 1/10/2017, the President of the region had announced on 10/10/2017 before the region's Parliament the secession from Spain, but made the implementation of it open to dialogue. So, why did the region conduct this referendum despite the opposition of the Spanish state; its king, its government and its constitutional court?

What is the international position towards it? And what is the possibility of implementing the independence of Catalonia? Jazakum Allah Khairan.

Answer

For the picture to be clear and to

find the most correct answer to the question, we will review the reality of Catalonia, its pre-secession movements, and then the latest referendum. Next, we will mention the international position towards it, and thereafter, we will examine the possibility of implementing this referendum:

First: The historical and geographical reality of Catalonia:

The region is located northeast of Spain with an area of 32.1 thousand square km that is 8% of Spain, with Barcelona as its capital. It comprises of four provinces, namely: Barcelona, Girona, Lleida and Tarragona, and a population of 7.5 million, accounting for 16 percent of the population of Spain which consists of 17 autonomous regions in the country.

Islam has enlightened Catalonia since the year 95 AH during the Islamic conquests of Andalusia. When the Islamic rule ended, the region continued to be an independent entity, then Spain annexed it forcibly in 1714 CE. The people of the province did not accept it and remained struggling to get rid of the Spanish occupation. In the 1930s, a civil war broke out between the central government and

its self-governing ally of Catalonia as a party and the Franco-Army as the other. After the latter's victory, Franco harassed the Catalans, prevented their language from being an official language in the region, banned Schools from teaching Catalan, and denied the Catalan identity. After the fall of the oppressive Franco-led regime, a popular referendum was held with a 30% vote in favor of the Spanish constitution which provides for the unity of the country and the right of self-government of the nationalities, minorities and provinces of Spain. In 1979, the Catalan people once again gained the right to self-government, and that resulted in the recognition of the Spanish and the Catalan languages as official languages in the region.

After that, the Catalan separatist movements calmed down until the beginning of this century as the movements began gradually to escalate.

Second: The Stages of Modern Catalan Movements:

1. These movements began in 2006 with the approval of a new law of self-government and was voted by the people in order to expand the powers of self-rule to the region.

The law redefined Catalonia as a nation. In 2010, the Spanish Constitutional Court repealed this law which led to demonstrations under the slogan "We are a nation, we decide." In November 2012, a symbolic independence referendum was held in which 37% of the citizens of the region participated and voted for independence from the Spanish state. In January 2015, Catalonia Prime Minister, Artur Mas, announced holding a snap election of a referendum nature in September of the same year. The early elections were held and the nationalist movement calling for secession won a majority of 72 seats to 63 for secession opposition parties. The parliamentary majority was able in November 2015 to issue a bill that declares the initiation of "Catalonia's process towards an independent state". The Spanish government appealed the bill to the Constitutional Court which accepted the appeal.

2. On 9/6/2017, where these moves took a more vigorous and stronger direction, the President of the Catalonia Government, Carles, announced on 9/6/2017 that "a referendum on the independence of the region from Spain will take place on 1/10/2017 and that the government will put in this referendum the following question: "Do you want Catalonia to become an independent state in the form of a republic?" (Novosti, 9/6/2017). The following day, the Spanish government announced that it would obstruct any attempt for the independence of Catalonia. On 6/9/2017, the Catalan Parliament passed a law setting out the basis of the referendum on the region independence from the Spanish state. The Spanish Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy, said: "The Spanish government could use its constitutional powers to suspend Catalonia's autonomy and prevent the region from splitting from Spain". The Spanish Constitution court replied on 8/9/2017 to suspend the referendum until it rules upon its constitutionality.

