

## Russia and the US offer the Taliban to sit at the Negotiating Table

On March 27, the TASS.ru news agency reported: *"International Conference on Afghanistan **"Peace process, security cooperation and regional connectivity"** started in Tashkent. The event was opened by the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev. The current conference is a logical continuation of the efforts of the international community to resolve the situation in Afghanistan. According to the organizers, the conference, organized on the initiative of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, is attended by the representatives of more than 20 countries and international organizations.*

*At the opening ceremony, the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the head of Afghanistan Ashraf Ghani, the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Federica Mogherini will give a welcoming speech. Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, Foreign Minister of Turkey Mevlut Cavusoglu, Deputy Foreign Minister of Iran Abbas Arakchi, high-ranking representatives of almost two dozen countries and organizations, including NATO and CSTO, are expected to attend the plenary sessions. The US Deputy Secretary of State Thomas Shannon also arrived at the conference."*

The last few years, the disbelieving colonialists from the West and the East are trying to persuade the Taliban Mujahideen to sit at the negotiating table. This conference is a clear example of this. Despite the disagreements of the colonizing countries that arrived at the conference, they are still united in one - the struggle against Islam and Muslims.

The peoples of Central Asia have converted to Islam for more than 13 centuries, and these peoples are known for its piety, great scientists and brave military leaders. At the turn of the collapse of the Khilafah (Caliphate) Central Asia fell under the influence of, and subsequently fell into complete subordination of the USSR. After the collapse of the USSR, the Central Asian region, as an inheritance, came under the influence of the newly formed Russia.

Rich in natural resources and its strategic position, Central Asia attracts the colonialists, and in particular the United States. In the early 2000s, the US tried to enter those countries and assert its influence there, even established military bases in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, but eventually it had to leave this region. And today, taking advantage of Russia's weakness and its strength, the US is trying to enter this region again and establish its hegemony here.

To achieve its goal, the US uses different methods. One of these ways is to involve Uzbekistan in the solution of the so-called **"Afghan problem"**. We know that Afghanistan is occupied by the US and actually became its subordinate state. Through Afghanistan, which borders directly with Uzbekistan, the US as a colonizer can build the necessary economic and political agreements, which will later serve as an excuse for advancing US-friendly solutions and will allow completely subordinate Uzbekistan.

In turn, Russia, which participates in this conference, being naive, thinks that it was allowed just to solve one of the most pressing international problems *"the solution of regional security, the fight against terrorism and the establishment of peace in Afghanistan."* Moreover, Russia, in the hope that it will deceive the United States, is pushing Uzbekistan, which today dance to the tune of Russian politics, into the arms of a monster of the US political and economic intrigues. These slogans: *"the solution of regional security, the fight against terrorism and the establishment of peace"* is in fact the US tool for the colonization of countries. As soon as the US achieves the desired, it will immediately point Russia to its place, as it is happening today in Syria. And Russia will again remain at the broken trough.

As for the Taliban Mujahideen and peaceful negotiations, on which they have been trying to tighten them for several years, this is a dangerous idea, not only for the Taliban Mujahideen, but for all Muslims. Since, having neither political education nor a political

concept based on Islamic doctrine, the Mujahideen easily fail, as it was in the past, and as it has happened today in Syria.

Speaking at the conference, the special envoy of the Russian president for Afghanistan, director of the Second Asia Department of the Foreign Ministry, Zamir Kabulov, said: *"We are not against the Taliban's exclusion when they not only declare their readiness for direct talks with the Afghan government, but also start the real negotiations. We can with the other members of the UN Security Council decide on a temporary suspension of this sanction."* TASS.ru. A similar statement was made by US Deputy Secretary of State T. Shannon: *"The main thing is that the Taliban representatives sit at the negotiating table with the leadership of Afghanistan, and they eventually found ways to solve the problem."* On February 28 this year in Kabul, at the opening of the second international conference **"Kabul Process"**, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani spoke in favor of a dialogue with the Taliban. He declared his readiness to recognize the Taliban movement as a legitimate political force and to open its official representation in Kabul.

Thus, we witness such a picture, despite the fact that the United States and Russia are competing for the sphere of influence in Central Asia, they are unanimous in their aspirations to turn away Muslims from their religion, to force the Mujahideen to abandon jihad and surrender to the mercy of the colonialists.

In turn, we want to remind the Mujahideen brothers from the Taliban, Allah Almighty said in His Noble Book: ﴿وَذَكِّرْ فَإِنَّ الذِّكْرَ تَنْفَعُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ﴾ **"And remind, for indeed, the reminder benefits the believers."** [51:55]

Remember, when the Soviet Union attacked Afghanistan, you contacted the disbelieving colonizers in the face of the United States and other countries by various kinds of obligations and treaties in exchange for the supply of arms and ammunition. What did that turn out for you? Look at the other groups of Mujahideen who are fighting against the godless regime of the tyrant Bashar Assad in Syria. They did not draw a bitter lesson from your history and also succumbed to the intrigues of the disbelieving colonizers and their servants in the face of Turkey, Saudi and Qatar, went to deals and contracts with them. What happened to those groups of Mujahideen? They were defeated.

Understand! Your struggle, which you are limited to within your region of Afghanistan, Pakistan or Kashmir, is much larger than these boundaries that the disbelieving colonialists have traced to us! The struggle you are waging is based on Islam, which means that the borders extend from Morocco to Indonesia, including all the peoples who once converted to Islam and who are still Muslims and practice Islam.

Disbelieving colonialists want to turn you away from your path, lure you into another trap by the illusory promises of peace and good-neighborliness. Ultimately, they will force you to lay down your arms and accept the doctrine of secularism, renounce the doctrine of Islam, make you live in a swamp of ignorance and obscurantism.

Be persistent, don't fall for their tricks and promises! Do not forget the long occupation of Afghanistan! Do not forget the many thousands of murders of women, children and the elderly! And may Allah help us!

It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (blessings and peace of Allah be upon him) said: **«لَا يُلْدَغُ الْمُؤْمِنُ مِنْ جُحْرٍ وَاحِدٍ مَرَّتَيْنِ»** **"A believer does not allow himself to be stung twice from one (and the same) hole."** [Sahih al-Bukhari]

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