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قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم:

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وَأَفْطَرُ الرُّيْتَةَ فَإِنْ غَمَّ عَلَيْكُمْ
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**Announcement of the Result of
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Press Statement

I seek refuge in Allah from the accursed Shaytan,

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَن شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ وَمَن كَانَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ يُرِيدُ
اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَاكُم وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ

“The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur’an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion. So whoever sights [the new moon of] the month, let him fast it; and whoever is ill or on a journey – then an equal number of other days. Allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you hardship and [wants] for you to complete the period and to glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful.” [Al-Baqara: 185]

All Praise is due to Allah and peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, his family, companions, allies, and those who followed in his path making the Islamic Aqeedah the basis for their thoughts and the Ahkaam Shari’ah (Legislative Rulings) the measure for their actions and source for their rulings.

Al-Bukhari extracted in his Sahih from Muhammad Bin Ziyad that he said: I heard Abu Hurairah (ra) say, “The Prophet, peace be upon him and his family, said, or he said, Abu Al Qasim (saw) said:

«صوموا لرؤيته وأفطروا لرؤيته فإن غيبي عليكم فأكملوا عِدَّةَ شعبان ثلاثين»

“Start fasting upon seeing it [the new moon of Ramadan], and give up fasting upon it [seeing the new moon of Shawwal], and if the sky is overcast (and you cannot see it), complete thirty days of Sha’ban.”

After investigating the new moon of the blessed Ramadan on this night, the eve of Wednesday, the sighting of the new moon is not confirmed according to the Shariah sighting requirements, therefore tomorrow, Wednesday, is the conclusion of the month of Sha’ban inshaAllah, and Thursday, after tomorrow, will be the first day of the blessed month of Ramadan...

Dear Beloved Muslims:

This blessed month descends upon us while we witness Kufr nations unite (and call) each other to attack us, together with the evil rulers from our own people, who rush to support them in their plots against Islam and its people. This reminds us of the Sahih Hadith: The Prophet (saw) said:

يُوشِكُ الْأُمَمُ أَنْ تَدَاعَىٰ عَلَيْكُمْ كَمَا تَدَاعَىٰ الْأَكْلَةُ إِلَىٰ قِصْعَتِهَا» فَقَالَ قَائِلٌ: وَمِنْ قَلَّةٍ نَحْنُ يَوْمَئِذٍ؟ قَالَ: «بَلْ أَنْتُمْ يَوْمَئِذٍ كَثِيرٌ وَلَكِنَّكُمْ غُنَاءٌ كُغْنَاءِ السَّيْلِ وَلَيَنْزِعَنَّ اللَّهُ مِنْكُمْ صُدُورَ عَدُوِّكُمْ الْمَهَابَةِ مِنْكُمْ وَلَيَقْذِفَنَّ اللَّهُ فِي قُلُوبِكُمُ الْوَهْنَ» فَقَالَ قَائِلٌ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، وَمَا الْوَهْنُ؟ قَالَ: «حُبُّ الدُّنْيَا وَكَرَاهِيَةُ الْمَوْتِ

“The people will soon summon one another to attack you as people when eating invite others to share their dish.

Someone asked: Will that be because of our small numbers at that time? He replied: No, you will be numerous at that time: but you will be scum and rubbish like that carried down by a torrent, and Allah will take fear of you from the breasts of your enemy and last enervation into your hearts. Someone asked: What is wahn (enervation). Messenger of Allah (saw): He replied: Love of the world and dislike of death.”

But we also know that Ramadan is the month of patience; and patience is the key to relief (from suffering). We recall what was narrated by al-Bukhari (may Allah have mercy on him): On the authority of Abu Abd Allah Khabbab ibn al-

Arat (may Allah be pleased with him):

شَكُونَا إِلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَهُوَ مُتَوَسِّدٌ بُرْدَةً لَهُ فِي ظِلِّ الْكَعْبَةِ، فَقُنْنَا: أَلَا تَسْتَنْصِرُ لَنَا أَلَا تَدْعُو لَنَا؟ فَقَالَ: قَدْ كَانَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ يُوْخَذُ الرَّجُلُ فَيُحْفَرُ لَهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ فَيَجْعَلُ فِيهَا، ثُمَّ يُؤْتَى بِالْمِنْشَارِ فَيُوضَعُ عَلَى رَأْسِهِ فَيُجْعَلُ نَصْفَيْنِ، وَيُمَشَّطُ بِأَمْشَاطِ الْحَدِيدِ مَا دُونَ لَحْمِهِ وَعَظْمِهِ، مَا يَصُدُّهُ ذَلِكَ عَنْ دِينِهِ، وَاللَّهُ لَيَتِمَّنَّ اللَّهُ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ حَتَّى يَسِيرَ الرَّكَّابُ مِنْ صَنْعَاءَ إِلَى حَضْرَمَوْتَ لَا يَخَافُ إِلَّا اللَّهَ وَالذِّئْبَ عَلَى غَنَمِهِ، وَلَكِنَّكُمْ تَسْتَعْجِلُونَ

“We complained to the Messenger of Allah (saw) while he was reclining on a garment in the shade of the Ka’ba, and asked him: why don’t you ask Allah to help us? Why don’t you pray for us? He (saw) replied: Among those who were before you a (believer) used to be seized and, a pit used to be dug for him and then he used to be placed in it. Then a saw used to be brought and put on his head which would be split into two halves. His flesh might be combed with iron combs and removed from his bones, yet, all that did not cause him to revert from his religion. By Allah! This religion (Islam) will be completed (and triumph) till a rider (traveler) goes from San’a’ (the capital of Yemen) to Hadramout fearing nobody except Allah and the wolf lest it should trouble his sheep, but you are impatient”.

