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Press Release

Due to the fact that three activists of Hizb ut Tahrir / Tanzania (Ust. Ramadhan Moshi Kakoso, Wazir Suleiman Mkaliaganda and Omar Salum Bumbo) are being held without trial or bail for more than two years, the same circumstances being encountered include other detainees among Muslims scholars of the Uamsho organization who are also being held for more than seven years now, plus many other detainees (Muslims and non-Muslims) victimised with the similar fate, Hizb ut Tahrir / Tanzania would like to announce the launching of a special campaign defending their rights.

The campaign will officially commence on 19 June 2020 to 24 July 2020 having the following aspects:

1. Objectives of the campaign:

a. General objective

To protest and speak up against the following:

- Detainees being held without trial
- Suspects being deprived right to bail
- An indefinite period in adducement of evidence
- Existence of abduction

- Terrorist Act

b. Specific objective

- To raise our voice so that our activists should be given proper and just legal proceeding enabling their case being heard, granted bail or being set free.

2. Areas of the campaign:

- Islamic public talks in various places.
- Writing articles, live programs, video clips etc. via social networks such as: Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp, websites etc.
- Urging media outlets such as TVs, Radio, Newspapers to publicize widely and highlighting this campaign.
- To publicize this campaign and mobilising others for their full participation, such as: lawyers, intellectuals, human right activists, Muslim scholars, Imams of Mosques, Muslim preachers, Muslim teachers, journalists, politicians, thinkers and general public.
- Also to mobilize civil societies especially those dealing with human rights to publicize and participate in this campaign.

3. Slogan of the campaign

“It is oppression under the law to detain without trial, deprived of bail, indefinite time in adducing of evidence and abduction”

We hope that everyone in society will fully participate and engage in this noble campaign, since its agenda encompasses everyone in a religious or humanitarian aspect.

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#StopOppressiveLawsAndAbduction (English)
#KomeshaUkandamizajiWaKisheriaNaUtekaji (Swahili)



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#StopOppressiveLawsAndAbduction

RE: REQUEST TO REOPEN MOSQUES



الرحيم الرحمن الله بسم

To: The Cabinet Secretary for Interior and Coordination of National Government

To: The Cabinet Secretary for Health

To: All Respected Imams, Muslim opinion leaders and the Muslim Community

As the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic continues to ravage the country and the world at large, the Government issued a directive of shutting down all Mosques in the country hence all Congregational and Friday prayers have been suspended for approximately two months up until now. This directive which was issued in March 2020 when the first early cases of Covid-19 were reported in the country is still in effect along with the dusk to dawn curfew which has now been further extended until 6th June 2020.

As we acknowledge the effect of the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic in the country and the world at large, we maintain the need to observe all measures to prevent the infection of this deadly disease as this is part of the noble teachings of Islam as revealed to and practiced by our noble Messenger (saw) more than 14 centuries ago.

We are also certain this pandemic is a serious challenge and test from the Almighty Creator to test His servants which requires us to turn sincerely to Him in repentance and obedience to His Revelation. In light of this the closing of mosques is an audacity against the Deen of Allah and His servants whose hearts are burning in pain for being prevented their Friday and regular congregational prayers. This severe pain has been magnified manifold during this auspicious Month of Ramadhan. Sadly, even before the state directive, a section of Muslim leaders decided to close mosques instead of taking the necessary precautionary measures to keep them safe while ensuring the continuation of congregational prayers! More painful, they went out of their way to twist the Islamic evidences to justify their dangerous move!

