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# Closure of Madrasas in Kenya: State Discrimination Against Islam and Muslims

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On Monday, 28 September 2020 President Uhuru Kenyatta declared bars and restaurants opened and are allowed to sell alcohol (The Standard, 28/09/2020)! Currently, the parents across the nation are running against time to meet all the necessary requirements to ensure that their children are back to school in response to the government directive for phased reopening of schools commencing on Monday, 12 October 2020 (The Star, 06/10/2020). Furthermore, political leaders are in jostling for political campaigns that are threatening the security of the nation to an extent on Saturday, 10 October 2020; President Uhuru led National Prayers in the name of praying for the nation to withstand the political and socio-economic challenges facing the nation!

It is perturbing to see that that madrasas are suffering with no one highlighting their plights since they were closed on March 2020 under the pretext of fighting Covid-19 pandemic. Muslim students, teachers and parents are languishing because learning has stopped completely and are at crossroad not knowing what to do to solve the crisis. The so-called Muslim religious and political leaders are silent and are just following and adhering to government directives as if they are flags directed by the wind!

This situation is not by fluke, instead it is the true reality of how secular capitalist regimes operate. Certainly, Kenya is a secular state and its priorities are secular driven. So, madrasas are Muslim religious institutions that are perceived to be centers of 'indoctrination of extremism' by the secular regimes including Kenya. Consequently, Covid-19 has provided the regimes with an opportunity to curtail their existence and that is why the Kenya government is silent about reopening of madrasas while is running fast in ensuring bars, restaurants and schools are reopened!

It is hypocritical for the same government to host religious leaders including the alleged Muslim leaders in the so-called 'National Prayers' and the president seeks forgiveness without being specific to who that he wronged. Islam and Muslims are being discriminated and oppressed on the pretext of the war on terrorism and extremism. And this deliberate quietness by government in not reopening the madrasas is part of the ongoing discrimination by the secular Kenyan state against Islam and Muslims. In addition, the alleged human rights defenders are in bed with the state apparatus on this!

Islam and Muslims find themselves in this situation because they are orphans with no guardian and shield to protect themselves from the enemies of Islam and Muslims. The absence of the Islamic State of Khilafah (Caliphate) is the root cause of this despicable state of Islam and Muslims not only in Kenya but across the world. The destruction of our Khilafah on 28 Rajab 1342 H same as 3 March 1924 CE by the treacherous hands of the cursed Mustafa Kamal directed by the then Western colonialist superpowers, British and France was the beginning of our miseries. Hence, we are led by the guidance of Kufr (creed of secularism/ilmaniyya) and by the Kafir (then Britain and now America and her allies). As for the way out of this madrasa issue; is two embark on the following two crucial steps:

**First**, a temporary process - Muslims across Kenya must unite and demand for the reopening of their madrasas unconditionally. In the process of realizing this they must be steadfast and avoid long-term petty differences that were deliberately nurtured by the enemies of Islam and Muslims to divide and colonize them in perpetual. Throughout the process they must be united by 'La Ilaha Ila Allah' only and avoid any kind of violence or force. Ultimately embark on the next step.

**Second**, a radical and comprehensive process – Muslims across Kenya must join the efforts spearheaded by the Islamic party of Hizb ut Tahrir 'party of liberation.' An Islamic party that stands on the truth, does not lie to the Muslim Ummah and humanity in general and does NOT use violence or force in its cause for resuming the Islamic way of life via the reestablishment of the Islamic State of Khilafah based on the method of Prophethood. It is ONLY through this process that humanity will be comprehensively liberated from the shackles of the invalid secular capitalist ideology and its venomous systems that wreak havoc across the world. Muslims and non-Muslims will rejoice and find genuine prosperity, peace and tranquility that they lacked instead they are sinking in permanent fires of secularism! Allah (swt) says:

“ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَصْرُوهَا لِلَّهِ يُتَصَّرْكُمْ وَيُنَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ

O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet”

[Muhammad 47: 7].

## Secular Leadership Disparage Our Madrasas at this Lowest Level!

### Press Release

As we thank the Almighty Allah (swt) for significant decline of Covid -19 infection in the country, we are however distressed at Government's decision of allowing bars and restaurants selling alcohol while brushing off the re-opening of Madrasas. Consequently, the issue of re-opening Madrasas has also not been included in the ongoing debate between parents, the Ministry of Education and the Health Ministry on re-opening schools. This is a discriminatory move by the state to the fact that one of the fundamental responsibilities of any responsible Government is to take care of the affairs of all its citizen. Whilst we understand, the abysmal situation of our Madaaris due to the absence of the Khilafah (Caliphate) leadership, we also acknowledge the crucial role being played by Madrasah toward preserving the Islamic identity upon our children.