This is Allah’s promise of empowerment and victory for his Deen even after a while, and we only have to be sincere to Allah and have patience and steadfastness in obeying Him (swt), and be optimistic and hopeful in achieving the promise of Allah without doubt or hesitation. And Allah does not break His promise, He is the Truth and His promise is the Truth.

We in Hizb ut Tahrir call upon the entire Muslim Ummah to take the great position, which pleases its Lord, and clears and liberates it from this great sin and great conspiracy, a position that removes the abomination on its shoulders, and restores glory throughout its lands...

We urge Muslims to put their hands (purified by wudu) in our hands in Hizb ut Tahrir, which is engaged in an intellectual struggle of thought and the fervent struggle of politics. It exposes the plans of the cunning West, and shows you the straight path of Islam. Perhaps Allah will decree that by your and our hands will come the victory and empowerment; by the establishment of the Khilafah Rashida state (rightly guided Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood. May Allah decree the victory by the hand of the Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir, the great scholar Ata Bin Khalil Abu al-Rashtah, and that you may give him the pledge of allegiance to be your Khaleefah (caliph) and rule you by the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His noble Prophet (saw), and you live in the Khilafah state which implements the Shariah of Allah, and you carry the call of Islam, the beacon of guidance to the whole of humankind...

O officers of the armies of Muslims, know that Allah will make His Deen victorious, if not by your hands then by the hands of other sincere men whom He (swt) will honour with dignity, so do not miss this great honour and side by the Ummah to gain Allah’s pleasure and the glory of this world and the Hereafter.

It is also my pleasure to relay my greetings and that of the Head of the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir and all those working in it to the Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir, the eminent scholar Ata Bin Khalil Abu al-Rashtah, and to all the Muslims for this blessed month, asking Allah Almighty to redeem us from the Hellfire in the month of mercy and forgiveness, and we ask Him (swt) to allow us to witness Laylatul Qadr and bless us with its rewards...

Oh Allah, the Lord of the Heavens and the Earth, honor us with pledging allegiance to the Khaleefah of the Muslims in the second Righteous Khilafah (Caliphate) on the method of Prophethood, sooner than later... Allahuma ameen ameen ameen.

Wassalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuh

The eve of Wednesday is the 30th of Sha’ban for the year of 1439 AH.

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We Congratulate the Muslims on the arrival of the Blessed Month of Ramadhan

Press Statement

Hizb ut Tahrir Kenya is highly pleased to congratulate the Muslims in the country and across the globe in general on arrival of the blessed month of Ramadhan. As we enter this month of mercy, forgiveness and redemption from Hellfire, we call upon the rich Muslims in the country to help in giving charities to their poor brothers and sisters especially those who have been affected by floods.

We remind Muslims while they are fasting to ensure they attain the objective mentioned by Allah (swt) which is Piety, the highest rank for a Muslim compelling him/her in abiding Allah's commands. As we live today in a secular liberal society that has viewed religion as a part-time issue, we need to reject this corrupt view and therefore Ramadhan should be a month for Muslims to increase their remembrance of Allah (swt) rather than a month of temporary obedience to His orders. Islam is a comprehensive Deen of life hence we are commanded to fully implement of Islamic dictates related to political, socio-economic matters.

Indeed Ramadhan brings good to the entire Muslim population, but the situation of the Ummah especially in the Muslim world is still pathetic and terrible as it passes through heinous plots by enemies of Islam. The situation in Syria is deteriorating from bad to worse with US and its allies including Russia, Iran etc bombing it day and night! Muslims taste these worst sufferings and miseries in all spheres of life due to the absence of the Qur'an's application in their entire lives. We therefore remind Muslims in this month of revelation, to read the Qur'an by internalizing the meaning in it and also to steadfastly abide by its teachings. As they read the Holy Quran, in this favored month they should certainly understand the sufferings will only end when they implement one of the compulsory obligations by re-establishing the Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the method of the Prophethood in one of the great Muslim nations. Khilafah is the only state that will apply the law of Quran in all spheres of life and indeed will uproot the American and the Western hegemony by expelling their armies that are spreading corruption on the earth and especially in Muslim lands.

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Highlighting The First and Second World Wars

In the month of May 1915 the British ship Lusitania was bombed by a Germany military submarine. And since among the passengers on board were Americans, Britain hastily and with great cunningness took advantage of this by persuading America to plunge into the First World War. Likewise, in the month of May 1945 was the end of the Second World War. The two wars constitute important historical events, which as Muslims we should learn from them.

The First World War emerged in Europe due to the nature of the imperialistic ideology of yielding conflict of interests, scramble and desire for states to build empires of interests, against each other and sometimes at the expense of other states.

Having seen Germany as their threat and her strong desire to take over the global hegemony ruining their interests and domination in the course, European states especially Britain collaborated with Russia and France and also did whatever she could to convince America, as a strongly advanced state, to participate in this war against Germany. This was driven by the British fear of Germany's military and technological strength resulting from her advancement in investing more on technology since 1870 when Industrial Revolution begun.

The First World War ended with the agreement to 14 points to ceasefire (Versailles Treaty) and to the victor states they founded the League of Nations with the aim of controlling and subjugating the world while purporting to guarantee world peace.

Despite the existence of the League of Nations that was alleged to guarantee world peace and security, WWII erupted in 1939 in Europe again, eventually America was also convinced and after smelling her interests, under President Franklin Roosevelt it plunged into the war in 1941.

