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## **The futility of putting our trust in the United Nations**

### **Srebrenica**

It has been 25 years ago that over 8,000 Muslim men and boys from Srebrenica, a small, overpopulated town in Bosnia, were murdered in what is now seen as the worst atrocity on European soil since the Second World War

The fall of the Dutch enclave which had been proclaimed one of six "safe areas" to be defended by Dutchbat, a Dutch battalion deployed there as a Protection Force by the United Nations, was the final chapter in a four-year war in former Yugoslavia.

The population of the enclave increased rapidly with refugees who had been displaced after the hurricane of violence in pursuit of Milosevic's vision of a "Greater Serbia." Seeking safety from civilian bombardments, massacres, forced evacuation, concentration camps, torture and systematic sexual abuse against up to 50,000 females who were systematically raped, slaved and impregnated by force.

The massacre of Srebrenica is seen as the most notorious act of horror during the war, more so as it happened under the watchful eye of the UN, who played a part in disarming Muslims men following a Serbian ultimatum, in order to create a "safe-zone", they assisted the Serbs in separating men from women on the day of the massacre and they allowed the men who had sought shelter on the Dutch compound to be removed by the Serbian forces knowing full well what their fate would be.

That the UN failed miserably in protecting the lives of 8,000 men and boys and that they remained bystanders, as women were abused on a mass-scale is a fact. Yet still we see that with every new issue which arises within the Ummah, the UN is still seen as the only viable organisation that can solve the problem.

One failure might not be enough to convince the Ummah that the UN can never fulfil this role, however, to assess such an idea, let us review the UN's track record with respect to the Ummah. So besides their failings in protecting the Muslims in Bosnia how well have they done in protecting the Muslims throughout its history?

## Palestine

Ever since the occupation of Palestine, the Palestinians have been fighting against what a UN investigator once described as "unacceptable characteristics of colonialism, apartheid and ethnic cleansing". (Richard Falk)

**Today despite UN resolutions, "Israel" as increased its control over Palestinian territories. It has imposed a crippling blockade on Gaza and is continuing its construction of illegal settlements on occupied lands.**

History has also taught us that "Israel" has never once abided by any UN resolution that isn't fully in its favour. Also the support of "Israel" by the US has become more blatant blocking any resolution which doesn't preserve the Jewish entity's interests, even inhumane blockades on the Gaza Strip, building illegal settlements on the Palestinian soil in the West Bank, or the detainment of children of Palestine for investigation while mistreating prisoners of opinion and protests.



## Iraq

The invasion of Iraq by the US in 2003, which was unlawful and without Security Council authorisation, clearly reflects the fact that the UN is limited in its capacity to constrain the actions of great powers.

The Security Council designers created the veto power so that any of the five permanent members could reject a Council resolution. So when the “powers” of the world want to invade, there is nothing in place to stop them.

In the case of Iraq’s invasion, the US didn’t even veto a resolution, but rather sought authorisation that it did not get.

The UN, should have responded by defending Iraq against this unlawful use of force. Yet it remained impotent whilst the invasion proved a humanitarian disaster with the loss of more than 400,000 lives.



## Kashmir

The ongoing confrontation in the disputed Kashmir region has become one of the greatest human rights crises in history, marked by wanton killings, rape, incarceration of leaders and activists, torture and disappearances of Kashmiris, all this with several UN resolutions over the issue.

In 1948, the United States and Britain promised that the future status of Kashmir must be determined by the will of its people. Their wishes must be ascertained through a referendum under the supervision of the United Nations. The U.S. was a principal sponsor of the resolution no 47 which was adopted by the Security Council on April 21, 1948 and which was based on that unchallenged principle.

Yet the UN watched as a spectator while India tore apart its resolutions on Kashmir and unilaterally revoked Article 370 and 35-A to end the special status of Kashmir. India has launched a massive crackdown in occupied Kashmir. The curfews imposed by Indian forces are still in place. There is an acute shortage of medicines and food in the valley. Many people are facing starvation. Patients have been denied medical treatment. The Indian occupant forces beat and humiliate all those people who dare to go out and all the UN and world powers are willing to do is silently watch on whilst Indian forces commit these atrocities.

## Yemen:

The Saudi-led coalition, that is supported militarily and politically by i.e. the UAE, USA, UK, France, “Israel”, Egypt, Bahrain, and other nations, launched a war on Yemen in 2015 that has been described by the UN itself as “one of the worst human catastrophes in modern history.” According to the UN, by the end of the 2019, the fighting will have claimed 102,000 lives. The war has further displaced millions, while 19 million are suffering from poverty and in danger of famine.

What did the UN do?

They haven't named those who are clearly responsible for this catastrophe, and they have actually called for a political solution (in 2016) that would indirectly preserve Saudi Arabia's interest while acknowledging the newly formed government in Sana. The UN nor the international community point out that it's Saudi Arabia and the UAE which are the direct causes of the catastrophe by a huge margin, with the help of the U.S., "Israel", the UK, and France.

Also since the outbreak of the war in Yemen, it has received more than \$8 billion in funds from donor conferences for Yemen, yet the people of Yemen continue to suffer from poverty, famine and disease.