We wish to raise our concerns regarding the closure of Mosques by stating the following:



First: The suspension of the Jumua Prayers and Congregational prayers is decisively contradictory to the noble teaching of our Deen. In the wake of spread of pandemic disease, the noble Shari'ah of Islam has taught us that what is required is not to stop congregational prayers generally but rather that the infected persons should be isolated and barred from entering the mosque. Measures such as sterilization, wearing of masks, mass testing and washing hands should be also taken to prevent the infection and spread of the disease. The evidence of this is what is narrated in Al Mustadrak on the authority of Tariq Bin Shihab on the authority of Abi Musa from the Prophet (may the peace of blessings of Allah be upon him) who said:

«الْجُمُعَةُ حَقٌّ وَاجِبٌ عَلَى كُلِّ مُسْلِمٍ فِي جَمَاعَةٍ إِلَّا أَرْبَعَةً: عَبْدٌ مَمْلُوكٌ، أَوْ امْرَأَةٌ، أَوْ صَبِيٌّ، أَوْ مَرِيضٌ»

“The Friday prayer in congregation is a necessary duty for every Muslim with four exceptions: A slave, a woman, a boy and a sick person.”

With regard to congregational prayer, the Shari'ah has decisively stated that it is an obligation of sufficiency (Fardh ul-Kifayah) which means it must be performed continuously by at least some persons to avoid sin falling upon the entire community. Abu Dawud narrated from Abu Darda (may Allah be pleased with him) who narrated that the Prophet (may the peace of blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

«مَا مِنْ ثَلَاثَةٍ فِي قَرْيَةٍ وَلَا بَدْوٍ لَا تُقَامُ فِيهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ إِلَّا قَدْ اسْتَحْوَذَ عَلَيْهِمُ الشَّيْطَانُ، عَلَيْكَ
بِالْجَمَاعَةِ فَإِنَّمَا يَأْخُذُ الذَّنْبُ مِنَ الْغَنَمِ الْقَاصِيَةَ»

“If there are three men in a village or in the desert among whom prayer is not offered in congregation, the devil has got the mastery over them. So observe (Prayer) in congregation for the wolf eats only the straggling animal.”

From the above perspective, we reiterate that the closure of the Mosques was not an appropriate step as it plunged the entire community in peril of grave sin for failure to continually observe the daily congregational and weekly Friday prayers. We therefore urge the government to open the Mosques immediately. It is really disturbing for sincere Muslims to note that recently the State has allowed restaurants to operate in the name of taking steps to resume economic life while at the same time it continues to shut down the houses of worship where the name of the Almighty Creator is uttered with devotion!



Second: The Government should put up measures such as sterilization, wearing of masks, mass testing and washing hands to prevent the infection of the disease for the worshippers. Any worshipper detected to have developed the symptoms of the Covid-19 should be barred from entering the mosque while others continue with their prayers. It is the fundamental duty of the government to assist in providing such

facilities for its citizens where they are unable to provide themselves especially keeping in mind the massive influx of grants, funds and support both local and external received by the government which is public knowledge. However we are confident that mosques can as there are many sincere believers yearning to return to the mosques and ready to help provide the necessary facilities.

Third: The auspicious month of Ramadhan is nearing its completion and it will be a grave disaster if the Muslim community will be unable to perform any congregational prayer in this entire month, not to mention the prayer of Eid ul-Fitr after the end of Ramadhan which we yearn to pray in congregation as obliged by Islam. We therefore urge that this matter be given urgent attention and consideration. Surely the Muslim community has been patient but it is time to return to the mosques with due precautions.



Fourth: We remind the Imams, Muslim opinion leaders and Muslims in general that it is their duty to advocate and call for the reopening of the mosques. We also advise them that their silence on the current painful situation is an affront to the Deen and its people and disdain against them for which they will surely be held to account on the Day of Judgement. Please stand up and speak the truth so that you raise your status before Almighty Allah who commands the speaking of the truth without fear or favour and seek the rank of the noble companions (may Allah be pleased with them) who spoke the truth in the most difficult of circumstances and attained the highest ranks after the Prophets and Messengers sent to Humankind.

O Allah, bear witness that we have delivered your Message!