Contrary to WWI, in this war the wind blew against the super powers of that time, which were Britain and France by their weakening from the war and also weakening of their international status due to a fierce campaign against 'old colonialism' spearheaded by America and Russia, and since they were to the greater extent proprietors of many colonies world over, it was very easy for America to shift the international arena to her side immediately the war came to an end in 1945.

These wars indicate the following:

- a. International political situation is not static; it has the potential to change due to international situation.
- b. There exists conflict of interests between imperialistic states.
- c. Failure of the current imperialistic organizations like United Nations which masquerade as guarantors of world peace and security while in reality they are simply colonial institutions.
- d. For an ideological state to lose its international power it is dangerous, as it takes time to align itself and restore it back the way Britain and France are now struggling to the point of their despair in restoring their international positions.
- e. A juvenile state with no ideology is dangerous in all aspects, one of them is that it is used to blend and fight for objectives of bigger states, as it appeared in the wars particularly the Second how different countries participated on behalf of major states.
- f. For a state to face any situation it requires sobriety, as it could perceive a particular event to have a great impact in raising its status yet it could be its collapse. A good example, is Britain and France especially how they engaged the Second World War.

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Protecting Oneself from Greed

وَأَمَّا مَنْ بَخِلَ وَاسْتَغْنَىٰ * وَكَذَّبَ بِالْحُسْنَىٰ * فَسَنُيَسِّرُهُ لِلْيُسْرَىٰ * وَمَا يُغْنِي عَنْهُ مَالُهُ إِذَا تَرَدَّىٰ

“But as for he who withholds and considers himself free of need* And denies the best [reward]* We will ease him toward difficulty* And what will his wealth avail him when he falls?[Surah Al-Lail 92:8-11]

What is enough for a man to lead a happy life? The question can be answered in a hundred different ways when asked. In fact, the variety in answers is promoted and appreciated. The more different and new desires make you more prominent. Islam made it very simple for a man by making a connection between his wish and Allah’s will. Allah (swt) gave man the full right to strive and achieve what s/he can and what Allah (swt) has not forbidden, and in our history we have examples of people who had tremendous amounts of wealth and enjoyed its benefits but when time came, they did not even think for a moment to sacrifice it in the way of Allah. That is only possible when a Muslim understands that real pleasure is in making Allah happy and the only thing worthy enough to be greedy is the success in the Hereafter.

In fact, the downfall of Muslims is based on greed and treachery and it is the capitalist system of greed that has turned people into money earning machines. It was this greed that made Abdul Aziz ibn Saud sell the Muslim Ummah and his Aakhirah to the Kuffar. And it is this greed that makes these puppet rulers commit heinous crimes against their innocent people. This greed, which has led the Turkish government to abandon Syrians to die; the greed that stops the Pakistani army from liberating Kashmir; the greed of the Saudis is above all. Greed of power and money; this is what has crippled the Muslim leadership.

The Caliph Umar Bin AbdulAziz (ra) once said, “My heart is most covetous-nothing of worldly goods is given to it but it desires something still better, and when I was given that than which nothing in the world is greater, my heart longed for that which is better than it-namely, heaven.” How will people behave if the highest in rank will have such behavior? It is not just the greed of wealth and power that is oppressing our Ummah; it is also the greed of life. This greed spread in the name of individualism and nationalism and has given us a choice. If I can save my today by selling my innocent brothers and sisters, then it is the right choice to make.

The Prophet (saw) said:

قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم «يوشك الأمم أن تداعى عليكم كما تداعى الأكلة إلى قصعتها» فقال قائل ومن قلة نحن يومئذ قال «بل أنتم يومئذ كثير ولكنكم غثاء كغثاء السيل ولينزعن الله من صدور عدوكم المهابة منكم وليقذفن الله في قلوبكم الوهن» فقال قائل يا رسول الله وما الوهن؟ قال «حب الدنيا وكرهية الموت...and Allah will take the fear of you from the breasts (hearts) of your enemy and cast al-wahn into your hearts.” Someone asked, “O Messenger of Allah, what is al-wahn?” He replied, “Love of the world and dislike of death.” This slowly injected love for the material that has taken over our society. We have turned into brand and class-conscious people. The greed for achieving “The Standard” is pushing people to haram. Latest model of car is a must; who cares if I have to borrow from the bank for it on riba. Television advertisements show that a husband will only be offered a cup of tea after he agrees to get a loan from the bank so his wife can redecorate her home. Recently, a new trend was set in Pakistan in the name of prolonged wedding celebration. This wedding celebration continued for a year and a big show was made out of it. This, in fact, was setting of a new style for the display of wealth which will not just invoke envy but also greed in others to gain more, by hook or by crook.

We must remember that greed made Jews so hateful in the eyes of Allah as it brought them to the disobedience of Him (swt).

وَلَتَجِدَنَّهُمْ أَحْرَصَ النَّاسِ عَلَى حَيَاةٍ وَمِنَ الَّذِينَ أَشْرَكُوا يَوَدُّ أَحَدُهُمْ لَوْ يُعَمَّرُ أَلْفَ سَنَةٍ وَمَا هُوَ بِمُرَحِّزِهِ مِنَ الْعَذَابِ أَنْ يُعَمَّرَ وَاللَّهُ بَصِيرٌ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ

“And verily, you will find them (the Jews) the greediest of mankind for life and (even greedier) than those who – ascribe partners to Allah (and do not believe in Resurrection – Magians, pagans, and idolaters, etc.). Every one of them wishes that he could be given a life of a thousand years. But the grant of such life will not save him even a little from (due) punishment. And Allah is All-Seer of what they do” [Al-Baqara: 96]

We, as Muslims of today, must observe and understand that this disposition (nafssiyah) issue of greed can lead us to the disobedience of Allah (swt) and can totally lead us astray and ignore our own desires. We must learn the ways of sacrifice and must speak up for our rights and our brothers’ rights that are being usurped by today’s greedy rulers.