3. However, the referendum was held as scheduled on October 1, 2017. The result was that 90% of the voters, 43% of the population, wanted separation from Spain and independence. The King of Spain, Philippe VI, delivered a speech on October 3, 2017 after the referendum, calling it "illegal and undemocratic", but the regional governor said: "He will declare independence this weekend or the beginning of next week." He said: The king had rejected a moderating role granted to him by the Spanish constitution "(BBC 3/10/2017). It appears that Spain has become embarrassed. It could not prevent the referendum process, so it has carried out acts to obstruct it that led to the injury of 893 as a result of clashes between the security forces and the voters. This has aroused public opinion against it, and was therefore looking for other ways to obstruct the declaration of independence. So, it began to use economic warfare against the region; major financial institutions and companies announced their exit from Catalonia, and the third largest Spanish bank CaixaBank announced on 6/10/2017 its decision to move its head office outside Barcelona, the capital of Catalonia. On 8/10/2017, Spain took to the streets hundreds of thousands of opponents to the independence in Barcelona to create a popular opposition momentum within Catalonia.

4. Catalonia's regional president, Carles, declared before the parliament on 10 October 2017, the independence of the province of Catalonia but postponed its implementation. He said: "I assume the mandate of the people for Catalonia to become an independent state in the shape of a republic, I ask Parliament to suspend the effects of the declaration of independence to be suspended for a few weeks to open a period of dialogue."

However, he did not reach the extent to support the Parliament for the Declaration of Independence. (Euro News, Reuters 10/10/2017).

This means that he didn't want to embarrass himself by announcing the secession because he knows that achieving this is not easy. So, he left the door open for negotiation with the Spanish state to avoid collisions with it. The region, thus, remains within Spain, but the problem of the region remains alive and hangs on Spain and the European Union until conditions become favorable and independence can be achieved.

Third: The international position on the events of Catalonia. Here, we will mention the positions of the influential countries, i.e., the European Union and the United State, as well as the position of the United Nations as being strongly influenced by the American position:

1. The European position was clearly against the referendum and the independence of Catalonia. Germany, France and the European Union supported the position of the Spanish government. Germany's Deputy Foreign Minister said that: "developments in Catalonia were worrying and separatism was not the answer. Separatism doesn't solve any problems. All EU members should respect and strictly adhere to the principles and rules of the rule of law and democracy... political conflicts in the European Union should be solved via dialogue rather than with violence on the streets. "(Reuters, 2/10/2017). France has announced its position through its European Affairs Minister, Nathalie Loiseau, that "France will not recognize Catalonia if the Spanish region unilaterally declares independence... If independence were to be recognized - which is not something that's being discussed - the most immediate consequence would be that (Catalonia) automatically left the European Union" (Reuters, 9/10/2017). European Commission President, Jean-Claude Juncker, announced the union's stance as "demanding to respect the decisions of the Spanish government and its constitutional court." While European Council President, Donald Tusk, wrote

on Twitter on 2/10/2017, saying: “Sharing his (Spain’s Prime Minister, Mariano Rajoy) constitutional arguments, I appealed for finding ways to avoid further escalation and use of force.”

2. As for the American position, it shows that the government of Catalonia and its president have been encouraged and supported by America. U.S. Department of State spokesperson, Heather Nauert, stated: “The United States considers the referendum as an internal affair of Spain and we would not want to interfere. We will let the government and the people there work it out, and we will work with whatever government or entity that comes out of it “(the Egyptian Al-Fajr, 16/9/2017). This last sentence is considered to be an American endorsement of the referendum and independence. Because it says: “we will work with whatever government or entity that comes out of it”; that is, we will recognize the region of Catalonia if it can achieve independence. The Spanish newspaper “El País” stated that “ the president of the Catalan region, Carles Puigdemont, considered the statements of the American spokeswoman to mean that America respects the will of the Catalan people and the outcome of the referendum.” since it is known that America is aimed at dismantling the European Union as it announced its support for Britain’s exit from the Union and encourage such in other European countries, or at least want to occupy it with its internal affairs and separatist movements so that the Union or its major countries do not compete with America on international issues or disrupt it. Thus, encouraging such separatist movements is in its interest. And this position contrasts with its position about the referendum of Kurdistan and its independence which it strongly opposed and rejected and moved the countries of the region from Iraq to Iran and Turkey to oppose and reject it and to pressure on Barzani because this is not in its interest at present, especially as it is the influential power in Iraq. Britain

is the one that instructed its agent Barzani to carry out this step to disrupt America and to bargain this with lifting the US sanctions applied by Saudi Arabia and Egypt on Qatar which is a British agent.