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THE MASS PROTESTS SWEEPING AMERICA AND ITS IMPACT ON ITS FOREIGN POLICY (Translated)



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Nearly two weeks ago, the United States was engulfed by large-scale protests in some areas, which were permeated by violence, looting of shops, and burning of police stations. Can the killing of a black man in America ignite such protests? This has happened a lot in the past few years and there have been no such protests! Are there any ramifications for these American protests on America's foreign policy?

In order to get clear answers to the above questions, we review the following:

1- The American police killed a man of African origins, George Floyd, in Minneapolis, in the American state of Minnesota, on 25/5/2020, and it was a heinous crime, during which the policeman applied the training he received in the police force; by standing on and pressing the carotid artery in the neck. The crime lasted nine minutes, during which Floyd was screaming "I can't breathe" until he died. This horrific crime was witnessed by all Americans, and they saw with their own eyes the brutality of the American police against blacks. Demonstrations erupted in the city the next day, to condemn this degree of brutality in dealing with human beings. Then the demonstrations spread to other American cities, with the widespread circulation of the painful suffocation video, via social media sites, until the demonstrations spread to more than 80 American cities in multiple states ...

Then the authorities announced a curfew to prevent the demonstrations that, many of them, were accompanied by acts of violence, killing, looting, and burning of shops and police stations. The American police resorted to ruthless means with the demonstrators and arrested more than 4000 people in various cities, announced the killing of a few people, the National Guard was called to enforce security and control of the street, and even the American army was called in a precedent that had not happened before in America to impose security in the capital Washington. President Trump was smuggled into a safe underground hideout for fear of the protesters storming the White House.



2- The scenes of the American protests ravaged the image of the internal stability that the successive American governments were boasting about, as fires broke out, stores were looted, and police stations were destroyed in significant numbers, warning the Americans of the hell that their governments had long practiced in other countries. And threatening them of the oppression and destruction that America uses in dealing with the world will be the way it deals with the American people themselves. There were shocking scenes by all standards: a president who warns and threatens peaceful demonstrators with rabid dogs around the White House, and with the most lethal weapons in the world if they dare to storm the walls of the White House, that was surrounded by wire barriers and concrete walls. The President called on state governors to respond ruthlessly to demonstrators in their states, and to impose security by force, and he offered them the use of the National Guard, and put the US military on high alert to intervene within 4 hours where necessary if the police and guards fail to enforce security, and the army was actually deployed in the capital Washington DC before this step be reversed, after widespread criticism of the President against the backdrop of introducing the American Army against the people.

On the other hand, angry crowds, a part of which is peaceful, that were not stopped by the police, guards, or the dangers of the Coronavirus, protesting to demand civil rights, holding the killers accountable, and reforming the police, and a second section of the protestors intends to attack government centers, especially the police, and to burn and destroy them. President Trump announced later that it is the ultra-left anti-capitalist Antifa movement! And a third section of the protestors are looting, robbing, and carrying out destructive acts...

3- The reality of the American police, whose main element is the white element, is used to insult the black population, and many of them were killed by policemen. Some of these incidents were documented and illustrated, as in the recent Floyd killing, and these incidents were not rare, but rather they were repeated. Discrimination racism in the United States is a remarkable, perceived phenomenon in their societies...

But there are reasons why the murder of Floyd on 25/5/2020 in the city of Minneapolis widened the scope of popular anger against the policy of racial discrimination pursued by state apparatus in America against blacks in particular for these reasons, some are old and some are new, these reasons are:



a- The failure of the assimilation process in American society: the current American society was distinctly established on racism. The English immigrants in particular, and the Europeans in general, colonized America on the corpses of millions of the Native Americans, the original inhabitants. And because of the need for new colonies for work, slaves were brought from Africa, so Americans of African origin are viewed as slaves. This was official for centuries, during which these Africans are

subject to racial segregation, forced labour in white farms and their industries. The Naturalization Law of 1790 granted American citizenship to whites only, while refusing to recognize blacks as citizens, despite the attainment of Africans of some rights, such as voting in the 1860s. However, racial discrimination remained an official policy which operated in America even after the end of the civil war, and after the mid-twentieth century a large movement called the civil rights movement broke out and Martin Luther King Jr became its famous leader of blacks in America, resulting in formal recognition of their full rights as American citizens...