Secular leaders are well known for their double standards, on one hand, Madrasah still remain closed for fear of transmission, but on the other hand, leaders roam across the country holding mass rallies to preach their political absurdity while floating the Covid-19 measures. Does the infection only found in Madrasah and not in their political rallies? Furthermore, why the plunging of the country into an election mood as if elections enable the citizens to meet their basic needs? How many elections have passed yet the situation of the ordinary man has become more deplorable day by day?

Disrespecting Islamic education is primarily founded on the tainted basis of the corrupt creed of Secularism that detaches Religion from the realm of life. This creed has crowned the human being to disregard religion and its education. This debauched doctrine should make Muslims open their eyes to understand that any secular regime cannot guarantee our Madrasah teachers as well Islamic education. In addition, the Capitalist System has generally blunted the main objectives of education by linking it into economic gains hence Capitalist governments view Islamic education as non- profitable and therefore a subject of disparage.

The Khilafah state will indiscriminately provide education with the aim of developing knowledge such as Jurisprudence, Engineering and Medicine. Khilafah State is obligated to build pre-primary schools, high schools, colleges and universities and set aside sophisticated libraries and laboratories. This will be done to create abundance of outstanding experts from different fields and mujtahidun that will bring high standard of knowledge enabling the entire society to achieve tranquility not only in the worldly life but in the Hereafter.

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## NEWS & COMMENTS

# A Muslim Branded as 'Terrorist' Deserves No Court Acquittal under Secular Regimes!



### News:

On Wednesday, 7 October 2020 Nairobi Chief Magistrate, Francis Andayi cleared Liban Abdillahi Omar of Westgate terror attack charges. On Thursday, 8 October 2020 some few minutes after leaving the Anti-Terror Police Unit (ATPU) headquarters in Upper Hill, Abdillahi Omar was 'abducted' by men carrying guns. The event took place while Omar was in the company of his sisters in a taxi vehicle (The Star, 08/10/2020).

### Comment:

This latest 'abduction' comes after the last one that took place on 16 August 2020 where Sheikh Khalid Swaleh, Ustadh Juma Shamte and Hassan all from Markaz Noor located in Mtondia, Kilifi County. The abductors were alleged to be officers from the Anti-Terror Police Unit (ATPU) who raided the premises at 1am (Daily Nation, 16/08/2020). Before the 16th August event there was another brutal attack that took place on Saturday, 30/05/2020 at Kibundani area in Kwale County, where Muslims woke up to the news of the killing of a Muslim man, Mohamed Rahma Mapenzi (41 years old) his two children, Swalia Rahma (6 years old) and Idd Rahma (3

years old). In addition, the deceased's remaining family members were fatal wounded with his eight months' pregnant wife, Mwanahalima Mwachili lost her pregnancy while she was admitted in Msambweni Hospital in critical condition (The Standard, 31/05/2020).

This latest incidence is a confirmation that Kenya is a mafia secular democratic state that alleges to uphold the rule of law when in reality it strives to stifle judicial independence. The so-called kidnapping is just a plot by state security apparatus to instill fear in the minds and hearts of Muslims. Furthermore, sending signals to the judicial officers that they only need convictions in cases related to the fight against 'terrorists and extremists' and that acquittal is not an option in the proceedings!

Kenya is deeply involved in sacrificing its citizens in the name of fighting Western instigated war against Islam and Muslims on the pretext of combating terrorism and extremism. Kenya's laws and policies are influenced by her Western colonial masters led by Britain and her allies. That is why it invaded Somalia in order to protect her master's interests in the name of fighting Alshabab, a group infiltrated and led by Western agents. Hence, Islam is vilified and Muslims' blood is spilled and property confiscated.

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It was unsurprising for Kenya's president to visit France for a three state visit that commenced on 30 September 2020 and then on his way back to the country he visited Egypt. The two countries are known for their atrocious policies against Islam and Muslims with the latter's president known for being ruthless to an extent of destroying mosques and banning Islamic literature on the pretext of promoting extremism! On the hand, the former is preparing the launch of policies on December, 2020 aimed at combating the so-called 'radical Islam' that is incompatible with secular laws of the French republic.

It is incumbent upon Muslims in Kenya and across the world to understand the reality surrounding Islam and Muslims today. The actuality is whoever adopts the Islamic creed that none is worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad is His Messenger; and endeavors to live accord to the said dogma; is considered an enemy by the secular regimes i.e. a 'terrorist or an 'extremist' that deserves to be fought to adopt the secular creed and become a 'moderate Muslim' who measure actions based on interests and benefits (secular laws)!