3. As for the position of the United Nations, which is dominated by America, its position in relation to the subject of Catalonia has been encouraging the independence. Its Secretary-General, Antonios Guterich, expressed the “hope that the democratic institutions of Spain will find a solution to the crisis between Catalan separatists and the national government.” Spokesman for the president of the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly stressed that “the right of peoples to self-determination is a fundamental right, while pointing to the need to apply this right without violating the principle of the territorial integrity of the country and through the agreement between the parties concerned” (Associated Press, 3/10/2017). This indicates that the United Nations promotes Catalonia independence while it opposed the referendum of the Kurdistan region and its independence because of the American hegemony on the resolution at the United Nations.

It is clear from these positions that the recent movements of Catalonia in the subject of the referendum have been encouraged by America because America is interested in disturbing the atmosphere in Europe, especially in the era of Trump, and what makes this view preponderant is the above-mentioned positions and statements.

Fourth: the possibility of implementing this separation:

This is not easy to happen at least in the foreseeable future, and there is no doubt that America realizes it, and its encouragement for the Catalan movements is to disturb the atmosphere in Europe and to preoccupy it with itself as preliminary steps for the long-term dismantling of the European Union. Moreover,

there are other reasons that make Spain unable to accept the secession of Catalonia in any way for two main reasons:

1. This region, despite its small size, produces 20% of Spain’s gross national product (GNP), controls 70% of the transport and communications traffic related to Spain’s foreign trade and produces one third of the Spanish industry, which is why the Catalanian population believes that they are giving more than what they receive. And the Spanish government imposes high taxes on them that reached 10% of the region’s produce; all of these reinforce the cries and the tendencies of independence. On the other hand, Spain suffers from economic problems, a weak public budget, a high budget deficit and an increase in the unemployment rate, in addition to its austerity measures. The Catalan economy is a key element in solving these economic problems.

2. Moreover, the separatism of Catalonia leads to successive secessions in Spain and in other places because the independence of Catalonia will be an encouragement for the Spanish Basque Country which has sought independence before. The Basque Country has supported the Catalonia step, suggesting that the Basque Country may call for secession once again for the separatist tendencies have not vanished in it. “The Basque Country has already declared its desire to secede from the Spanish territory starting next year” (Siyasa Post 24/9/2017). It is a region that suffered from violence and the deaths of hundreds where ETA movement has been leading the process of armed secession for many years until a cease-fire took place three years ago and the movement abandoned its weapon after having achieved more powers for the region. So, any secession occurring in one province would most probably be followed by others. The Spanish Minister of (Justice) warned of this and was quoted saying: “I am deeply concerned that the independence of

Catalonia will actually bring an end to the Spanish state, because the independence of Catalonia could set off a “domino effect” across the bloc”. (Al Jazeera, 2/10/2017).

Spain, therefore, cannot accept in any way the splitting up of the region of Catalonia, rather, it threatens to activate Article 155 to prevent the autonomy of the region if it cannot prevent the separation by any means as understood from the Spanish Prime Minister’s Office, as reported by BBC on 19 October 2017.

3. Moreover, The European Union is about to collapse if the idea of secession spreads in its parts, especially if secession is achieved. This is because there are secessionist movements in France, where the Catalonia region and the Basque Country are divided between France and Spain, and there is a separatist movement in the island of Corsica seeking independence from France and waiting for the success of the Catalonia region’s move. Also, there are separatist movements in Italy, Belgium and others, which threaten the cohesion of the European Union which suffers from the many crises and threats from the nationalist movements to get out of it as happened with Brexit.