Hence, these Africans thought that they had obtained the civil rights that their parents and grandparents had been deprived but that did not change much of the mentality of white Americans, whose inferior view of these Africans remained, and racist practices against them continued. In spite of the ranting of American leaders that racism has ended, yet various reports discuss the entrenched racist view in America against people of African descent ... and from the manifestations of racism against black people in America are a clear rise in the number of black prisoners compared to white Americans, and the high rate of unemployment among them, and the large and clear difference in the average income between African American families compared to white Americans, as well as the sharp decrease in health services, and other services, between areas that are predominantly inhabited by black citizens and called black neighborhoods. Areas that are often considered high-end, have decent health services, the house prices that white Americans live in are high.



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A cult of white supremacists chanting "send her back" in support of Donald **Trump's** racist attack on Ilhan Omar. Fascism spreads like wildfire. Especially when it comes from the President of the United States of America. Chilling to my core.



b- The arrival of the racist Trump Administration and its embracing of the advocates of the White Race supremacy: The groups that support President

Trump believe in the superiority of the White Race over others, they are groups that have been exalted after Trump's arrival to the White House, and these people have found in Trump a national leader for them; they are mixed with evangelical Christians who add a religious flair to this superiority. President Trump's candor against Muslims, and prevented some of them from obtaining visas to enter America, his anti-Mexican statements, and his plans, part of which was to build a wall on the borders of Mexico, and his trade war against China, and calling Coronavirus the Chinese virus, and the emergence of a wave of hostility to the Chinese in America, his tolerance of the 2017 New Nazi demonstrations in Virginia, his insulting language against the minorities, as well as his comments on black Floyd's killing and the need to suppress the protest movement in support of blacks rights in America ... and as a result of all this, President Trump has become one of the biggest instigators of racial discrimination in America, so the number of hostilities against blacks, Muslims, Mexicans, and Chinese in America has increased during his presidency. They are seen more than before as intruders who came to rob Americans of their job opportunities and plunder America's wealth, and racial discrimination became prominent in many sectors of American society...