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Marriage under Secular Capitalist Ideology is an Institution of Material Accumulation



News:

On Friday, 11 May 2018, Supreme Court declined to reverse a 2015 ruling of the Court of Appeal sitting in Malindi that a deserving spouse should be supported at the standard of life he or she was used to at the time of separation. Furthermore, on Monday, the 14 May 2018 High Court upheld the Marriage, Properties Act and hence couples will not have to share their wealth equally upon divorce. In a landmark ruling, Justice John Mativo rejected the Federation of Women Lawyers' (FIDA) application for the repeal of section 45 (3) of the Act, that states couples should get what they contributed to family wealth.

Comments:

The latest events unfolding in the Kenyan courts is a drop in the ocean in relation to the catastrophes facing the marriage institution under the invalid secular capitalist system. Under secularism, religion has no authority hence the state legislates humanity's affairs in disregard of the Creator's doctrine. While the sole purpose of state is to guarantee freedoms (freedom of ownership, freedom of worship, freedom of speech and personal freedom) which need to be enjoyed by its citizens.

Social liberal system emanating from the invalid secular liberal capitalist ideology, views the marriage institution as a union between people who have consented to

live as couples irrespective of their gender i.e. a man can marry another man, a woman can marry another woman, or a son can marry his mother, or a daughter can marry her father etc. The purpose of marriage is for sexual pleasures and material accumulation. The purpose is pre-determined by the goal of life in secular capitalist ideology, which is to **seek the highest level of happiness by satisfying body organs**. Hence, happiness is intertwined with material accumulation, which ultimately guarantee a high-end lifestyle.

The marriage institution under secular capitalism has no specific character for couples' consideration before marriage. Further, it has no clear role for the couples apart from one being a sexual object and the other being a sexual exploiter. The sexual object ventured into the union for purposes of accumulating material, while the exploiter wants to self-glorify in the name of seeking happiness. The institution is full of confusion such that tranquility is non-existent instead chaos and commotion are the daily norms facing the couples. The chaotic lifestyles of the couples is in silence shrouded with pretentiousness lifestyle that all is well!

Such court's ruling confirm to us that indeed secular capitalism has failed miserable in taking care of humanity's affairs hence it must be replaced with pure Islamic ideology implemented comprehensively under the Khilafah (Islamic State) reestablished on the method of the Prophet (saw).

The Islamic social system recognizes that where there is a man and a woman there must be a relationship and regulation must encompass that relationship. The relationship must be based on marriage. The purpose of marriage is to seek the pleasure of Allah (swt) by procreating as decreed by Allah (swt) and to realize the purpose; the couples need to marry through a valid marriage contract that unites them as companions and slaves of Allah (swt) who will live together harmoniously.

In Islam, marriage is between a Muslim man and Muslim woman/women (2/3/4) or a woman/women (2/3/4) of the Book. The man for consideration must at least be a man of good manners and strives in the way of Allah (swt). While the woman/women (2/3/4) for consideration must qualify for marriage and must at least be a woman/women (2/3/4) of good character and strives in the way of Allah (swt).

In Islam the man, (husband) and woman/women (2/3/4) (wife/wives) have clear-cut roles of which the man is to take care of external (outside the house) affairs and the woman/women (2/3/4) to attend to internal (inside the house) affairs. The living together of the couples is anchored on companionship based on the halal and haram criterion. All of them being fearful of the hereafter in which their respective roles in marriage will be accounted. Any of the couples is responsible of the marriage sustainability and if the couples do not find themselves compatible in terms of having one vision aimed at, seeking the pleasure of Allah (swt) then they are allowed to divorce in a humane and god-fearing manner.

With the above brief description of the Islamic social system, it confirms that when Islam is implemented comprehensively under the Khilafah (Islamic State) reestablished on the method of the Prophet (saw), will guarantee tranquility, happiness and prosperity in the marriage institution and all of life's spheres. Contrary to the current languishing and deplorable status of people which is below even that of an animal under this filthy and invalid secular capitalist ideology that has made people to worship other people instead of their Creator because of their aspirations to amass or quench their thirsty for wealth.

Kenya and Africa's Renaissance in general lies in its embracement of the Khilafah Project. By replacing, the western colonial secular capitalist ideology, which is the root cause of both the continent and global miseries and catastrophes, witnessed today!

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The Prophet's (saw) Methodology for Revival

13th Halaqa: Intellectual Struggle and Political Action Undertaken by the Companions (ra)

In this Circle, we will talk about the intellectual struggle and political actions undertaken by the Prophet's (saw) companions (ra).

The companions' (ra) resolve in facing everything prohibited by Islam and confronting them to expose their fallacy was strong and uncompromised. They never considered anything or situation in their abiding to the Islamic ideology alone. Relying to Allah on it, and believing that victory will come from him, with a strong conviction on Him...!

And to prove that, we will mention a behavior and highlight a stance among ideological stances that the Prophet's (saw) companions (ra) stood by them while deeply rooted in the intellectual struggles and political actions...!

This stance is just an example rather than mentioning all stances of the companions (ra), as their ideological stances are numerous and cannot be memorized,

neither do they fit to be listed in this platform, listing them requires volumes of books...!