### **Rohingya:**

In a report published a year ago headed by former Guatemalan Foreign Minister, Gert Rosenthal concludes: In the maddeningly diplomatic jargon of the institutions, that the UN system overall has been "relatively impotent to effectively work with the authorities of Myanmar, to reverse the negative trends in the areas of human rights, and consolidate the positive trends in other areas."

In lay terms, the UN did nothing to prevent Myanmar from executing a genocide against the Rohingya of Rakhine state.

The violence that was used has been shocking, yet not unexpected. Researches argued as early as 2015 that a genocidal campaign was already underway. With such clear indications that a crisis was coming, why did the world fail to protect the Rohingya?

Especially when we learn that the United Nations endorsed the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) framework in 2005, which obligates the international community to protect civilians from mass atrocities when their governments are "unwilling or unable" to keep them safe. R2P was borne out of collective guilt over the mass slaughter of civilians in Rwanda and Bosnia and promised a new era of "timely and decisive" atrocity response. In pursuit of this goal, early warning efforts to identify the precursors of mass atrocities became a focus for both international and state actors. Yet all they did was document mass gang rapes, killings — including of infants and young children — brutal beatings and disappearances committed by Myanmar state forces. And describe the Rohingya as the "world's most persecuted people."





## Syria

The UN itself has stated that at least 250,000 people have been killed between 2012 and 2017. However, the organisation stopped updating its figures in August 2015. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights puts the death toll at more than 321,000, while another estimate suggest the conflict has caused 470,000 deaths, either directly or indirectly.

Five million people – most of them women and children – have fled Syria, according to the UN. Neighbouring Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey have struggled to cope with one of the largest refugee exodus in recent history.

The longest modern day history was marked by the siege and recapture of eastern Ghouta from war crimes and crimes against humanity that lasted over five years.

Almost 85% of Syrians live in poverty, with more than two-thirds of the population in either extreme or abject poverty. More than 12.8 million people in Syria require health assistance and more than seven million are food insecure amid rising prices and food shortages. Households spend up to a quarter of their income just on water. Some 1.75 million children are out of school.

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And now again – even when the Syrian government used chemical weapons on its own citizens, the UN remained incapable of bringing change to the predicament of the Syrian people

### Conclusion:

The list of countries where the UN has failed to protect innocent civilians are too many to elaborate on in this article, with Sudan Afghanistan, Somalia, Central African Republic and Rwanda being just some of them.

The United Nations was set up in 1945 as an international umbrella organisation with several objectives primarily including the prevention of war and maintaining peace in disputed areas. However, the UN has failed several times across the world mostly because of the right to veto at the disposal of five countries. It has famously failed the Muslim world time and time again as it is designed to grant higher status to its permanent members of the Security Council. And when the UN does not serve their interest, these nations go around the organisation – as America did when it invaded Iraq in 2003.

Even when on the ground like in Srebrenica we see that the United nation was no friend of the Muslims, they stood by and watched the massacre unfold, even though the residents of Srebrenica refused to evacuate, under the mistaken belief that United nations forces would protect them, yet they not only handed over the men and boys of Srebrenica but also supplied over 30,000 litres of petrol to enable Serb forces to transport the men and bury them in mass graves! The same can be said in the support of the occupation of Palestine of the damning silence on Burma.

To put it in the words of the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley who spoke before the Security Council on Chemical Attacks in Syria stated: *“When the United Nations consistently fails in its duty to act collectively, there are times in the life of states that we are compelled to take our own action.”*

We also must realise that we need to take our own action as an Ummah. And understand that we can only rely on the support of Allah (swt) and then each other’s support. As Allah (swt) has revealed:

وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا بَعْضُهُمْ أَوْلِيَاءُ بَعْضٍ ۗ إِلَّا تَفْعَلُوهُ تَكُنْ فِتْنَةً فِي الْأَرْضِ وَفَسَادًا كَبِيرًا

**“The Unbelievers are protectors, one of another: Unless you do this, (protect each other), there would be fitna on earth, and great mischief.” [8:73].**



Only the Ummah can collectively prevent another Srebrenica, liberate Palestine and Kashmir and put an end to the war in Yemen, not the United Nations.

This means we must pressure Muslim rulers and Muslim societies to abandon the ruling systems that serve the West, and build the ruling system that serves Allah (swt).