Islam and Muslims will continue to languish under these secular capitalist regimes since they dread the return of Islam as an alternative ideology on the global arena. It is imperative to note that the only way out of this oppression and persecution is to join efforts and work with Hizb ut Tahrir an Islamic political party. A party that spearheads the resumption of the Islamic way of life via the reestablishment of the Khilafah (Caliphate) based on the method of Prophethood. Khilafah is the guardian and shield that will protect Islam, Muslims and humanity at large against the plots by enemies of Islam and Muslims. It is under the Khilafah that Muslims will be ruled according to the Islamic Shari'ah and in turn accorded respect and dignity and their blood, property and sanctity secured. Furthermore, humanity will enjoy genuine peace, tranquility and prosperity under the just leadership of the Khalifah (Caliph). Allah (swt) says:

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ لَا يُخْلِفُ اللَّهُ وَعْدَهُ ۖ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ \* يَنْصُرُ اللَّهُ  
يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ \* وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

“And that day believers will rejoice. In the victory of Allah. He gives victory to whom He wills, and He is the Exalted in Might, the merciful. It is the promise of Allah. Allah does not fail in His promise, but most of the people do not know.” [Ar-Rum 30: 4 – 6].

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## O People of the Kinanah! Do not you Destroy this Regime that Demolished Allah's Houses and Your Houses?

### Press Release

As we are living in the atmosphere of the extension of the January Revolution, which is not over, as the West and its military men who took power after the coup think, we see successive revolutionary waves erupting at sometimes and fading at others, prevented from reaching their ultimate and the peak of their eruption by the barrier of fear that the regime restored with the massacres of Rabaa, al-Nahda and others, and its repressive machine which is constantly directed at the people and without exception during its struggle with the people of Egypt and their religion over the truth, and the failure of their sons from the military by not standing with their people against the tyrant.

This regime, or let's say this ruling gang, worked to portray the conflict as between the state and a group of people, and made all its opponents and all those who violate its decisions as if they were that group, while in fact they do not represent the state, but rather they are the ones who usurped it and stole its wealth and goods and handed them over to the West at no cost. And that group does not represent the people or the revolution, but rather they were a direct cause of the return of the military gang to life after the January Revolution due to their naivety.

This gang of American generals realizes that it does not have solutions to people's problems and does not know that its catastrophic decisions will inevitably lead to an explosion, with which it will not benefit the use of iron and fire to suppress people, nor the doses of painkillers that they broadcast in the media to numb the people, nor the shuttle tour between the beneficiaries and the stakeholders to try to contain the revolutionaries, and we wish it was to contain with real actions and tangible reliefs, but with sweet words and scattered aspirations here and there, as if someone distributes a mirage to people!

While the regime persists in its aggressiveness and arrogance expressed by the head of the gang threatening the army to descend into every village in Egypt to implement his decisions to demolish homes and mosques, and did not dare to attack one church while demolishing more than seventy mosques on the pretext that they are built on state-owned land, this is after years in which mosques are closed directly after every prayer and no activity is allowed in them either, while churches are open around the clock and the gang does not dare to limit their role or prevent them from broadcasting their thoughts, which certainly do not bother them, but rather Islam, which seeks to restore the rights of the people that they rob and steal.

Then the submissive Sheikhs of the Sultan come out to us, claiming that prayer in these mosques is invalid, and that they must be demolished without a single evidence and the need to demolish the houses of the people that shelter them and that they have built with their hard work and sweat for years and put all their possessions and savings in them, in the complete absence of the state that must take care of them, until the gang came to demolish those houses over their heads and throw them and their children out in the open, begging for sustenance...

Whereas palaces, hotels, shops, malls, etc. are built for members of the gang and those who have gathered around them on that state-owned land, as they claim, and no one dares to touch it, let alone demolish them, and while the state imposes an extreme state of austerity on all people except the military, so their salaries and pensions increase many times over, apart from privileging them with services that other people do not enjoy; perhaps they are a race other than human beings, and perhaps for that they participate in killing people!

In the face of the demolition of houses and mosques over the heads of the people, they came out and said it truthfully and sincerely (there is no god but Allah and Sisi is the enemy of Allah) even though not only him is the enemy, but all the gang of generals and those who helped them are enemies of Allah, His Messenger, His religion and His Ummah.

O People of the Kinanah! It is the duty of the state towards its citizens to provide each of its citizens with three things to a level of sufficiency which are: food, clothing and housing, and to provide him with non-essential needs and luxuries as much as possible, and do not differentiate between Muslim and non-Muslim, but everyone is equal. And it must guarantee to the society as a whole three things at the highest possible level and for free, which are: security, education and health care. As for security it means securing their lives, money and savings, preserving their religion and their dignity, and not demolishing their homes, violating their dignity and robbing them of their savings as the gang is doing now.

As for education, it is ensuring the highest possible level of education and for free for all. There is no difference between Muslim and non-Muslim, nor between rich and poor, and there are no schools for the rich and others for the poor. Rather, the state eliminates class and fanaticism and everything that produces it. As for health care, it is to provide treatment and medicine to all people at the highest possible level and for free. There is no difference between the rich and the poor or a Muslim and a non-Muslim, but everyone is equal and cared for. It treats itself and others the same treatment, there are no elites, no special treatment for generals, no advantages for the military or others, but all are equal.