All these make the possibility of implementing this separation unlikely and extremely difficult, for it is a threat, not only to Spain, but to the European Union as a whole.

It seems that the president of the region has begun to realize this as he saw himself almost isolated even in the region itself, for he was protested by masses of people. Therefore, the decision to declare independence was not complete as the President of the region postponed its implementation until negotiations to achieve greater independence for the region as well as to create opportunities and await the favorable circumstances for achieving future independence, whether this is for the status of Spain or the status of the European Union.

Even America that encouraged it has slowed down supporting it when it saw Spain’s strong position with the support of the European Union. That is why President Trump said during his meeting with the Spanish Prime Minister, Rajoy, who went to the United States to explore its opinion on the independence of Catalonia, “We’re dealing with a great, great country and it should remain united” (Egyptian Ashorooq 27/9/2017).

And the President of the region will recognize that Trump is like the devil (Shaytan) in his promise

﴿يَعِدُهُمْ وَيُمَنِّيهِمْ وَمَا يَعِدُهُمُ الشَّيْطَانُ إِلَّا غُرُورًا﴾
“Satan promises them and arouses desire in them. But Satan does not promise them except delusion.” [An-Nisaa: 120]

However, America will continue to undermine the European Union, and will find those who respond to its promises in Europe!

Fifthly: Thus, nationalism erodes the owners of the capitalist ideology, especially Europe, deteriorating it and weakening its union, cohesion and its political work abroad. Because, the capitalist ideology could not address the issue of nationalism, and will not be able to, it is a failed ideology besides being void from its basis of separating religion from life. And it is corrupt because of its democracy which is controlled by the owners of capital who win positions and privileges in its name and in the exploitation of its law. It is also repressive because it fights religion and those who adhere to it, and due to the existence of discrimination between people on religious and ethnic bases. This is manifested in America and Europe and it is not mistaken and not overlooked by vision.

All the man-made laws are not clear of this injustice, oppression and corruption nor from the enslavement of the country and the people. It is only Islam, which is revealed by Allah, the Lord of the worlds, that establishes the Truth (al-Haqq) and

justice among people and set right their affairs,

﴿أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ﴾
“Does He who created not know, while He is the Subtle, the Acquainted?” [Al-Mulk: 14]

It is Islam that melts people into one nation and eliminates nationalistic and tribal divisions and rivalries as it forbids all nationalistic tendencies and all forms of Assabiyah and fights them a relentless war.

It is Islam that establishes justice among the people in taking care of their affairs without any discrimination in care in terms of religion, ethnicity, color, gender or anything else, but all people are considered equal; treated with justice before the judiciary under the shade of Khilafah Rashidah (righteous Caliphate) state.

Imam Ahmed reported in his Musnad: Ismail narrated through Said al-Jurairi through Abi Nadra through those who listened to the Messenger of Allah (saw) in the middle of the days of at-Tashriq that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، أَلَا إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ وَاحِدٌ، وَإِنَّ آبَاءَكُمْ وَاحِدٌ، أَلَا لَا فَضْلَ لِعَرَبِيٍّ عَلَى عَجَمِيٍّ، وَلَا لِعَجَمِيٍّ عَلَى عَرَبِيٍّ، وَلَا أَحْمَرَ عَلَى أَسْوَدٍ، وَلَا أَسْوَدَ عَلَى أَحْمَرَ، إِلَّا... بِالتَّقْوَى أَبْلَغْتُمْ، قَالُوا: بَلَّغَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

“O’ people, your Lord is one, and your father is one. There is no virtue for an Arab over a non-Arab, nor for a non-Arab over an Arab, and neither for a red-skin [person] over a black-skin [person], nor for a black-skin [person] over a red-skin [person], except by righteousness (Taqwa). Have I delivered the message?”
They said, “The Messenger of Allah has delivered the message.”