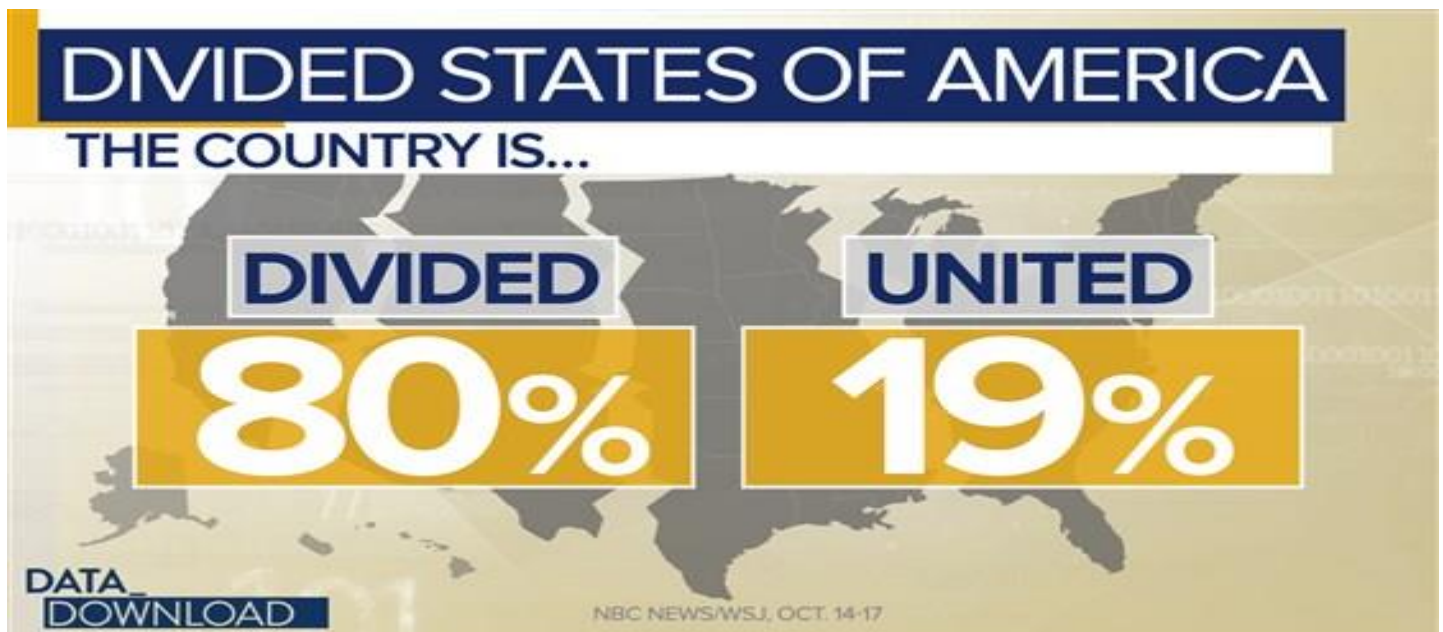


c- The implications of the Coronavirus within American society: One of the reasons that increased the flames of the protests against the killing of Floyd in America, was that it coincided with the spread of the Coronavirus, and the quarantine measures that followed, which caused hardships to the Americans on the one hand, and on the other hand, it created unemployment on a large scale. It increased the anxiety of the Americans about their future, and thirdly, the Americans saw a catastrophic failure of their government to deal with the spread of the epidemic in America, where the great shortage of medical supplies and devices, and the failure to prepare for the virus, despite the fact that America was struck by the wave of the virus after Europe and China, which provided it with a good opportunity to prepare for it,

but this was not exploited. As well as the American administration's failure in dealing with the epidemic and the resulting consequence of the division in the American political community regarding the way the Trump administration dealt with the epidemic crisis ...

One of the deep and important internal issues is that the American society's sentiments has grown regarding how abysmal the capitalist system is. The process of distributing wealth in America is exacerbated with frightening acceleration, in favour of a very small group of Capitalists, who have lobbying powers that influence politics, a policy that moves towards more tax exemption for them, at a time when people of the middle and lower income incur the most fatal taxes. These American protests have highlighted the rising power of the anti-capitalist movement in America, Antifa, which President Trump has demanded to classify as terrorist, a movement that called for the occupation of stock markets on Wall Street as a great symbol of Capitalism after the 2008 financial crisis, this movement increases its followers and is taking root more in American society, and calls for violence against Capitalism, and it is accused today of directing demonstrators to burn and destroy government facilities such as police stations.

4- All of this has had repercussions on America's foreign policy, which had impact for the following reasons:



a- The state of division in America: The Trump administration has shown since 2017 that America is not united, and the policies that Americans are divided over are many, such as wars, and international assistance provided by America to its agents

around the world, such as tax policy, dealing with minorities, immigration, and many other policies. But with the advent of President Trump, he himself has become one of the most prominent causes of division in America, and his personality has helped with his excessive arrogance, clinging to power, love of over-appearance, lack of wisdom, tendency to fight internal conflicts, and showing euphoria by breaking foes. All of this has made America really divided about President Trump, they are either with him or against him. Job terminations and resignations in his administration have increased, in a way that has never happened with any former American president of this size, and the Coronavirus crisis, and the altercations between the president and the governors of some states, have shown the increase in the severity of the American division. This division strikes the American political and financial centers, and is reflected on the society as a whole. And the way the president and his administration dealt with the crisis of the popular protests, too, has become a strong cause that fuels the division.