However, all of this is not fulfilled by the promises of the generals' gang and not by Capitalism by which they govern, but rather by Islam which they fight and its system, which they seek to prevent from returning to rule in its state, the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood.

O People of the Kinanah! Whoever destroys the houses of Allah and your houses does not deserve to rule you, and changing him is your duty. And your revolution is not and will not be completed except by carrying Islam with its civilized project that guarantees your dignity, freedom, and prosperity of your life, and guarantees you justice, just like the justice of Omar that you know, so do not accept a regime other than Islam, its system, and its state, the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood; a complete state that applies Islam in its entirety and justice. This is your right, so demand it and do not accept anything less than it so that you do not return to the same point and the same gang rules you with different names!

O Sincere People in the Army of the Kinanah! May every hand that participated in the demolition of mosques and homes of the weak and the helpless people be paralyzed, the Blessed and the Exalted Truth, says:

وَمَنْ أَظْلَمُ مِمَّنْ مَنَعَ مَسَاجِدَ اللَّهِ أَنْ يُذَكَرَ فِيهَا اسْمُهُ وَسَعَىٰ فِي خَرَابِهَا أُولَٰئِكَ مَا كَانَ لَهُمْ أَنْ يَدْخُلُوهَا إِلَّا خَائِفِينَ لَهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا خِزْيٌ وَلَهُمْ فِي الْآخِرَةِ عَذَابٌ عَظِيمٌ

“And who are more unjust than those who prevent the name of Allah from being mentioned in His mosques and strive toward their destruction. It is not for them to enter them except in fear. For them in this world is disgrace, and they will have in the Hereafter a great punishment.” [Al-Baqara: 114].

Who is worse than this regime that destroys the houses of Allah?! This regime that you protect is the one that must be demolished, not the mosques and people's homes that are demolished under your hearing, sight, and guardianship, but with your own hands, so how can you meet your Lord with hands stained with the blood of innocent people and faces that have not been soiled with dust of jihad for the sake of Allah, but soiled with dust of the rubble of mosques and people's houses? Prepare your answer and your argument, or declare innocence from the gang of military the agents of America and let it drown without you, because America will not protect it and the people will not have mercy on it, so do not be in its clique. And know that all that the regime gives you to guarantee your loyalty is a small amount of some of your rights, so do not take it as a bribe and feed your children from unlawful money. And take your full right by your siding with your people in their revolution and the support the Ummah's only civilized project presented by Hizb ut Tahrir, and the guarantor of people's rights, freedom and dignity by applying Islam completely and comprehensively in its rightly-guided Khilafah state on the method of Prophethood, may Allah forgive you

what has already occurred and accept from you and open at your hands, so Egypt and indeed the whole Ummah will be saved through you. How happy would you be if you did, and how glorified would Egypt, Islam and Muslims, be with you. You will remember what we now say to you, we entrust our affairs to Allah.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اسْتَجِيبُوا لِلَّهِ وَلِلرَّسُولِ إِذَا دَعَاكُمْ لِمَا يُحْيِيكُمْ وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ يَحُولُ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَقَلْبِهِ وَأَنَّهُ إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ

“O you who have believed, respond to Allah and to the Messenger when he calls you to that which gives you life. And know that Allah intervenes between a man and his heart and that to Him you will be gathered” [Al-Anfal: 24].

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## Summary of Macron's Evil Speech Against Islam and Muslims

The French President, Emmanuel Macron on Friday, 2 October 2020 at Elysee Palace delivered a momentous and spiteful speech against Islam and Muslims. The address was broadcasted live across the world. The speech is a follow up on Macron's visit to Lebanon on Tuesday, 1 September 2020; where he spoke about why he did not condemn the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo for republishing their blasphemous cartoons against our Prophet Muhammad (saw). His said, “It is never in the place of a president of the Republic to pass judgement on the editorial choice of a journalist or newsroom, never. Because we have freedom of the press.” (Reuters, 15/09/2020).

The address highlighted on the threat of the so called Islamist separatism. It emphasized on the call for the nation to mobilize and embark on an awakening to protect the French secular republic values and principles that are under attack from radical Islam. Furthermore, he implored the nation to rally behind him and his Government in their process of coming up with a drastic bill that will be taken to the Council of Ministers on Wednesday, 9 December 2020 by the Minister and Deputy Minister of Interior for adoption before being taken to Parliament for debate and enactment into law. The said bill is an overhaul of the 1905 law and aims at strengthening secularism and consolidating republican values.

The law will serve as a reference point strategy that encompass the following five main pillars:

**First**, to come up with measures that promote neutrality in public order and public service avenues. The procedures are aimed at addressing the regular witnessed pandemonium for those seeking and offering public services such as swimming pools and bus services. For instance, some Muslims are alleged to be seeking preferential treatment by demanding that women and men be separated and be allocated different time to access



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the swimming pools. On the other hand, others are being discriminated by their mode of dressing and so denied access to transport services. Hence, the measures will equalize both gender irrespective of their religious background since France is a secular republic.