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## Treachery on the blessed land of the Arabian Peninsula

As we enter the blessed month of Dhul-Hijjah we are reminded of the sacrifices of Khalilullah, Ibrahim (as) as he left his baby son and wife in the barren desert between Safa and Marwa. We remember that years later he and his son Ismail (as) built the Kaa'ba. We recall how Ibrahim (as) stoned the Shaitan and in obedience to Allah (swt) was prepared to sacrifice his son without hesitation

It was this same blessed land that saw the struggle of Haq and Batil as the Dawah of RasulAllah (saw) challenged the Quraysh. He (saw) carried the Dawah until he received the Nussrah and made Hijra to Yathrib, which became the first Islamic state, renamed as Madinah al Munawwara, the city of light. A city state which governed its citizens by all that Allah (swt) had revealed. Soon this expanded to the whole of Hijaz and Najd and reached Yemen in the south and the borders of Sham in the north. This blessed land witnessed Fatah Makkah (opening of Makkah) and the destruction of the idols that were placed in the Kaaba. It witnessed the year of delegations in which the tribes of Arabia submitted to Islam. This blessed land has a special status, where two Deen's are not permitted, as narrated in the Muwatta of Imam Malik, RasulAllah (saw) said «لَا يَجْتَمِعُ دِينَانِ فِي جَزِيرَةِ الْعَرَبِ»



**“Two deens shall not co-exist in the Arabian Peninsula.”** Malik said that Ibn Shihab said, "Umar ibn al-Khattab searched for information about that until he was absolutely convinced that the Messenger of Allah (saw) had said, **«لَا يَجْتَمِعُ دِينَانِ فِي جَزِيرَةِ الْعَرَبِ»**“Two deens shall not co-exist in the Arabian Peninsula” and he therefore expelled the Jews from Khaybar.”

With his (saw) mission completed by the domination of Islam, this blessed land witnessed the departure from this world of the best of all humankind (saw), to the grief of his (saw) Ummah. This blessed land witnessed the false prophets who were eliminated by the first Khilafah of the Muslims, Abu Bakr as Siddiq (ra). It witnessed the Khilafah Rashidah, and thereafter many centuries of Islamic rule. The blessed land witnessed the love of the Ummah and the responsibility of the Khulafah in maintaining Islamic rule upon it.

The first treachery was witnessed when Shareef Hussein and Ibn Saud both allied with the British with the promise of authority over these blessed lands. They conspired against the Ummah and the Deen and helped to destroy the Uthmani Khilafah and thus ended the rule of Allah (swt) on this blessed land. The last century witnessed the loyalty of the Saudi monarchy to the British and then American interests, all the while polluting the blessed land with the implementation of kufr. The treacherous regime allowed US troops to cross these blessed lands to “liberate” Kuwait in 1991 and invade Iraq in 2003. The criminals then unleashed terror on the people of Yemen,

with the war now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, leaving the blessed people of Yemen in the worst conditions the lands have ever witnessed.



If this was not enough, the Saudi regime betrayed Allah by permitting vulgar and filthy concerts with Western musicians and dancers corrupting the youth. If this was not enough earlier this month, Vogue Arabia organized a photo-shoot involving international supermodels, displaying vulgarity close to the holy city of Madinah. What can be expected from these traitors who have restricted Hajj for the Ummah, despite the immense wealth and facilities they possess? The self-proclaimed Guardians of the Two Sacred Mosques are unable and unwilling to facilitate the pillar of Islam for more than a handful of local Hujjaj, but they would rather facilitate vulgarity in the name of progress.



O blessed Ummah of the blessed Messenger (saw), we witness this treachery on this blessed land and your heart bleeds, yet you remain silent at this treachery. Remember that Allah has given us a position over other nations,

كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ  
وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ

“You are the best nation produced for mankind. You enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong and believe in Allah” [Surah Ali Imran:110].

In this blessed month we must fulfill this honor and this duty. Let us fulfill this command and be part of the largest political Islamic party in the world working for the revival of the Deen of Allah through the implementation of the Khilafah, Hizb ut Tahrir. Let us all in the blessed month include among the good deeds for our Akhira, the work for the re-establishment of the Khilafah State. It is only the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood that will cleanse this blessed land from the filth of kufr and liberate it and its people from the traitors who serve the West. It is the Khilafah that will restore the Hajj in the correct way and stop the oppression in the blessed lands of Sham and Yemen.

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## **Mosques will be unconditionally opened and protected by the Khilafah and not the secular regimes**

Muslims in Kenya and in some countries across the world are in anguish due to the fact that their mosques were closed by the secular regimes in the pretext of protecting the Muslims from the spread of COVID-19 pandemic in places of worship. The paradox in Kenya is that the mosques were shut down when the number of infections were almost 100. Surprisingly after

approximately four months later the number of infections stands at above 10,000+ and with a prevalence rate of infections of 200+ in a day i.e. it keeps increasing. Kenyan government on 6 July, 2020 sanctioned the so-called Interfaith Council chaired by Archbishop Anthony Muheria to give direction on the steps to be taken in readiness to open places of worship including mosques!

This situation has exposed the evil secular regimes that are ever plotting against Islam and the Muslim Ummah across the world. It is absurd to listen to the arguments and reasons used to justify the closure of mosques when everyone knows mosques are centers of cleanliness and a source of refuge whenever calamity strikes the society. The closure of mosques has made Muslims across the world to taste what our Muslim brothers and sisters feel and pass through whenever the Jewish entity barricade and annex the surroundings of our beloved First Qibla, Al-Aqsa Mosque for the Muslims not to pray in it including its latest onslaught where the Israeli court has issued a verdict that orders the closure of the Bab al-Rahma gate of Al-Aqsa Mosque in East Jerusalem! (menafn.com, 14 July 2020). The closure and destruction of above 200 mosques in Xinjiang and its cities being rebuilt into maximum surveillance by the Chinese regime (bitterwinter.org, 20 June 2018). In Central African Republic (CAR) almost all the 436 mosques were closed and destroyed. (www.ctvnews.ca, 17 March 2015)!