Trump opposes the protest movement after Floyd was killed, and he wants to establish security by force, he is opposed in that by the Democratic Party and state governors, and even his defense secretary, who apologized for participating in the President's visit to a church adjacent to the White House, after the security forces drove the protesters away from its vicinity, it was considered political propaganda for Trump. Among the latest examples and intensity of these conflicts ("former US defense ministers and dozens of military officials accused - in a joint message - President Trump of betraying the oath and constitution, for his consideration of deploying the army to confront protesters; among the signatories was former Defense Secretary James Mattis." (Al-Jazeera.net 7/6/2020). The issue was not confined to the former defense secretaries, but rather included the current and with strong responses, according to the previous source itself:

(CNN quoted a Pentagon official as saying that President Donald Trump requested the deployment of ten thousand soldiers in the capital, Washington DC, and other US cities, to counter last week's protests, and that Defense Secretary Mark Esper and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Mark Milley, rejected this request, in light of mass demonstrations in Washington and other American and European cities against racism and police brutality. The New Yorker Magazine had reported that it had learned, from White House sources, that a verbal argument had occurred between President Trump and General Mark Milley. In the magazine report it mentioned that General Milley raised his voice in the face of the President in protest against his request to take the army to the streets of American cities to end the protests, as Milley believes that the army's deployment in the street is against the law.)



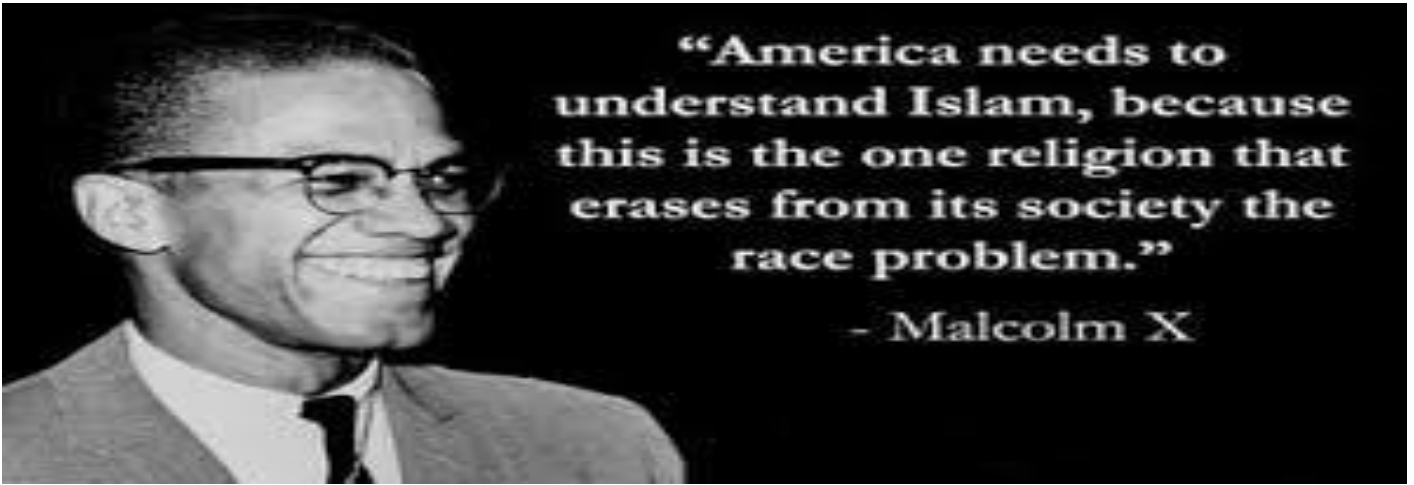
b- **The presidential election period:** intensified the matter. These protests erupted in conjunction with the election campaigns of both Democratic candidates Joe Biden and Republican Trump. President Trump is very concerned about his future as President, and wants to be re-elected in November this year, rather this issue is his number one priority, but his main concern is the implications of the Coronavirus, its impact on the American economy, the loss of millions of Americans of their job opportunities, and what is said about his mishandling of the virus crisis. He fears that this will be a factor that his Democrat opponent exploits against him in the election campaigns. Then comes the wave of recent protests in which President Trump wanted to highlight his personality as a strong man who is able to control security, maintain property, which increases his electoral opportunities... But his opponent, Joe Biden (Democratic Party) and other forces are working to portray this as contrary, so they portray him as a man working to consolidate the division in America, and is unable to heal the wounds that American society suffered after