This is the Truth (Alhaqq):

﴿فَمَاذَا بَعْدَ الْحَقِّ إِلَّا الضَّلَالُ فَأَنَّى تُصْرَفُونَ﴾
“And what can be beyond truth except error? So how are you averted?”[Yunus: 32]

Zimbabwe Crisis Is a British Plot to Change Subservient Personalities to Maintain Status Quo

News:

Zimbabwe is facing a political crisis with the ruling Zanu-PF party, as a very public showdown over who is likely to succeed President Robert Mugabe plays out. The current standoff is between the Youth faction, loyal to his wife, Grace Mugabe, and the former liberation fighters, loyal to Emmerson Mnangagwa, the vice president who was fired last week. [Aljazeera]

Comments:

Southern Rhodesia was renamed Zimbabwe in 18 April 1980 after it was granted a false independence by its British colonial master. But the truth was that Britain as a global super power who had just witnessed a great deal of losses after the World War 2 which made it review its foreign policy via its think tanks. The outcome was that a proposal was drafted to ensure that Britain to concentrate directly in revamping its global stature at home while indirectly managing its colonies via its chosen puppets. This will provide an opportunity for Britain to conceal their plots behind the scenes while in reality they are the ones in charge of those subservient agents ruling on their blessings and direction. That meant its colonies' policies both internal and external would be drawn based on the aspirations of the British master.

As for the case of Zimbabwe, the British chose Robert Gabriel Mugabe a member of the largest Shona Tribe in Zimbabwe whom they had trained and employed him in their institutions both locally and abroad as a teacher. Then later elevated him as a revolutionary and politician by sentencing him to prison for 10 years from 1964 to 1974. Upon his release he fled to Mozambique and established his leadership and oversaw Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) which he chaired for 5 years from 1975 – 1980.

Then later after a ceremonially 'general election' was held and won by Mugabe; and on February 1980 the British crowned Mugabe as the first Prime Minister of Zimbabwe on 18 April 1980 after which he led for 7 years. Mugabe started earnestly serving the master diligently for instance between 1982 and 1985 he crushed an opposition led by Zimbabwe African Peoples Union (ZAPU). This was after Mugabe's initial calls for racial reconciliation failed to stem deteriorating race relations and growing white flight. Over 10,000 people were killed by Mugabe's Fifth Brigade mostly the Ndebele civilians who were being led by Joshua Mqabuko Nyongolo Nkomo as the leader and founder of ZAPU and also a member of the Ndebele (Kalanga) people.

The colonial master plotted to reward Mugabe for job well done. On 22 December 1987, they merged ZANU and ZAPU to form Zimbabwe African National Union – Patriotic Front. Founders of ZANU-PF were Mugabe and Joshua; and the chairpersons were Emmerson Mnangagwa and Phelekezela Mphoko. On 31 December 1987, Robert Mugabe was crowned the first President of Zimbabwe and to ensure that his opponent Joshua Nkomo was put to check by being made a ceremonial Vice President.

Mugabe has been in power for 37yrs consecutively serving the West 'colonial master' efficiently; what has been the headache for Britain is who amongst its many dedicated puppets is to succeed their stooge. Considering the fact that the masses are clamoring for change due to both poor social and economic developments. The call for change is led by the Morgan Tsvangirai who heads the Movement for Democratic Change – Tsvangirai. Morgan Tsvangirai was a British stooge initial but shifted camp to America. British is certain they will retain their Status Quo but what is crucial to them is to ride on peoples' emotions and unreasoned clamor for change and usher in cosmetic changes by propping up one of its stooges to ascend to power.

Irrespective of either Grace Mugabe or Emmerson Mnangagwa ascension to power is not their concern or priority. Hence, what has been witnessed in Zimbabwe in its current crisis is a British ploy to hoodwink the masses as there is a change of leadership but in reality, what is happening is just a change of personalities. The personalities ascending to power will maintain the same capitalist ideology and its evil systems including democracy and socio-economic systems that will continue to plunder the public resources and entrench further the levels of both social and economic corruptions.