The Stand of the Noble Companion Uthman ibn Madh'un in persevering hardship and nuisance in way of Allah:

Reported by Abu Nuaym in Hulya from Uthman he said: When he saw what befell the Prophet's (saw) companions (ra) of tribulations while he was under the protection of Walid bin Mughera, he said: "By Allah I walk freely under the protection of a polytheist, while my colleagues in my religion face tribulations and nuisance in the way of Allah, it is a great weakness in my soul! He went to Walid bin Mughera and said to him: "Oh Aba Abdi Shams! You have exercised your mandate, and I have returned back your protection!" he said: "Why is it so oh son of my brother?! Could it be that a man from my people has annoyed you?" he said: "No, but I prefer the protection of Allah azza wa jalla, rather than the protection of anyone else...! He said: "Let's go to the

mosque, and uplift your protection openly from me the same way I openly asked it from you.” He said: They left and when they arrived at the mosque, Walid bin Mughera said: “Here is Uthman, he came to return back my protection, Uthman (ra) said: “He has spoken the truth, I prefer to have no protection except that of Allah, I have returned back his protection!”

Then Uthman (ra) left, and Labid bin Rabi’ah the poet, was among the gathering of Quraysh and was singing for them. Uthman sat with them, Labid said: “Know that everything worshipped other than Allah is falsehood”. Uthman said: “You have spoken the truth”. Labid said: “And every bounty will vanish” Uthman said: “You have lied indeed people’s bounty; the Paradise will stay”. Labid bin Rabi’ah said: “Oh the gathering of Quraysh, By Allah your gathering was free from nuisance! When did this arise?” Someone from the gathering said: “This is a fool and his colleagues are also fools, who left our religion, don’t be bothered with his words”. Uthman spoke back at him until it turned into a fierce conversation. The man stood and slapped at Uthman until his eyes turned red from the strong slap. And Walid bin Mughera was near looking at what was befalling to Uthman. Walid said: “And by Allah Oh son of my brother! Your eye was under protection from what has just befallen it, you were under a good protection”, Uthman said: “Rather by Allah! Indeed, my other healthy eye needs what has befallen the other! And I am under the protection of Allah the Most powerful and the Most Able, Oh Aba Abdi Shams!” Then Walid said: “Come back to your protection Oh son of my brother”, He replied: “No”.

And Uthman ibn Madh’un (ra) was a poet, he spoke of what befell his eye:

Allah is pleased with my eye attacked by the hand,

Of he who fights the religion who is astray,

Rahman has compensated me with rewards,

And he whom Allah is pleased with Oh my people will cherish,

Even when you call me a stray fool inside the Prophet’s (saw) religion,

I need Allah for that and the truth is our religion,

Against he who transgresses and harm us,

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Q&A

Mohammad Bin Salman's Visit to Britain, America and France



Question: Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammad Bin Salman, concluded his visit to France, which started on Monday 09/04/2018 and lasted two days until 10/04/2018. He has previously visited Britain on 10/03/2018 for three days. Followed by a visit to America, from 20/03/2018 until 08/04/2018... He was received as a head of a state. So what is behind these visits? What is striking is that these visits are to parties of different interests; what is common between them? Please clarify the matter, and may Allah reward you with the good.

Answer: The main visit is Mohammad Bin Salman (MBS)'s visit to America. His visit to Britain is a consolation visit, because he has carried out harsh measures on its agents in Saudi Arabia. His visit to France is a visit on the sidelines to create an atmosphere of fame for himself, so that it is said that Bin Salman visited the major countries in America and Europe; here

are the details:

First: Mohammad Bin Salman's visit to Britain:

Mohammad Bin Salman's visit to Britain commenced on 07/03/2018 and lasted three days until 10/03/2018. As we mentioned at the beginning, it was a visit to console Britain, because MBS knows that Britain has strong roots in the Saudi royal family and therefore it can create problems for him. And therefore he visited Britain to create an atmosphere of calm by offering some economic deals though they were not many.

This was confirmed in the final statement. It was closer to a normal visit with usual agreements with unspecified general words, except for some economic offers. For example, the final statement stated:

The United Kingdom affirms its strong support for Saudi Vision 2030 and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's economic and social reform program aimed at diversifying the economy.

-Prince Mohammad Bin Salman and British Prime Minister, Theresa May, on Wednesday launched the annual Strategic Partnership Council as a key mechanism for regular dialogue to strengthen all aspects of the bilateral relationship.... Saudi Arabia praises the experience and experiment of the United Kingdom in the various education sectors ranging from kindergarten, primary and secondary education to higher education and excellence in vocational training skills... Saudi Arabia is aware of the British experience in health care... the United Kingdom praised the importance of the successful listing of Saudi Aramco as part of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's economic reform plan... and Saudi Arabia supported the position of London as a major global financial center...

The London Stock Exchange Group has agreed with the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul) on the Capacity Building and Training Program to help develop stock markets. Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom have stressed the importance of defense and security relations and their role in achieving common national security and regional stability. The two countries announced their intention to focus efforts to combat terrorism and extremism by exchanging information and understanding the ways in which terrorists and extremists influence vulnerable groups. The two countries have signed a number of memorandums of understanding to deepen cooperation and partnership between them. It also includes the signing of a memorandum of intent declaring the desire of the two sides to complete discussions between them to reach an agreement for the Kingdom to receive 48 additional Typhoon aircrafts. The two countries also stressed the need for Iran to abide by the principles of good neighborliness and non-interference in the internal affairs of the countries.

B) Some political and security matters that are general, not focused or specific in a detailed solution to the issues:

-The two countries stressed the importance of reaching a political solution to the crisis in Yemen on the basis of the GCC initiative and its implementation mechanisms, and the results of Yemen's national dialogue and Security Council Resolution 2216, which will lead to a political solution that will guarantee Yemen's security and territorial integrity. The two sides expressed their strong support for the newly appointed UN Special Envoy to Yemen, Martin Griffith... They agreed on the importance of the international community pressing the Houthi militia to allow unimpeded humanitarian access... The United Kingdom welcomed Saudi Arabia's continued commitment to ensure that the campaign of the military

alliance is in accordance with international humanitarian law... the two countries reaffirmed their commitment to a two-state solution, based on the Arab Peace Initiative and the relevant UN resolutions.