Indeed, Muslims are in dire need of their Islamic state of Khilafah (Caliphate) in order to take care and manage their affairs across world. It is an urgent demand that must be met since it is known that secular regimes are masters in taking advantage of situations and can exploit this dilemma of either continue closing or opening of mosques in Kenya to further their evil agenda of branding Muslims to be either radicals or moderates and final terrorists and end up causing further suffering!

The most appropriate approach is to seek the fundamental solution to the myriads of problems facing the Muslim Ummah and the world at large in all spheres of life from political, economic, social and education amongst others. That radical solution is none other than re-establishment of the time-tested Khilafah (Caliphate) that ruled the world for almost 14 centuries with mercy and acted as a custodian of peace globally. The Khilafah will ensure that religious places of worship including those of its non-Muslim citizens are kept open and protected at all times. In cases where diseases emerge its health department will ensure that citizens are well cushioned from the effects and severity of the said disease and sound policies will be put in place to ensure that the lives of the citizens are well protected.

Our procrastination in seeking the long term solution has led us into our current situation in this dilemma of either opening our mosques based on the secular governments' conditions or continue to shut down! In either way none serves as the ultimate remedy to the problem. Furthermore, this confirms the saying of Allah (swt): وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا



“And whoever turns away from My remembrance –indeed, he will have a depressed life.” [Ta Ha: 124] In addition, the Prophet (saw) spoke about this situation: لِيُنْقَضَنَّ عُرَى الْإِسْلَامِ عُرْوَةٌ عُرْوَةٌ فَكُلَّمَا انْتَقَضَتْ عُرْوَةٌ تَشَبَّهَتْ النَّاسُ بِأَلْتِي تَلِيهَا وَأَوَّلُهُنَّ نَقْضُ الْحُكْمِ وَأَخْرَهُنَّ الصَّلَاةُ “The knots of Islam will be undone one by one, each time a knot is undone the next one will be grasped, the first to be undone will be the Rule (Caliphate) of Islam; and the last will be the Salah.” [Ahmad and Al-Hakim] We must hasten and join our efforts in delivering the urgently needed alternative Islamic ideology to take the place of the deceased secular capitalist ideology. « إِنَّمَا الْإِمَامُ جُنَّةٌ يُقَاتَلُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ » «وَيَنْتَقَى بِهِ» “The Imam (Khalifah) is a shield, behind whom you fight and protect yourself”

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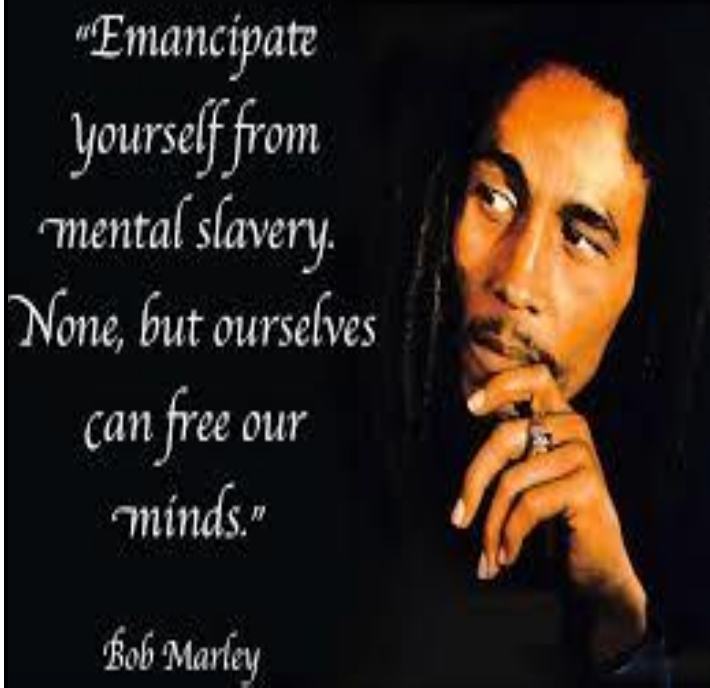
## **‘YALIOTENDEKA’- A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF IMPORTANCE OF DEEP AND ENLIGHTEN THOUGHT**

A facebook user wrote, *’We miss yaliyotendeka big. Infact we are no longer glued to Radio Citizen every day at 8pm as it used to be.’* For the lovers of radio ,the death of Waweru Mburu is indeed a big blow for it has ended one of the awakening programme ‘Yaliotendeka’ on radio Citizen.The yaliotendeka radio show used to have many listeners who were not only attracted by superb voice of the late Waweru but also his ability to articulate the current affairs. Every day in his program, the late would discuss a topic that touches people’s lives hence rendering his program relevance.

