

Contemporary Political Idolatry: How Do the Guardians of Idols Protect the Idol of the Democratic Republican System?

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Major General Sultan Al-Arada—a member of the so-called Presidential Leadership Council and Governor of Marib—issued a directive to establish Republic Square and relocate the tank within the monument of Mared al-Thawra into the new square. He asserted that the political objectives behind this move transcend mere symbolism, aiming instead to restore the democratic republican system, extend its sovereignty, and raise its banner across the entire country. In his directive, Al-Arada claimed that the simple understanding of the general public might not grasp the historical dimensions and significance of this step, while stressing to the relevant engineering and executive bodies the necessity of completing the square within a short timeframe.

Even a superficial political analysis reveals the betrayal these rulers commit against their Deen; one can only imagine the conclusion reached by those who delve deeper and are enlightened by true insight: the imperative to sweep away the agent rulers in Muslim lands, for they serve as guardians of the ideas and systems of kufr (disbelief) in our countries. This distortion of the rulers' true role compels us to expose the proponents of this nationalistic framework—a system that insults the intellect, treats blood as cheap, and corrupts the purity of sentiment, turning people's emotions into a veil that shields the pillars of these oppressive, coercive regimes. The retreat into the sanctification of rusty iron—exemplified by the inauguration of Republic Square, a monument intended to imbue the location with a pagan identity that enshrines the idol of democracy in the heart of Marib—represents the pinnacle of the political paganism to which man-made regimes resort when the flaws of their guardianship are exposed. In their impotence, they attempt to mask the shame of excluding the Shariah Law of Allah (swt) with the clamor of public squares and hide behind the creation of hollow, material idols. Yet, due to their failure, these squares soon transform into monuments that bear witness to the bankruptcy of their ideology and the collapse of their illegitimate projects; every edifice they erected becomes an indictment against them rather than a testament in their favor, awaiting the flood of true awareness—an awareness championed by those who view the entire world through the lens of Islamic creed, and which, by the Permission of Allah (swt), will leave no trace of their falsehoods behind.

The Republic in Yemen—and indeed all the entities of harm established across Muslim lands—has never been an expression of the Ummah's authority derived from its Iman. Instead, these are constitutional idols drafted by the ink of the disbelieving colonialist and guarded by the fires of manufactured conflicts that feed upon the lives of our youth, all while being manipulated by the strings of international subservience. The republican system is tyranny cloaked in the guise of institutions. It serves as the intellectual and political ceiling for subservience, having replaced Shariah rulings with imported man-made laws, and substituted Shura (Shariah consultation) with parliaments that legitimize the charters of Taghut (tyrannical authority).

The true tragedy lies not in the outward appearance of political forces vying for power or their mutual disagreements, but in their underlying consensus to sideline the Shariah of Allah (swt) from ruling governance and their collective prostration before constitutional idols—idols that are outwardly embellished yet inwardly malignant. The conflicting parties—acting as local tools beholden to others—rush to submit to the leaders of international disbelief who legitimized this Taghut (tyrannical authority) and drafted its laws. They remain heedless of the decisive divine verdict, ﴿إِن الْحُكْمَ إِلَّا لِلَّهِ أَمَرَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ﴾ **“Legislation is for none but Allah; He has commanded that you worship none but Him”** [TMQ Surah Yusuf: 40], and ﴿أَفَحُكْمَ الْجَاهِلِيَّةِ يَبْغُونَ وَمَنْ أَحْسَنُ مِنَ اللَّهِ حُكْمًا لِّقَوْمٍ يُوقِنُونَ﴾ **“Do they then seek the judgment of the time of**

ignorance? And who is better than Allah in judgment for a people who are certain in Iman?” [TMQ Surah Al-Maidah: 50]. This functional distribution of colonialist roles is evident across the lived reality of three Yemeni cities, where the disbelieving West manipulates the people of our Ummah through contradictions.

In Marib—the stronghold of the so-called recognized government—blood is shed and idolatrous monuments are erected to uphold the mirage of a republic. Its legitimacy was crafted to curry favor with disbelievers within the corridors of the international order, rather than to seek Allah’s pleasure and implement His radiant Shariah Law.

In Sana’a, sincere youth are driven—under misleading, emotionally charged slogans—to entrench that very democratic republican system and its constitutional symbols. Meanwhile, its politicians rush to offer friendly overtures to the United Nations, coveting a seal of international recognition as loyal guardians of the borders drawn by the disbelieving colonial power.

As for Aden, a project is underway to further fragment the already divided land through a separatist republican distortion; this aims to facilitate the plundering of resources and to tighten the global Taghut’s grip on the Ummah’s strategic straits and waterways. By Allah, it is a tragic farce played out with our blood—a crude mockery of our Ummah’s intellect. In it, the modern-day Pharaohs vie for the executioner’s whip, competing to stand guard over the idol of the system of republican democracy crafted by our enemy. Yet, the threads of their machinations converge on a single goal: excluding Islam from ruling governance and public life, keeping the Ummah lost in the wilderness of internal strife, and barring it from the path of liberation and true advancement. Unless we all rally to bring about radical, comprehensive change—transforming both souls and reality based on our creed, and uniting around our nation’s vital cause (the Rightly-Guided Caliphate, governed by a constitution derived from the Revelation of the Lord of the Worlds)—we shall reap nothing from servitude to these modern idols but a wretched existence and worldly disgrace. This confirms the Almighty’s words, ﴿وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَنْ ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكاً وَنَحْشُرُهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَعْمَى﴾ **“But whoever turns away from My Reminder—indeed, he will have a depressed [difficult] life, and We will gather him on the Day of Resurrection blind”** [TMQ Surah Taha: 124].

O our people and loved ones—you who rush to sacrifice your lives on the battlefields of Yemen: know that your immense sacrifices are inevitably being sold cheaply in the markets of international bargaining. Your leaders—those incompetent, Ruwaibadah figures—serve as the loyal custodians of this tyrannical, disbelieving system that steals the fruits of your struggle. There is no honor or dignity for our Ummah except through tireless, principled action alongside the conscious, sincere vanguard that has taken upon itself the task of dismantling these constitutional idols from their very foundations. The true arena worthy of the sacrifice of lives and wealth is not that of nationalistic idols or rusting iron; instead, it is the arena of establishing the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly-Guided Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood—a state that rules by what Allah (swt) has revealed, vesting authority in the Ummah while reserving sovereignty solely for the Shariah Law of Allah (swt).

The choice before you today is existential: either to accept the usurpation of minds and subservience to the conflicts of Jahiliyyah (ignorance) and to materialist, constitutional idols of republican democracy, or to rise up with the wisdom and might of Islam in response to the Dawah to life and divine ruling governance, ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ﴾ **“O you who have believed, respond to Allah and to the Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life”** [TMQ Surah Al-Anfal: 24]—thereby attaining, through your sincere sacrifice and support for your Deen, the honor of the promised empowerment, in fulfillment of His words Glory be to Him, and exalted is His majesty, ﴿وَلَيَنْصُرَنَّ اللَّهُ مَن يَنْصُرُهُ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَعَزِيزٌ﴾ **“And Allah will surely aid those who aid Him; indeed, Allah is Powerful and Exalted in Might”** [TMQ Surah Al-Hajj: 40].