Floyd's murder and the demonstrations, and they hold him responsible for the nature of the violence and riot in the demonstrations, because of his fiery statements against the demonstrators.



c- The state's repression of the protests: The countries of the world witnessed the painful and brutal way in which the American government deals with the popular protests, the president's talks about imposing security by force, rabid dogs and the most lethal weapons. And watched thousands of detainees, batons, and tear gas in America, after they were immune to such scenes for decades. All of this make America lose its argument it used for long against its opponents around the world under the titles of human rights, the right to express opinion, support for the opposition, etc. This has a direct impact, that make the American foreign policy lose one of its most famous international justifications ... This is confirmed by what Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said, ("As of late May and early June 2020 the United States has lost any right to direct any observations to anyone on the globe on human rights issues." Zakharova added, commenting on the US authorities' handling of the demonstrators, who participated in the protests against racism and police brutality in the United States: "It is finished! Starting from this moment, they do not have this right." (Al-Yowm As-Sabi', 2/6/2020)).

5- Thus, racial discrimination is rooted in the United States, it may be quiet for a bit but it is active more often. It is an intellectual disease in the origins of the emergence of the American capitalist system, but it is not absent from any man-made law, because it is subject to the whims and desires of humans that determine the superiority of white over brown, and red over yellow ... even if this distinction caused all the harm to others, but even to themselves later on!



It is only Islam that has eliminated, and eliminates, this racial discrimination, so there is no differentiation between people on the basis of colour, high-standing or wealth. Rather, they are all equal, and are only distinguished by Taqwa (piety). Allah (swt) says:

[يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ]

“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted” [Al-Hujurat: 13]

The Prophet (saw) said in what is reported by Al-Bayhaqi (384-458 AH) on the authority of Abu Nadhrah from Jabir Ibn Abdullah, he said, the Messenger of Allah (saw) said during the middle of the days of Tashreeq (of Hajj) in the last pilgrimage speech:

«يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، إِنَّ رَبَّكُمْ وَاحِدٌ، وَإِنَّ أَبَاكُمْ وَاحِدٌ، أَلَا لَا فَضْلَ لِعَرَبِيٍّ عَلَىٰ عَجَمِيٍّ، وَلَا لِعَجَمِيٍّ عَلَىٰ عَرَبِيٍّ، وَلَا لِأَحْمَرَ عَلَىٰ أَسْوَدَ، وَلَا لِأَسْوَدَ عَلَىٰ أَحْمَرَ، إِلَّا بِالتَّقْوَىٰ، إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَاكُمْ، أَلَا هَلْ بَلَّغْتُ؟»، قَالُوا: بَلَىٰ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، قَالَ: «فَلْيُبَلِّغِ الشَّاهِدُ الْغَائِبَ»

“O people, your Lord is one and your father Adam is one. There is no favor of an Arab over a non-Arab, nor a non-Arab over an Arab, and neither white skin over black skin, nor black skin over white skin, except by Taqwa (piety). Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous (have Taqwa) of you. Have I not delivered the message?” They said, “The Messenger of Allah has delivered the message.” He said: “It is incumbent upon those who are present to convey this information to those who are absent.”



“ Oh people! Your God is one and your forefather (Adam) is one. An Arab is no better than a non Arab and a non Arab is not better than an Arab, and a red person is not better than a black person and a black person is not better than a red person except in piety.”