C) Some economic deals with the intent of consolation, as a result of the actions of Bin Salman against the Britain's men:

-Saudi Arabia and the UK are committed to a long-term partnership to support the realization of Vision 2030, to encompass a range of areas, including: Assessing opportunities and mutual investments with the UK (and through it) by the Public Investment Fund and bilateral trade... Together these opportunities amount to as much as \$100 billion over 10 years, including the Public Investment Fund (PIF) with direct investments of up to \$30 billion.

- The United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia have welcomed a large number of major trade deals agreed upon during the visit; they are expected to exceed \$2 billion, creating and securing jobs and prosperity in Saudi Arabia and the UK.

It is clear from all this that the visit does not go beyond its purpose, consolation and calm, most of it was general exchange of words, except for some of the economic promises, which are not as significant and aren't of weight.

Second: Mohammad Bin Salman's visit to the United States of America:

The follower of MBS's visits to America sees that America is moulding MBS as its obedient slave; it humiliates him in front of his face and he smiles and it blackmails him and he surrenders; here is the clarification:

1) After taking over the rule after the death of his brother, Abdullah, on 23/1/2015, King Salman began quick procedures to install his rule and those who will come after him. He removed his brother, Muqrin bin Abdulaziz from the Crown Prince post, who is loyal to Britain, and appointed his son Mohammad Bin Salman (MBS) as Crown Prince, and handed over to him many powers to strengthen his authority. He removed and isolated many of his rivals and those pro-Britain in his family, and showed his strong loyalty to America. The second step was to get the Americans closer with the MBS and his abilities, and to get to know him well and to test his loyalty to America. So he visited Washington on 15/3/2017 after the official inauguration of Trump as President of America, and Trump received him at the highest level in the White House in the presence of his vice president, Pence, and his US national security, raising the visit's level. Trump showed his support for Bin Salman. The other step came on 4/11/2017 to strengthen the authority of MBS by clipping the wings of the British

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agents and others and subjecting everyone to his control, and humiliating and blackmailing them to freeze their accounts, when hundreds of princes, ministers, officials and businessmen were held under the name of fighting corruption. He declared that he collected from them \$100 billion.

And now, comes the penultimate step; his visit to Washington for the second time to strengthen his loyalty to America and strengthen ties with it and to prepare for the last step, his appointment as the actual king at a time they expect soon. When Bin Salman began his foreign visits, he was received as a king, as happened in Egypt on 4/3/2018, and his visit to Britain on 7/3/2018 where he was received by the Queen, then followed the reception and long visit to America which confirms this. Trump pointed this out when addressing Bin Salman: "There have been some wonderful things since your last visit to the White House. "You were the crown prince" during your last visit, he said, "and now you are beyond the crown prince."" (Russian Sputnik 21/3/2018)

2) So as soon as Bin Salman reached Washington, he met with President Trump on 20/3/2018 CE. Trump said: "It's a great honor to have the Crown Prince with us, Saudi Arabia has been a very great friend ...I was in Saudi Arabia in May. And we are bringing back hundreds of billions of dollars into the United States... And the other thing that I really am very happy about is that we talked about 400 billion dollars' worth of investment," He continued: "We understand each other. Saudi Arabia is a very wealthy nation, and they're going to give the United States some of that wealth hopefully, in the form of jobs, in the form of the purchase of the finest military equipment anywhere in the world."

Bin Salman responded: "the relations between Saudi Arabia and United States of America, its old relation... More than 80 years of alliance and big interest — politically, economically, and security, in different area — a lot of area... And the foundation for relation, it's really huge and really deep...we've planned to tackle 200 billion U.S. dollars for opportunities in the next four years, but it end up with 400 billion U.S. dollar for opportunities". (CNN 20/3/2018).

America is blackmailing Saudi Arabia and plundering the wealth of Muslims through the rulers who betrayed the trust and betrayed the Ummah. What matters to Trump and the Americans is the suction of Muslim money through the Saud family, who declare their allegiance and alliance to the kuffar, and serve them by protecting their interest in the Middle East, and by financing their economy and paying all the costs of defending their interests.

3) Trump displayed cue cards in front of the cameras and put them against the chest of Bin Salman with drawings and pictures of weapons Saudi Arabia will buy from

America and will receive soon. He numbered the deals and types of weapons worth billions, saying to him: "This is peanuts for you." Trump said: "These deals will provide new jobs (in America) is expected to reach 40 thousand jobs." (Sputnik Russian 21/3/2018) What remains is that Trump puts a rope in the cards and attaches it to the neck of Bin Salman as if he sends him a message that our support to you is in return for what money you give us, and make the land for our use, and do everything we ask without any objection. This act was an insult to Bin Salman who responded by smiling like a fool while Trump behaves in a rude and indifferent manner.