Its not doubt, the yaliotendeka show was important to the society for it provided a space to highlight the problems that are faced by our society. Everday, after introducing his signature phrase, *‘Hujambo msikilizaji, na karibu kwa yaliyotendeka’* the late would introduce his topic,highlighting the problems and finally offered solutions. Its true Waweru through his show

was remarkable in determining problems faced by the society but unfortunately the show never was it able to offer remarkable solutions. In fact it could be said the show was good but not a complete good for it only increased the awareness to the public of existence of a problem in the system in which we live by. Therefore example of Waweru and his Yalioendeka is that of Bob Marley and his reggae music. It should be remember that Bob Marley famously through reggae music highlighted problems facing mankind which he had identified. He would offer solutions towards these problems as well as inspire people musically to attain these solutions despite being unremarkable.

One thing for sure is the ability of highlighting problems is not unique since every person who understands the reality can do so. It's not likely that if one is able to identify a problem, he would also be able to offer realistic solution towards these problems



What determines the ability to offer realistic solutions after identifying a problem is deep and enlightening thought about the mankind, universe, life, and what was before during and after life. The yalioendeka show host lacked this deep and enlightened thoughts hence it was only natural for the show to give unremarkable solutions to problems facing mankind.

In conclusion, whoever will continue or produce the show of the like of Yalioendeka, the acknowledgment of the importance of deep and enlighten thought is indeed a must. It's only that way that the shows would live up to the expectation hence a real and true awakening realized.

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## **The pious military officer love Jihad, seeking martyrdom or victory for the pleasure of Allah{swt}**

Islam not only established the Obligation (فرض) of Jihad, it built the desire for Jihad so strongly that it distinguished the Ummah from all other nations for thirteen centuries. It enabled the Ummah to bear huge losses willingly, in order to vanquish the enemies of Islam and Muslims. Depending on Allah (swt) alone, the armed forces of Muslims overwhelmed significantly larger forces that fought on the basis of corrupt beliefs, defense of territory or racial supremacy. Fulfilling their role to ensure Islam prevails, the Muslim armed forces removed the material obstacles to the practical implementation of Islam.

Thus people entered Islam in droves, establishing the foundations of the vast, multi-racial Ummah of today. Even after the destruction of the Khilafah in 1924 CE, the love for Jihad within the Ummah terrifies the enemies of Muslims. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Srebrenica Massacre contains an example. Whilst around 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were murdered by Serbs over a period of eleven days, after Dutch UN troops abandoned the town of Srebrenica on 11 July 1995, Britain was anxious that Muslim troops present under the UN command would break ranks to fight the Serbs. The love of Jihad that brought Soviet Russia to its knees in Afghanistan, has now compelled the United States to plead for a face saving deal.



The love of Jihad in the Muslims of Occupied Kashmir terrifies the Hindu State, which forcibly annexed Occupied Kashmir on 5 August 2019, yet encounters fierce resistance till today.

Instead of nurturing the love for Jihad amongst the armed forces, the current rulers of Muslims are fighting a campaign on behalf of the Western powers and their allies, the Jewish entity and the Hindu State, against Fighting in the Path of Allah (swt). As for the rulers of Pakistan, they are actively undermining the burning desire of Muslims in Pakistan's armed forces to wage war for the liberation of Occupied Kashmir. Rather than rousing the Muslim officers and soldiers to fight and liberate Kashmir, they discourage fighting the enemy. They promote the idea that war is not an option, either because of the possession of nuclear weapons by the enemy or the weakness of our economy. As for the noble Muslims who fight occupation wherever they are, the despotic rulers of Muslims denounce them as "terrorists." However, like all colonialist projects, this endeavor to suppress Jihad will fail because the Ummah has always clung to Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw) and the goodness within her extends to every part of her body, including her armed forces.

The military officer who is loyal to Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saw) must fix in his heart and mind that Islam established Jihad as an Obligation (فرض), whose neglect invites the wrath of Allah (swt), whilst its performance yields great reward. Let him consider what has been mentioned of Jihad in the Quran. Allah (swt) said,

اَكْتَبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الْقِتَالَ وَهُوَ كُرْهٌ لَّكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَن تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ وَعَسَىٰ أَن تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَّكُمْ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