**Second**, to strengthen the control of associations within the French territory and ensure they exist to serve and promote French secular republic principles. In addition, to enable the State apparatus to sign contracts with associations and provide them with financial aid as long as they do not contravene French secular republic values. If they disregard the dictates of the contract, then they are liable to refund the finances and face dissolution.

**Third**, to overhaul the school laws of 1882 and 1969. In essence, school is the Republic melting pot. In addition, school establishes secularism and consolidate republican values in the hearts and minds of children. Children are protected from religious influence via going to school. Therefore, beginning the 2021 school year, everyone at the age of 3 years old must attend school and no home schooling will be allowed unless strictly restricted on medical reasons. The education system will be only one that of EILE and under strict control by the French Minister of National Education. The teaching of subjects must arouse the love for the secular republic and promote feelings of freedom. All schools must conform to the dictates of the French secular republic values and if they contravene they will be closed.

**Fourth**, to build an Islam that is compatible to French secular republican values and principles. In order to have an Islam of France, the Minister of Interior will work with the French Council of Muslim Worship to counter foreign influence. The French republic has resolved to end peaceful the training and deployment of foreign imams from Turkey, Morocco and Algeria into the French territory. There will be strict control and enforcement of the 1905 law in relation to foreign funding to mosques. French Council of Muslim Worship will facilitate a program that will train and promote imams and intellectuals who defend an Islam compatible with French secular values. French Council of Muslim Worship will identify training courses, provide certification to imams, write a contract that when imams contravene they will be dismissed and structure the hajj pilgrimage for necessary funding from the French republic. Consequently, the Republic will support the initiatives started by Foundation for Islam in France with 10 million euros in fields of culture, history and science.

**Fifth**, to highlight the capability and victory of the

Republic against Islam when it destroyed the Islamic State of Khilafah (Caliphate) on 3 March 1924 and established on its land which was once united but the Republic and its allies divided it into 54 statelets and installed the republican order that exist to date. Therefore, the promise of the Republic must be revived by enforcing its laws forcefully and in turn the love for the republic and its future will prevail.

In conclusion, the above synopsis exposes clearly the total failure of the secular capitalist ideology and its poisonous systems in providing genuine security and prosperity to humanity. Their disasters and letdown is witnessed across the world and has been exacerbated by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic that has crumbled the so called Western civilization that thrives on the basis of racism and rich-poor gap. On the other hand, Islam is taking shape across the world and any moment from now it will be the dominant political power on the world arena. So these latest maneuvers from the French republic, the custodian of the Sykes-Picot agreement which is the root cause of mindboggling massacres and pillaging of resources from the Middle East to Africa. The French leadership is known to be always striving to reinvent itself whenever faced with crises to hoodwink the masses that it is in charge but in reality it is struggling to stay afloat.

Consequently, Macron is lying when he declares that Islam is in crisis, while the reality is contrary. The truth is that secular capitalist ideology is in the intensive care unit waiting to be declared dead by the arrival of the Khilafah reestablished on the method of Prophethood. Since, Islam is the only viable and tested alternative capable of solving problems of humanity irrespective of their color, religion or status. So, the French leadership is embarked on smear campaigns and evil plots that have always failed based on the narrative that Islam is radical and Muslims are extremists in order to discourage people from embracing it! Now is the time to #ReturnTheKhilafah.

قَدْ بَدَتِ الْبَيْضَاءُ مِنْ أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَمَا تَخْفَى صُدُورُهُمْ أَكْبَرُ

“Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, and what their breasts conceal is greater.” (Aal-e-Imran: 3: 118).

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# The Decline of Religion in a Secular System isn't a Surprise, it's expected