4) During MBS's visit, he met with many officials in the Administration and in other important sectors:

A) He met with US Defense Secretary, Mattis, and Chief of Staff, Danford, affirming his loyalty to America: "Today's challenges are not the first that the two countries face. Today we are facing a serious challenge in the region and the world, whether from the actions of the Iranian regime or the challenges of terrorist organizations," he said. (Al-Wi'am Saudi Newspaper 24/3/2018). "We must also reinvigorate urgent efforts to seek a peaceful resolution to the civil war in Yemen and we support you in this regard.", "US Defense Secretary, Mattis, told Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman. "We are going to end this war and on positive terms for the people of Yemen, that is the bottom line", he also pledged to work with Riyadh to boost "stability and security" in the region (Reuters, 22/3/2018). The issue of Yemen is an issue in which America has not achieved its final goals yet, and Saudi Arabia, which has done the job to achieve America's goals, is still in crisis and has not been able to get out of. The end of this issue and the exit of Saudi Arabia safely strengthen the authority of Bin Salman.

- Bin Salman made statements to Time Magazine on 31/3/2018 in which he said: "We believe American troops should stay for at least the mid-term, if not the long-term...United States of America need to have cards to negotiate and to apply pressure. If you get these troops out, you lose this card"... "Bashar is staying," he said. "But I believe that Bashar's interests is not to let the Iranians do whatever they want they want to do." US President Trump said on Tuesday. 3/4/2018: "I want to get out [of Syria]. I want to bring our troops back home. I want to start rebuilding our nation."

"As far as Syria is concerned, our primary mission in terms of that was getting rid of ISIS. We've almost completed that task. And we'll be making a decision very quickly in coordination with others in the area as to what we'll do. Saudi Arabia is very interested in our decision. And I said, well, you know, you want us to stay, maybe you're going to have to pay."(AFP, 3/4/2018). Thus, Trump continues the policy of blackmailing the Al Saud regime, which is keen to maintain US influence in the region.

He also made statements to the Atlantic magazine on 2/4/2018 when asked: "Do you think the Jewish people have the right to have a nation state at least in part of their ancestral homeland?" he said:

"I believe that each people, anywhere, has a right to live in their peaceful nation...I believe the Palestinians and the Israelis have the right to have their own land." (Al Wi'am Saudi website 3/4/2018)

Bin Salman did not hide his betrayal even against the Blessed Land, the Land of Isra and Maraj.

- And in the name of entertainment, he put a huge budget. Chairman of the General Authority for Entertainment in Saudi Arabia, Ahmed Bin Aqeel Al Khatib, announced "the intention of the Authority to invest up to 240 billion riyals, equivalent to 64 billion dollars in the entertainment sector over the next ten years." And announced the construction of the Opera House, the first since the founding of the Kingdom "(Saudi Al Arabya website 22/2/2018).

- The Washington Post, on the fourth and final day of its visit to Washington and meeting with its officials on 24/3/2018, held an interview with Bin Salman who said, "During the meeting, the war in Yemen, the Middle East peace process, Iran, the internal reform process, and the Saudi nuclear aspirations were discussed." He said his main task in America is to win the confidence of US investors in addition to access technological and educational assistance to support the reform efforts in Saudi Arabia. He said to the newspaper issues regarding granting women many of their rights... This means that the files of the entire region were opened before him and discussed with him. So he is aware on how to execute them and rush in its support and execution with the Americans. Apart to the question of Yemen, there is the Trump plan in the Middle East and the solution to the question of Palestine; he (Trump) said that he will announce a plan in the coming months after he recognized Jerusalem as the capital of a Jewish entity on 6/12/2017. And the issue of making Iran the enemy instead of the Jewish entity which he (Bin Salman) will reconcile with, as well as to change Saudi domestic policy to what America wants; to secularize the country and to disseminate the Western civilization values in it, as well as to give American investors opportunities to totally control the economy in the country.

Arabic 21 website, on 29/3/ 2018, quoted The Independent British newspaper as saying that it had seen the program of the Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammad bin Salman, which includes meetings with executives of major companies, politicians, oil men, and workers in technology, entertainment and the arts aiming to hold contacts with the American public opinion. CBS station conducted an interview with him on the program "Sixty

Minutes", the first interview conducted by the station with a Saudi leader for decades. He used this opportunity to enhance his image as a young bold reformer carrying out necessary reforms, such as limiting the religious police authority and allowing women to drive. The newspaper mentioned that he met with former officials on Tuesday (27/3/2018) like Kissinger, Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton and others, and with many large newspapers owners, and will meet with former President Obama, and former Secretary of State John Kerry, and David Petraeus.

- More submissiveness and subordination were shown by Bin Salman when he sent, as he left America to France, a message of loyalty to Trump's America, in which he said: "Your Excellency, President Donald Trump of the United States of America, greetings: I am pleased as I leave your country, our ally, to extend to you my thanks and gratitude for the hospitality to me and the accompanying delegation, and to take this opportunity to pay tribute once again to the historical and strategic relations between our two countries, which are witnessing further development in all fields, and I cannot fail to stress that the discussions that took place during the visit will contribute to deepening these relations and To strengthen them, and to strengthen the bonds of mutual cooperation,... wishing you good health and happiness, and to the people of the United States of America to continue progress and prosperity"

We conclude discussing this visit by repeating what we said at the beginning. (The follower of Bin Salman's visits to America sees that America is moulding Bin Salman as its obedient slave; it humiliates him in front of his face and smiles and it blackmails him and he surrenders).

Third: Mohammad Bin Salman's visit to France:

1) The visit of Bin Salman to France is a passing visit on the sidelines to create an atmosphere of fame for Bin Salman, so it is said he visited the West, from Britain to America and then the European Union (France). And because of the lack of importance of this visit, it lacked even the routine of diplomacy in international visits. For example, "An official at the French prime minister's office said on Monday that the Saudi Crown Prince canceled a visit to a large gathering of emerging technology companies in Paris to highlight the depth of French-Saudi relations in technology. According to the LA Tribune: The cancellation of Prince Mohammed's visit to the "Station F" complex might leave Macron feeling frustrated, especially since Bin Salman visited the technology giants in the Silicon Valley in the United States last week, Bin Salman put a condition to visit this complex that provoked Macron's anger..."