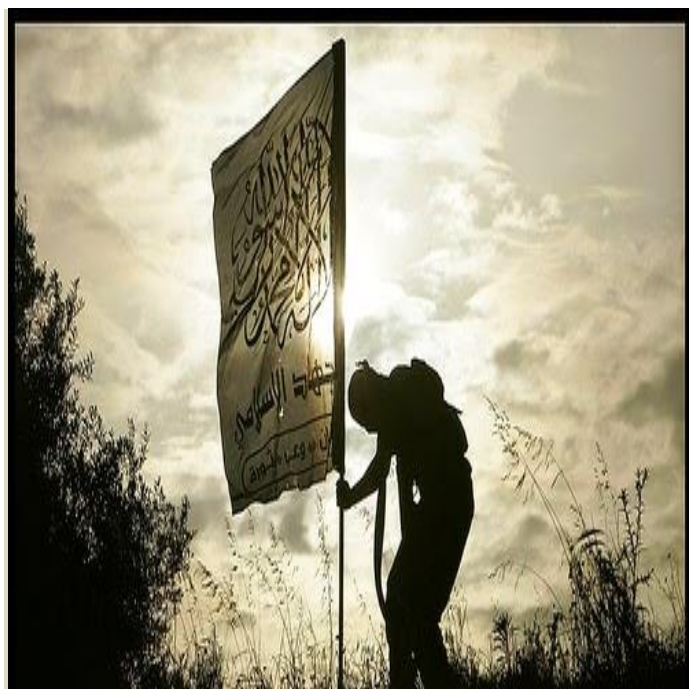
**“Fighting is prescribed to you and you dislike it. But it could be you dislike something and it is good for you. And it could be that you love something and it is bad for you. Allah swt knows and you do not know.” [Surah al-Baqarah: 216]. In this noble Ayah, Allah (swt) made it Obligatory for the Muslims who are capable to fight to undertake Jihad against the evil of the enemy who transgresses against Islam. At the same time Islam acknowledges that fighting is something that creates resistance in the souls and treats that resistance effectively. Allah (swt)**

**“though you dislike it” which means لَكُمْ] that fighting is difficult and heavy on hearts. Indeed, fighting is as the Ayah describes it. It entails being martyred, wounded, striving against the enemies and enduring the hardship of travel, whether in the severe cold of Siachen or the severe heat of the deserts of Thar. Allah (swt) then said, وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ]“**



“and it may be that you dislike a thing which is good for you” meaning, fighting is followed by victory and dominance over the enemy.

Let the Muslim army officer consider what has been mentioned of Jihad in the Sunnah. The preeminence of Jihad is prominent in the Sunnah of RasulAllah (saw). It is reported in the Sahih, « مَنْ مَاتَ وَلَمْ يَغْزُ وَلَمْ يُحَدِّثْ نَفْسَهُ بِالْغَزْوِ، مَاتَ مِيتَةً جَاهِلِيَّةً » “Whoever dies but neither fought (i.e., in Allah's cause), nor sincerely considered fighting, will die a death of Jahiliyyah (pre-Islamic era of ignorance).” On the day of Al-Fath (when he conquered Makkah), the Prophet (saw) said, «لَا هِجْرَةَ بَعْدَ الْفَتْحِ وَلَكِنْ جِهَادٌ وَنِيَّةٌ، وَإِذَا اسْتَنْفَرْتُمْ فَانْفِرُوا»



“There is no Hijrah (migration from Makkah to Al-Madinah) after the victory, but only Jihad and good intention. If you were required to march forth, then march forth.” [Bukhari] The great authority of Ahadeeth, Az-Zuhri, explained, “Jihad is required from every person, whether he actually joins the fighting or remains behind. Whoever remains behind is required to give support, if support is warranted; to provide aid, if aid is needed; and to march forth, if he is commanded to do so. If he is not needed, then he remains behind.” Indeed, the Sunnah calls Muslims of the armed forces to that which must be loved, fighting in His (swt) Path, pursuing victory or martyrdom to the utmost. RasulAllah (saaw) said,

«مَا أَحَدٌ يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ يُحِبُّ أَنْ يَرْجِعَ إِلَى الدُّنْيَا وَلَهُ مَا عَلَى الْأَرْضِ مِنْ شَيْءٍ، إِلَّا الشَّهِيدُ، يَتَمَنَّى أَنْ يَرْجِعَ إِلَى الدُّنْيَا فَيُقَاتِلَ عَشْرَ مَرَّاتٍ، لِمَا يَرَى مِنَ الْكِرَامَةِ»

“Nobody who enters Paradise likes to go back to the world even if he got everything on the earth, except a Mujahid who wishes to return to the world so that he may be martyred ten times because of the dignity he receives (from Allah).” [Bukhari] Let the believing army officer consider that the first and best generation of Islam waged Jihad to liberate people from oppressive rulers, so that they can practically experience of Islam. Allah (swt) said,

[يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قَاتِلُوا الَّذِينَ يَلُونَكُمْ مِنَ الْكُفَّارِ وَلْيَجِدُوا فِيكُمْ غِلْظَةً وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ]

**“O you who believe! Fight the Unbelievers who gird you about, and let them find firmness in you: and know that Allah is with those who fear Him.”** [Surah at-Tawbah 9: 123].

Allah (swt) commands the believers to fight the disbelievers, the closest in area to the Islamic state, then the farthest. Thus, Messenger of Allah (saw) started fighting the mushrikeen in the Arabian Peninsula. When Allah (swt) gave him dominance over Makkah, Al-Madinah, At-Ta'if, Yemen, Yamamah, Hajr, Khaybar, Hadramawt and other Arab provinces, and the various Arab tribes entered Islam in droves, he (saw) initiated Jihad against the People of the Book. He (saw) began preparations to fight the Romans who were the closest in area to the Arabian Peninsula, and as such, had the greatest right to be called to Islam. Thus, the Prophet (saw) marched until he reached Tabuk in the ninth year after his Hijrah, steering the Ummah towards confronting the leading states of the time.