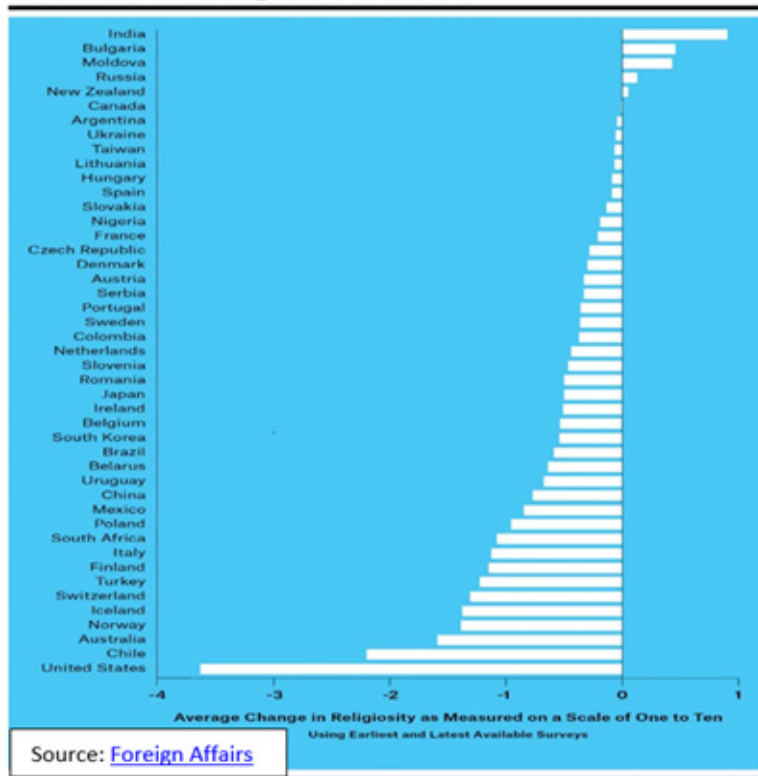
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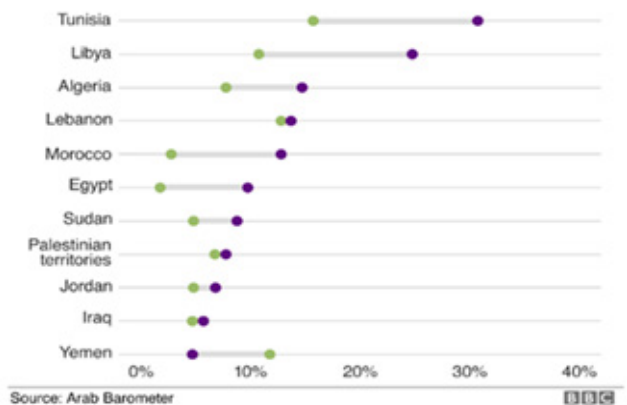
Recent research suggests that there is a global decline in religion. Looking at the Western society, and the rise of secular liberalism, this doesn't come as a surprise. According to an article in **Foreign Affairs**, there is a growing number of people who "no longer find religion a necessary source of support and meaning in their lives." They "have become less religious in part because they no longer need to uphold the kinds of gender and sexual norms that the major world religions have instilled for centuries." The Foreign Affairs article focuses on the decline of religion in Europe and Asia. But according to the **BBC**, this decline is found in the Middle East and North Africa too with a growing number of people claiming to be less religious.

The Decline of Religion, 2007-2019



## Rise of the non-religious

Proportion of people who said they were not religious in 2013 and 2018-19



Source: [BBC](#)

## Should the decline surprise us?

No, the decline in religion shouldn't come as a surprise. The very basis of secular liberalism is that religion is confined to personal worship and as such, it has no role in organising and governing society's affairs. Religion is seen as a personal belief that is practiced in private. As such, we are living in a world which is increasingly secular and gives "increasingly high priority to self-expression and free choice, with a growing emphasis on human rights, tolerance of outsiders, environmental protection, gender equality, and freedom of speech." (Source: Foreign Affairs)

The problem is this; if we side-line religion to private life, how do we draw a line? Do we allow religion to be taught in our education system? Should we allow religion to guide our actions when we are dealing with our friends and family, or is that allowing religion to move beyond confining religion to our individual lives. If we do allow religion to guide our actions here, how far does it go? Should it be used as the basis for our decisions when we are dealing with disagreements? What if these disagreements become legal matters?

The reality is this - the decline of religion in an increasingly liberal society shouldn't surprise us. They have a society where religious ideas aren't the basis of thoughts and actions, liberalism is. As a result, religion isn't a part of people's lives. Economic benefits the focal point for decision-making. Morality is an issue that's debated based on benefit and individualism. And religion is used as a tool for politicians; to maintain support for the liberal system in countries that were once deeply religious, to ensure social cohesion as the individualism in liberalism breaks social bonds and propagates ideas such as 'survival of the fittest'.

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This secularization hasn't led to a stable society. Quite the opposite, it's created and exacerbated a variety of problems without any solutions. Racism, Sexism, Transphobia, Sexual Abuse, Gun Violence, Murder, Torture, Genocide; these are just a few examples of the problems that the liberal society is unable to solve.

The statistics about the decline of religion shouldn't agitate us, it should make us think. With the rise of discontent in Western society and the impact of COVID, we are at a turning point in history. The Western system is full of cracks and those cracks are getting larger and more apparent. They are looking for ways to fill those cracks, or redirect our attention by spreading anti-religious sentiments, anti-immigrant sentiments. It's a tactic they've always used when they are having problems- create an enemy so that both the Muslim Ummah and their own people don't look for an alternative and find the solutions to their problems in Islam. But this should remind us why we need to work towards the establishment of the Islamic State and see the reality of today as an opportunity.

