

The Muslim Ummah: problems and possibilities

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The US-led 'crusade' against Muslim countries is peaking everyday, posing the greatest challenge to Ummah and threatening its basic ideas, values and principles of life, leaving even its very existence with freedom at stake.

A two-pronged strategy is there. To paralyse and overpower Muslim resistance movements through military invasions and occupation of the Muslim lands at one hand, while on the other a systematic onslaught is underway to subdue Islam on ideological, cultural and educational fronts.

The enemies of Islam, led by the Zionists, have been pulling almost all the governments and majority of people in the west through excessive manipulation of Zionist-controlled international media. They are misguiding the world opinion by constantly hammering that Muslim countries were being attacked to eliminate terrorists and to liberate the masses from dictatorial rulers negating the basic human rights.

Muslim world lacking resources failed to counter this false propaganda, leaving the world at the mercy of Zionist manipulators. The western propaganda storm has raised so much dust over Bush's anti-terrorism activism and his doctrine of preemptive strikes that few people now consider it the worst form of terrorism known to the mankind in entire history.

None of the western media saw through the bestial torture at Abu Gharib prison and Guantanamo Bay, atrocious massacres and mass graves in Afghanistan and Iraq to expose the inhuman face of invading forces and regimes.

Very few people in the world know and have the courage to say that state of Israel was treacherously and illegitimately installed on Palestinian lands by the colonists and since then it has enjoyed their military and material support in massacring, maiming and denying all human rights to the indigenous Arab population. Israeli troops mercilessly kill Palestinians, most of them children, every day with impunity but Human Rights groups, U.N.O and the so-called civilized world have been ignoring it. The US support to the rogue state of Israel and its atrocities

Actually the West was planning for a long time to secularize the entire Muslim world, because the growing popularity of Islamic values of piety, justice and economic equality had become an emerging threat to the western values already facing decay due to break up of social, moral and justice system. Above all, Islamic economy had become the biggest threat to the capitalist system as it negates the accumulation of wealth in few hands through interest-based banking system and denial of equal rights to small investors by monopolies and private ownerships of natural resources.

Consequently, the enemies of Islam targeted the basic Islamic laws and values stemming from the Holy Quran and Sunnah. They want to destroy the very foundations of Islamic ethical values and family system. In order to prevent Islam from spreading they portray Muslims as uncultured because of prohibiting free mixing of the opposite sexes, dancing and drinking. They ban Muslim women wearing veil and even the headscarf is consider as a social taboo. They openly declared to change Islamic educational system and exclude all verses of the Quran from our syllabus that pertain to Jihad.

The concept of clash of civilizations is nothing but a seed of hatred sown in the minds of common Christians and Jews to wage war against Islam. The theory of end of history was meant to announce the dominance of the west over the globe, to declare that Western ideology will not allow existence to any values contrary to it. The Zionists, leading all anti-Islam forces have pulled like-minded forces in the world to annihilate Islam and Muslims. US president George W Bush was no goof to declare he was on crusade. It was not mere slip of tongue but an expression of actual conscience. Israel and India joined hands because both are suppressing Muslim freedom movements on domestic fronts.

So far internal problems among Muslim world have prevented a unanimous stance and unified strategy to counter these challenges. Muslim countries are not weak but are disorganized, rather divided. They number 1.25 billion in the world

is unconditional and unflinching.

In Kashmir, over 800,000 Indian troops are brutally suppressing the indigenous freedom struggle while India, the so-called largest democracy, has declared the freedom fighters as terrorists and infiltrators, denying access to international agencies and fact-finding missions. America has fully endorsed this Indian allegation.

Iraq was attacked on the unfounded allegation of Saddam's possession of 'weapons of mass destruction' but those were never discovered despite that entire country was reduced to rubble. The UN arms inspectors cried against the invasion but the guns prevailed over reason and US-led allies attacked Iraq even before inspectors finished their search only to avoid approaching summer heat which would be unbearable for western troops in the Iraqi deserts.

Later, it turned out that US intelligence had concocted the WMD theory for attacking Iraq to remove Saddam so that Israeli fears about possible threat from him could be allayed and vast Iraqi natural resources could be plundered as a by product.

Similarly, Afghanistan was invaded on the pretext of 9-11 incidents. Osama bin Laden was accused of masterminding the attacks on America but the allegations were never proved. On the contrary Michael Moore's documentary has shown another picture about 9/11 which is self-explanatory. Later, it turned out that the attacks were master minded by the Zionist forces for their vested interests and the poor Muslims were made the scape-goat. The Jews and Israel were ultimate beneficiaries of 9/11 mishaps while Muslims suffered unbelievable tortments which are yet increasing.

Taliban Government had been a thorn in Washington's eyes since they refused to accept US policies. They had to pay the price of being independent of Washington's dictation though they had not harmed anyone, anywhere in the world. On the contrary they enforced exemplary peace in the otherwise war-torn Afghanistan suffering civil wars for over two decades. During Taliban's Islamic rule the incidents of murders, rapes, burglaries and thefts fell to almost zero and even lonely women could travel alone in the dead of night. Drug production was completely eradicated for the first time in history. These facts were admitted by certain sections of Western media but it was suppressed because it was generating popularity for Taliban and their fundamental Islamist mode of government.

population, have governments in about 56 countries, have the best geographical situation and are rich in natural and agricultural resources. They have the best fighting forces and a great treasure of intellectuals who provide manpower even to the West in science, medicine, engineering, law, education and computer sciences. They have every thing but lack unity, planning and vision. They don't have a single veto in the U.N. to exercise against anti-Muslim policies. Their own organization, the O.I.C., has not delivered the goods as expected by the Ummah.

The survival of Muslim Ummah is at stake unless Muslim countries take some revolutionary and well-perceived measures.

(i) Muslim countries should forget mutual differences and form single economic bloc on the pattern of European Union, even remaining as independent states. Develop unified monetary system and international currency like Euro.

(ii) They should have joint defense. Attack on one Muslim country should be considered war against the entire Ummah.

(iii) Muslim countries must aim at evolving their own UNO. The OIC can be transformed into it with an amendment allowing third world countries to join, provided they fully endorse declared charter to safeguard the rights of deprived nations of the world.

(iv) They should form Muslim international media to repel hostile propaganda and clarify Ummah's stand on all issues.

(v) They should have dialogue with the west and communicate with them to explain what Islam stands for in the light of the Quranic commandment, "Invite (all) to the way of your Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious." (AL-Quran 16:125).

(vi) They should develop joint industry and commerce to share one another's resources like raw material, technical know how, skills, educational facilities and manpower. Trade partnership among Muslim world must be preferential.

(vii) They should recharge their masses and liberate them from demoralization. Should give them conviction that they are not inferior to any creed, civilization and system of life; rather it is the Muslim Ummah alone, which is blessed with the pure and pristine divine code of life. We have to lead the world not to follow the others. The Holy Quran clearly declares "Do not lose heart, nor despair, if you are true believers, you have the upper hand." (Al-Quran 3:139)