The same is reported by Al-Busairi (762-840 AH), and the same is narrated At-Tabarani (260-360 AH), he said in his narration:

«وَلَا لِأَسْوَدَ عَلَى أَبْيَضَ وَلَا لِأَبْيَضَ عَلَى أَسْوَدَ»

“neither black skin over white skin, nor white skin over black skin.”

Only Islam ends racial discrimination, it is revealed by the Lord of the Worlds, guides to the truth and spread the good around the world.

[أَفَمَنْ يَهْدِي إِلَى الْحَقِّ أَحَقُّ أَنْ يُتَّبَعَ أَمْ مَنْ لَا يَهْدِي إِلَّا أَنْ يُهْدَىٰ فَمَا لَكُمْ كَيْفَ تَحْكُمُونَ]

“So is He who guides to the truth more worthy to be followed or he who guides not unless he is guided? Then what is [wrong] with you - how do you judge?” [Yunus: 35]

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CHINA CONFRONTS INDIA IN LADAKH WHILE PAKISTANI YET LAPSES IN KASHMIRI



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

China says it has reached a "positive consensus" with India over resolving tensions at the border between the two countries, where troops have faced off in recent weeks.

A "positive consensus" on resolving the latest border issue was achieved following "effective communication" through diplomatic and military channels, foreign ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying told reporters on Wednesday.

"Currently both sides are taking appropriate actions to ease the border situation based on this consensus," she said, without giving further details.

On Sunday, New Delhi said the two countries had agreed to "peacefully resolve" the border flare-up after a high-level meeting between army commanders on Saturday.

Tensions flare on a fairly regular basis between the two regional powers over their 3,500-kilometre (2,200-mile) frontier, which has never been properly demarcated.

Thousands of troops from the two nuclear-armed neighbours have been involved in the latest face-off since May in India's Ladakh region, bordering Tibet – before signs in recent days that a resolution was in sight. [AlJazeera]

The immediate provocation for the Chinese border intrusion has been the conversion on 31 October 2019 of the State of Jammu and Kashmir into a Union Territory and so ruled by Delhi and the amputation from it of Ladakh, created as a separate Union Territory. Furthermore, while Jammu and Kashmir continues to have some semblance of local politics through the continuation of its legislative assembly, Ladakh has not been allowed to have one and so will function much more directly under central government control. Though the government talks of the opportunity for boosting 'tourism' in Ladakh, it is quite obvious to the Chinese that the purpose of separating Ladakh was for India to ramp up the development of military infrastructure in this highly strategic forward area between the Chinese Line of Actual Control to the east and the Pakistani Line of Control to the west, while to the north Ladakh borders on the historic Karakoram Pass, on what was traditionally the shortest route between India and China



Since the election of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister in 2014, India has been following a deliberate and calculated policy of intensifying its confrontation with China, a highly risky policy that India gains nothing from and which can therefore only be understood to be imposed upon the Indian BJP government by America. It is America that has, at least since Obama's 2011 pivot to Asia, made containing China its highest priority. In response, China has spent most of the rest of the decade strengthening itself internally through Xi Jinping's forceful leadership that has reconsolidated and

recentralised political, military, commercial and cultural authority in the hands of the Chinese Communist Party. And after continual American provocations, China is beginning to exhibit externally the fruits of its newfound strength across a broad range of conflict points from the South China Sea to the trade war with America, and from Hong Kong to its several thousand kilometre long border with India.

The question is why Pakistan is silent in all this. While China and India manoeuvre against each other to fortify their geography, Pakistan is guilty not only of neglecting geography but of abandoning the Muslims of Kashmir who have remained under forced Indian occupation for more than 70 years.



The only path for the Muslim Ummah to retake control of its affairs is to eject the agent ruling class that takes its instructions from the West and instead pledge their loyalty to sincere, capable, indigenous leadership that will re-establish the righteous Islamic Khilafah (Caliphate) State on the method of the Prophet (saw), liberate the occupied territories, reunify Muslim lands, implement again the Islamic Sharia and carry the light of Islam to the entire world.

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