We need to remember that Islam isn't like other religions - it contains comprehensive ideas and solutions to human problems and affects every aspect of our lives. The history of Islam and the success of the Islamic State is a testament to this. The current state of affairs and the decline of religion is expected because Islam isn't implemented in its entirety.

### We need to re-establish the Islamic State

We can't actually separate religion from the state - we need a basis to guide our actions and as the current reality shows, our human minds with the opposing whims and desires, aren't the basis of judging right and wrong. As such, religion isn't something that can be side-lined to our individual life, there are too many problems and contradictions that arrive. Religion can't be confined to one aspect of our lives. That isn't a problem is Islam - if it's implemented as it should, with the re-establishment of the Islamic State.

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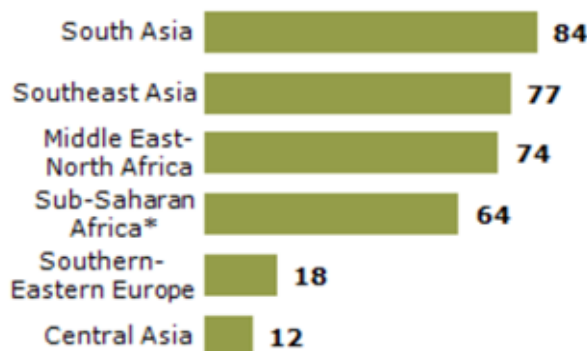
"This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed My favour upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion." [Quran, 5:3]

It's also important to remember that while the Western system and its followers have tried to push us to adopt liberalism, the Muslim Ummah has maintained their attachment to Islam.

Source: Pew Research

### Many Back Sharia as Official Law

Median % of Muslims who favor enshrining sharia



\*Data for all countries except Niger from "Tolerance and Tension: Islam and Christianity in Sub-Saharan Africa."

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But we mustn't forget that Islam is not being implemented as it should. Re-establishing the Islamic State means accepting that Allah's Laws are the basis of all of our decisions. We can't have a system which is secular, and then expect Islam to fit into it. Under Islam, morality isn't a matter to be debated. Allah, Our Creator, who knows us best has given us laws on how to treat one another.

Religion and state affairs have to be intertwined and this will feed into every aspect of our life, affecting the society and the individual. Laws that guide us, in every aspect of our life, and guide our rulers to ensure that the people are protected and given their rights.

# ANSWER 2 QUESTION

## Turkey-Greece Conflict in the Eastern Mediterranean



### Question:

On 8/10/2020, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu revealed that he had reached a new agreement between his country and Greece. The minister said in his statements, according to Turkey Now website: ["That he agreed with his Greek counterpart Nikos Dendias to conduct exploratory talks between the two countries. This came in statements following his meeting with Dendias on the sidelines of his participation in the Bratislava Global Security Forum in Slovakia. He explained that Turkey will host the talks, while Greece submits proposals for its deadlines." (Turkey Now website, 8/10/2020)]. Previously, Turkey had greatly worsened its relations with Greece and challenged it by sending Turkish exploration ships with escort warships ... What is the reality of this crisis between Turkey and Greece? What is the reality of international positions on this crisis? Is America behind it or is Turkey acting alone? And what is the explanation for the great tension that was at the beginning and ended with agreement to the negotiation? Thank you.

### Answer:

The Turkish-Greek crisis must be viewed in terms of its causes and domestic repercussions in Turkey, as well as its economic and international dimensions ...to find out, the following matters must be reviewed, starting with the Treaty of Lausanne in the first quarter of the last century:

#### First: The Treaty of Lausanne:

1- Turkey has the longest coast on the Aegean Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean, but the Treaty of Lausanne signed on 24/7/1923 by representatives of the era's criminal, Mustafa Kemal, on behalf of the government of the Turkish Grand National Assembly in Ankara that split from the Khilafah (Caliphate) in Istanbul, is what confined Turkey to the Aegean Sea, hardly departing from its shores, as the islands within the Aegean Sea have all or mostly become the property of Greece! That was when Mustafa Kemal sent his representatives to Lausanne in Switzerland, proposing to the Allies that his government in Ankara, which had broken away from the Khilafah (Caliphate) in Istanbul, could sign with them, the allies, the treaty they wanted! Thus, the Treaty of Lausanne was

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signed in Switzerland between representatives of Britain, France and other countries with representatives of Mustafa Kemal, headed by Ismet İnönü on behalf of the government of the Grand National Assembly in Ankara...