Will the pious military officer not consider the actions of the Khulafa'a' Rashideen (ra), in their pursuit of Jihad? After Allah (swt) chose for the Messenger (saw) His (swt) Paradise, the Khilafah on the Method of Prophethood gave Jihad its full right. The First Khaleefah Rashid, Abu Bakr As-Siddiq (ra), started preparing the Islamic armies to fight the Roman crusaders and the Persian fire worshippers. By the blessing of his mission, Allah (swt) opened lands for him and brought humiliation for Caesar and Kisra. At the hands of the Second Khaleefah Rashid, `Umar bin Al-Khattab (ra), Allah (swt) humiliated the disbelievers, opening the eastern and western

parts of the world to the light of Islamic ruling. Then, in the Third Khaleefah Rashid `Uthman's (ra) era, the unequivocal truth of Islam was established in various parts of the world, including the Indian Subcontinent. And the Fourth Khaleefah Rashid, Ali (ra), consolidated the hold over a dominion spanning three continents. Thus, the Khulafaah Rashideen (ra) advanced Islam, bearing testimony to the saying of Allah (swt) that **«وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الْمُتَّقِينَ»** **“And know that Allah is with those who have Taqwa**

Let the aware military officer be mindful that when Jihad was neglected, the enemies became eager to attack the outposts of Islam, gaining control over many Islamic lands. Yet, whenever a just Muslim ruler or military commander fulfilled the command for Jihad, Allah (swt) helped him and made him victorious over the enemy. Indeed, the performance of Jihad brings honor, whilst its neglect only brings humiliation. RasuAllah (saw) declared, **«مَا تَرَكَ قَوْمٌ الْجِهَادَ إِلَّا ذُلُّوا»** **“No people abandon Jihad except that they are humiliated.”** [Ahmad



Thus Muslims were overwhelmed by the Mongols when they neglected Jihad and they eventually defeated them in Jihad in Ein Jaloot. Muslims who neglected Jihad were overwhelmed by the crusaders, until Salahudin led them in victory after victory. As for the Ottoman Caliphate, it advanced Jihad such that the capitals of Europe began to fall and those that had yet to be taken shook and trembled. Let the military officer seeking Jannah consider the situation of the Ummah now. From all that has been revealed by the Lord of Creation and the history of the righteous and those who fell short in their duty of Jihad, where must he stand? Indeed since the Ummah lost its shield, the Khilafah, in 1924, she lost with it the Jihad to open new lands to Islam. In addition, enemies occupied her lands, whether it is the Jewish entity occupying Palestine in the west or the Hindu State occupying Kashmir in the east. Yet, when there is no Khilafah, fighting the Kuffar one who occupies our land, does not cease.



RasulAllah (saw) said, «وَالْجِهَادُ مَا ضِ مِّنْ بَعْتِي، اللَّهُ إِلَيَّ أَنْ يُقَاتَلَ آخِرُ أُمَّتِي الدَّجَالِ لَا يُبْطِلُهُ جَوْرُ جَائِرٍ وَلَا عَدْلُ عَادِلٍ، وَالْإِيمَانُ بِالْأَقْدَارِ» And jihad will be performed continuously since the day Allah sent me as a prophet until the day the last member of my community will fight with the Dajjal (Antichrist). The tyranny of any tyrant and the justice of any just (ruler) will not invalidate it.” [Abu Daud] Thus, fighting the Kuffar is Obligatory, whether the ruler of Muslims is the Khaleefah, or the ruler of Muslims does not rule by Islam. Therefore, it is Obligatory upon Muslim armies to mobilize in fighting the occupation forces. If the ruler agrees to move the army, then he would have acted in the right way. If he attempted to prevent the army from fighting, standing in its way, let there be a Salahudin from the army, who tramples the ruler under his feet, mobilizing the army to purify the blessed lands from occupation.

It is clear that current Muslim rulers are standing in the way of the military officer and his obedience to Allah (swt). Current Muslim rulers declare that war is not an option and declare the one who fights as an enemy of the Ummah. These rulers persecute those who take up arms themselves whether against the Americans in Afghanistan or the Hindu State in Occupied Kashmir. Worse, they undertook normalization with the occupiers, which only consolidates their occupation. This is even though Allah (swt) commanded, [وَأَقْتُلُوهُمْ حَيْثُ تَقَفْتُمُوهُمْ وَأَخْرِجُوهُمْ مِنْ حَيْثُ] “And slay them Wherever you catch them, and turn them out from where they have turned you out” [Surah al-Baqarah 2:191]. The noble Ayah applies to all those fighting the enemies who are engaged in fighting Islam and

It means that our energy must be spent on fighting them, just as their energy is spent on fighting us, and on expelling them from the areas from which they have expelled us.