The Arab World Site on 09/04/2018, citing (© REUTERS

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LA Tribune revealed that the Saudi Crown Prince Bin Salman has angered French President Emmanuel Macron by putting a condition for French firms to benefit from commercial contracts with the Kingdom, the newspaper said. "Bin Salman explained to Macron that French companies, such as American groups, could benefit from contracts with the Kingdom, provided it does not trade with Iran, "adding that this condition provoked Macron's anger.

2) And what they have been 'boasting' about the strategic partnership contract was not signed, but they postponed the signature for eight months until the end of the year 2018.

It is known that the changes in international policy are rapid. Therefore, the promises of signing the agreements or contracts concluded are often not fulfilled especially if the deadlines are long. Sources close to the French presidency announced to reporters that Macron and Mohammed Bin Salman will prepare a strategic document that will be ready by the end of the year. This will result in contracts that will be taken (by Macron) to Saudi Arabia by the end of the year to be signed (Al Bayan 10/4/2018). Al Arabiya net also reported on Monday 9/4/2018: "The president and the prince will work on a strategic document that will be ready by the end of the year and produce contracts that will be signed when Macron goes to Saudi Arabia before the end of the year," this is also reported in France 24, on 09/04/2018.

3) Moreover what the French President has announced is within the framework of hope and under the protocols that need to be negotiated and consulted to be effective contracts:

"We hope for new cooperation, focusing less on current contracts and more on investments for the future, particularly in the digital and renewable energy fields," the French Presidency said. (AFP 5/ 04/2018)

The visit of Prince Mohammad Bin Salman to France is expected to culminate in the signing of some 12 protocols agreement in various fields, such as tourism, where Paris will help Riyadh to highlight the site of the Al Hijr (Mada'in Salih) listed on UNESCO's list of World Heritage in the north-west of the Kingdom as well as other fields such as health, energy, transport, etc. (AFP, 08/04/2018)

4) Therefore, no significant economic contracts were signed in this visit, because it was a short visit (two days), which caused embarrassment to the Elysee Palace. This is why the response to a question about the brief visit of the Saudi prince to France after a three-week visit to the United States, it stated: The Elysee welcomed the inclusion of France as one of the first foreign visits of the Crown Prince ... (France 24 / AFP 05/04/2018), and

not signing the contracts also caused embarrassment for the Elysee: "On the other hand, a French diplomatic source told France 24 that France "is not pursuing commercial contracts with Saudi Arabia as in the past, but it is seeking to build a partnership of identical visions based on long-term economic and technological development. "(AFP, 08/04/2018)

5) With all the above, to give justice to that visit, there is an agreement that has already been signed, an agreement that won the heart of Bin Salman; an agreement was signed to establish a national orchestra and an opera house, and where? In the land of the two Holy Mosques!! French Culture Minister Françoise Nyssen said Paris would help Riyadh build an orchestra and an opera house. "Today an agreement was signed with the Paris Opera House to help Saudi Arabia establish a national orchestra and an opera house," Nyssen said after signing agreements with Culture and Information Minister Awad al-Awad in Paris. Arab World website on 09/04/2018 (© REUTERS / POOL)

Bin Salman before this agreement paid a special visit on Sunday before his official visit, he attended a concert concluding the Easter Festival in southern France: Prince Salman arrived on Sunday 08/04/2018 coming from the United States. He is attending a concert to conclude Easter Festival in the city of Aix-en-Provence near Marseille in the south of the country to enjoy the music of the classical authors Debussy, Robert Schumann and Felix Mendelssohn. (AFP 08/04/2018)

6) So the visit was not significant neither in terms of agreements nor contracts, unless the Opera House is considered significant, we seek refuge in Allah from this! This was clear at the final press conference held on Tuesday 10/4/ 2018, and was published in the media on 11/4/2018 CE. It stated that protocols and agreement of intentions were agreed upon, except the Opera House, it has already been signed! Aljazeera net published on 11/4/2018: The Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman concluded on Tuesday a two-day visit to France with the signing of 19 protocol agreements between French and Saudi companies with a total value of more than 18 billion dollars. The agreements of intent relate to industrial sectors such as Petrochemicals and water treatment, as well as tourism, culture, health and agriculture ... Among the most prominent agreements is the announcement by Saudi Aramco oil company, to sign agreements worth more than \$ 12 billion with French companies, including Total, Technip and Suez for the joint development of a petrochemical site in Jubail (Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia), in which the French group owns the largest refinery in the world. Even these agreements with Aramco are not limited only to the development of Aramco's business, but rather focuses more on the development of the financial income of the French refinery.

This was also reported in AFP on 11 April 2018, from the press conference. The source also stated: "At the end of the visit of the Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman to France on Tuesday, the countries signed 19 protocol agreements between French and Saudi companies with a total value of more than 18 billion dollars. The letters of intent are related to industrial sectors such as petrochemicals and water treatment, as well as tourism, culture, health and agriculture, according to a statement issued by the French-Saudi Business Forum, which includes employers and representatives of both governments".

In the press conference, Macron and Bin Salman mentioned routine issues such as Iran, the nuclear agreement, Syria, Yemen, etc. without specifying real solution to these issues.

Fourth: Conclusion:

We repeat what we said above: The main visit is to America; his visit to Britain is a consolation visit because he has carried out harsh measures against its agents in Saudi Arabia. His visit to France is a visit on the sidelines to create an atmosphere of fame for Bin Salman, so it is said that he visited the major countries in America and Europe.

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