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Details:

Turkey Conspiring with Russia over Idlib

Despite recent threats from Russia and Iran to support the Assad government in a major military assault on Idlib, these powers have yet to make any serious moves against the last key area held by the revolution. According to *Reuters*:

Turkey's defense ministry said on Friday the borders of the demilitarized zone to be set up in Syria's Idlib region were agreed in meetings with a Russian committee.

The borders were agreed taking into account the area's geographical structure and residential areas, it said, adding that the meetings were held between Sept. 19-21 at Turkey's defense ministry.

Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan and Russia's Vladimir Putin announced an agreement on Monday under which Russian and Turkish troops will enforce the new demilitarized zone in the Idlib region, from which "radical" rebels will be required to withdraw by the middle of next month.

Russian threats were simply an attempt to accelerate talks between Turkey and the revolutionaries in order to arrange their withdrawal from Idlib, just as Turkey did previously in Aleppo, which Russian power was unable to break despite the full force of its airpower in Syria.

Syria is proving yet again that disbelievers fear fighting believers. Every 'success' of the Assad regime against the revolution has been preceded by deals and arrangements with the external powers that are backing the different factions of the revolution. They provide finance, arms, intelligence and planning for the leaders of major revolutionary factions, and this enables them to then control these factions with or without their knowledge and will. But the revolution in Syria still exists in the hearts and minds of the proud Muslims there, which treacherous deals can never eliminate.

Mahathir Rejects 'Same-Sex Marriage' but Accepts the Rest of Western Culture

Following widespread Western media coverage of Malaysian restrictions on illegal sexual relations, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has been forced to issue a media statement defending these restrictions while even though he has also been criticising the punishment meted out for this. According to *Reuters*:

Malaysia cannot accept same-sex marriage or lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights, Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said on Friday, amid growing instances of persecution of LGBT community in the Muslim-majority country.

"In Malaysia there are some things we cannot accept, even though it is seen as human rights in Western countries," Mahathir, 93, told reporters. "We cannot accept LGBT, marriage between men and men, women and women."

His comments are likely to spark further debate in the country where activists have voiced concern over the hostility towards LGBT groups both from within society and from the administration.

Two women were caned this month for "attempting lesbian sex" in Terengganu, a conservative state in the east. Mahathir denounced the punishment, saying it "did not reflect the justice or compassion of Islam".

Mahathir is only making this statement to pacify domestic public opinion; otherwise he is fully committed to Western values and culture, as he presides over the continuation of the system of government left behind by the British after their colonialization of Malaysia, and continues until this

day to follow and protect British interests in his country and the wider region. There is nothing stopping our agent rulers from importing ever degrading Western culture except their fear of the anger of Muslims.

The West will not cease in their efforts to make man more animal than even the animals. The concept of inbuilt, inherited `sexual preferences is a complete fiction without any scientific backing. Preferences and tastes are merely shaped by the influences and norms of the society in which one lives, or by the individual in accordance with the concepts that he adopts in life. The West has undertaken a great many measures to break the family system, to individualise and atomise society, making people dependent on the state alone, thus preserving the power of the elite, and this is merely the most recent of these measures.

In contrast, Islam safeguards the family, strengthens the relations between people, minimises the role of the state, and builds genuine and sincere love between man and man, and between woman and woman, without corrupting it with narcissistic hedonism. The West cannot understand true selfless love because their egotistical culture is unable to rationalise anything other than material utilitarianism. Only Islam, revealed by the Creator (swt) of man, in full agreement with human nature, is able to promote selfless love. The Mother of Believers Aisha (ra) indicated the extent of the close bond between the noble Prophet (saw) and her father Abu Bakr (ra), in one narration: «وَلَمْ يَمَرَّ عَلَيْنَا يَوْمٌ إِلَّا يَأْتِينَا فِيهِ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ طَرْفَى النَّهَارِ بَكْرَةً وَعَشِيَّةً» **“Not a day passed but the Prophet visited us, both in the mornings and evenings.”** [Bukhari 465]

Conflict between UK and Europe over Brexit points to the failure of the idea of the EU

According to *Reuters*:

If Theresa May felt ambushed, as British media saw it, at the Salzburg EU summit, she has only herself to blame for irritating continental leaders with her stand on Brexit, EU officials and diplomats said on Friday...

Several participants spoke of anger among the leaders at an opinion column May placed in a German newspaper on the first day of the summit that flatly rejected EU negotiator Michel Barnier's plan for avoiding a dangerous new border in Ireland.

A report that May's hardline pro-Brexit trade minister planned to do away with EU food safety standards in order to cut a trade deal with Washington also soured the mood and dampened plans to make a show of compromise with the prime minister.

And recent efforts by traveling British ministers to try to pull individual member states away from Barnier's common negotiating stance, as well as perceptions that May herself was trying to bypass the EU's point man and parley directly with her peers in Salzburg, also backfired, prompting the 27 others to rally even more closely together and behind Barnier.

Harsh language on either side, and the fighting talk May came out with on Friday in response could increase the chance of talks collapsing and Britain quitting the bloc in March without a deal to ease economic disruption, some diplomats said.

Europe, the birthplace of the Peace of Westphalia that provided the framework for the modern nation-state concept, continues to suffer its consequences. The European Union was supposed to finally bring some degree of unity to Europe but its short troubled existence has only further confirmed the deep divisions between the nations of Europe. It is not possible to make the 'nation state' work without the philosophical fiction of national identity and the destructive impulses of nationalism.

Islam recognises the existence of families and tribes related by blood but not of geographically defined nations somehow linked by common language or history. Islam is the one true Deen that is not dependent on fictional beliefs or fanatical passions despite the propaganda against it. It is rather the West that holds to such things despite professing civil rationality. With Allah's permission, the world will soon see the re-established Islamic Khilafah (Caliphate) State on the method of the Prophet (saw) that shall rebuild a civilisation that unifies man with man in his path towards renaissance, seeking the pleasure only of Allah (swt) and the good of this world and the hereafter.