Thus, it is clear for the military officer that the current rulers will neither expel the occupying forces from Muslim Lands, nor restore the Khilafah so that the obligation to open new lands to Islam will resume. It falls upon every officer of the armed forces to remedy the dire situation. Each officer must side with the Ummah and the great obligation of Jihad upon them. It is a duty upon the military officers to depose the current rulers, extending their Nussrah for the re-establishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood (saw). Then and only then, will they fight in the Path of Allah (swt), ending tyranny throughout the world. So, let the Muslim army officers of today be like the Ansaar who supported Allah (swt) and His Messenger (saaw), such that Allah (swt) praised them in His verses and the angels rushed to the funeral of their master, Sa'ad bin Muadh (ra). It was reported by Tirmidhi from Anas bin Malik (ra) that RasulAllah (saaw) said about the funeral of Sa'ad bin Muadh (ra), «إِنَّ الْمَلَائِكَةَ كَاتَتْ تَحْمِلُهُ» “Verily, Angels are carrying him.” Blessed indeed are those military officers of today who follow the path of the Ansaar.

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## **Under the banner of combating Covid-19 a new innovation is made to our Deen**

The Government through the Inter-Faith Council has re-opened the mosques with stringent guidelines. The fifteen-member group was tasked working alongside the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Health and Council of Governors to formulate conditions for reopening places of worship. Among the guidelines to be followed places of worship include the 1.5-metre social distance between congregants, only 100 persons allowed to participate in worshipping, children below 13 years old and adults above 58 years old are prohibited from attending prayers and services to be conducted at most one hour.

In this regard, we in Hizb ut Tahrir / Kenya would like to expound the following:

The whole idea of inter-faith is a secularist idea that has no basis in Islam. This is because it calls for mutual relationships between different religions. It calls for a new fabricated religion which the West want the Muslims all over the world to embrace instead of Islam. The idea itself is intended to make the Muslims abandon their Islamic teachings and make secular concepts as a standard for their own Deen.

Islamic rulings are based on Revelation from Allah (swt) contrary to secular man-made laws which are based on human intellect, so they are enacted and changed according to environment. And here we would like to remind the Muslim scholars who some are members of the council of their responsibility is to explicitly outline the Islamic rulings that are not taken other than from its sources i.e. Quran, Sunna, Ijmaa and Qiyas (analogy). This is a responsibility of the fearfully scholars who truly raise their voice out from fear of any one.

Practicing the congregational prayers has been clearly demonstrated by our Prophet (saw) and therefore it is not a subject of consultation. In this regard, it is compulsory for all Muslims to observe rows while performing the prayer that without leaving a gap between worshiper to the other. Malik bin Al-Huwairith may Allah be pleased with him narrated that the Prophet (saw) said: «أَكْبَرُكُمْ لِيَوْمِكُمْ ثُمَّ أَحَدَكُمْ لَكُمْ فَلْيُؤَدِّنِ الصَّلَاةَ حَضَرَتْ وَإِذَا أُصَلِّيَ رَأَيْتُمُونِي كَمَا وَصَلُّوا» «...And offer your prayers in the way you saw me offering my prayers, and when the stated time for the

prayer becomes due, then one of you should pronounce its call (i.e. the Adhan), and the eldest of you should lead you in prayer.”

Ahmad extracted from Abdullah ibn Umar that the Messenger of Allah (saw) said: «أَقِيمُوا فُرُجَاتِ رُؤَاةٍ وَلَا إِخْوَانِكُمْ أَيْدِي فِي وَلِينُوا الْخَلَلَ وَأُوسِدَ الْمَنَابِ بَيْنَ وَحَادُوا الْمَلَائِكَةَ بِصُفُوفٍ تَصْفُونَ فَإِنَّمَا الصُّفُوفُ صَفَاً طَعَهُ قِصْفًا قَطَعَ وَمَنْ وَتَعَالَى تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ وَصَلَّهُ صَفَاً وَصَلَ وَمَنْ لِلشَّيْطَانِ» “Set the rows in order, stand shoulder to shoulder, close the gaps, be pliant in the hands of your brethren, and do not leave openings for the devil. If anyone joins up a row, Allah will join him up, but if anyone breaks a row, Allah will cut him off.”

It is crystal clear from the above legal evidences compelling worshippers to separate 1.5 meters whether on Friday and congregational prayers for fear contagion especially without pathological symptoms is an innovation (*bid'ah*) in Islam. Furthermore, a contagious disease is an excuse not to go to the mosque and not an excuse to go and be at one meter a part from the worshiper besides him.

With regards allowing only 100 people to attend prayers in Mosque, barring adults who are above 58 years as well children below thirteen years, this condition does not only further contradict the Islamic teachings rather it is unjust act that displeases Allah (swt). It is of high double standards of leadership to impose such stringent conditions upon the worshippers yet we see roads, offices, supermarkets and other places are filled with people irrespective of their ages! Does it mean that Covid-19 can only be transmitted in mosques, not elsewhere, so mosques must remain closed, or open only to limited number of worshippers!

We reiterate that 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 opening of mosques with stringent conditions which are contrary to the Sharia rulings makes the hearts of the Muslims burn in pain. However, we certainly know by the re-establishment of Khilafah (Caliphate) upon the method of Prophethood in one of the great Muslim countries, soon the Mosques will be raised and the Name of Allah (swt) will be mentioned in the mornings and the evenings.

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