2- Shocking matters were detailed in the treaty were agreed upon by Mustafa Kemal and his representatives, including what came in Article 12, where all or most of the Aegean islands became the property of Greece, although some of them are 600km away from the Greek mainland, while they meet the Turkish mainland at a distance of two kilometers sometimes, as in the case of the island of Meis, which belongs to Greece which they call Kastellorizo, off the city of Kaş in the state of Antalya. It is this treaty that gives Greece (legitimacy) to demand Turkey not to excavate off the Turkish coasts because it is the exclusive right of Greece under the Treaty of Lausanne! And Article 15 states that Turkey should relinquish, in favour of Italy, all rights and ownership over the following islands: Stampalia (Astypalaia), Rhodes (Rhodes), Halki (Kharke) ... etc., as well as Article 20: that Turkey recognizes the annexation of Cyprus to the British government declared by Britain in November 1914. Also, what is stated in Article 23 which states that the (High) Contracting Parties have agreed to recognize and declare the principle of freedom of passage and navigation, by sea and air, in time of peace as well as in time of war, in the Dardanelles, the Sea of Marmara and the Bosphorus! Thus, Turkey has become, with the longest coastline in the eastern Mediterranean, losing freedom of movement around the islands in these seas, which Erdogan remembered today as "his stolen Blue Homeland"!

He complains about it while the picture of the era's criminal Mustafa Kemal hangs above his head, who approved these concessions in Lausanne. Despite all this and that he does not dare to mention Mustafa with an insulting word!! Rather, he tickles the emotions of the Turkish people by naming the exploration ships after the great Ottoman leaders, Muhammad Al-Fatih and al-Qanuni, despite his distance in all his policies from these great leaders! He declares, "Everyone realizes that Turkey is politically, economically and militarily capable of "tearing apart unjust documents and maps based on immorality and quarrels against it." He added, "that his country is ready to clarify this by going through painful experiences, whether at the negotiating table or in the field." Al Jazeera, 5/9/2020), but he stops at this and thinks that he did well! Perhaps the Turkish people saw that Greece, which hardly has an influential army, sent its soldiers to the island of Meis, noting that the Treaty of Lausanne stipulates that it is demilitarized, and yet it did not confront Greece with the force it deserves!

3- Although this Treaty was a treacherous deal that Mustafa Kemal concluded with the allies, but he concluded it in the name of the government of the Grand National Assembly in Ankara. Britain was not

satisfied with that, but rather wanted him to complete the conditions set for him, most notably the abolition of the Khilafah (Caliphate) completely and the establishment of the secular state. Mustafa Kemal obeyed, this was done on the morning of the third of March 1924, when the Khilafah was declared abolished and religion separated from the state. On the same night, Mustafa Kemal sent an order to the governor of Istanbul stipulating that the Caliph Abdul-Majid should leave Turkey before dawn the next day, so he went with a garrison of policemen and the army to the Caliph's palace in the middle of the night, and there he forced the Caliph to take a car carrying him across the border in the direction of Switzerland. After two days, Mustafa Kemal gathered all the crown princes and princesses and deported them outside the country. All religious positions were abolished, the Muslim endowments became the property of the state, religious schools were transformed into civil schools, and they became under the supervision of the Ministry of Education.

With this, Mustafa Kemal fulfilled the four conditions that Curzon demanded of him, namely: the complete abolition of the Khilafah, the expulsion of the caliph outside the borders, the confiscation of his funds, and the declaration of secularism of the state. Thus, the Treaty of Lausanne that was concluded before the abolition of the Khilafah was confirmed and implemented after the abolition of the Khilafah! Thus, the Treaty of Lausanne culminated in the abolition of the Khilafah states recognized Turkey's independence, and the English withdrew from Istanbul and the straits. As a result, one of the British members of Parliament protested against Curzon in the House of Commons for his recognition of Turkey's independence. Curzon answered him saying: "The situation now is that Turkey is dead and will never rise again, because we have destroyed its moral strength, the Caliphate and Islam." Thus, the English had eliminated the Khilafah and Islam by Mustafa Kemal, despite the objection of Muslims throughout the earth in general, and despite the rejection of Muslims in Turkey in particular. Thus, the ruling by what Allah (swt) has revealed was removed from all parts of the earth, and the rule by other than what Allah (swt) has revealed, the rule of disbelief/Kufr remained, and the rule of the Taghoot (disbelief) alone remained, which controls all people, and is applied all over the world!

**Second:** This treaty signed by Mustafa Kemal's representatives in the Swiss city of Lausanne, whereby Turkey was restricted in the Aegean Sea, its islands and beaches were given to Greece, and Turkey was prevented from excavating it! This situation that Turkey was subjected to continued for about a hundred years, so what has moved Turkey now? The one who follows the course of affairs finds out that there are two factors behind this crisis: Internally because of Turkey's economic conditions, and externally, that the United States of America stands behind it:

## 1- Internal factors:

a- Turkey is an energy-consuming and non-producing country, and recently its oil production has reached 53 thousand barrels per day (Anadolu Agency, 25/7/2020), which is a very small number compared to its consumption of one million barrels of oil daily (Al-Araby Al-Jadeed, 22/4/2020). It produces about 475 million cubic meters of gas and imports more than 45 billion cubic meters of it (Al-Jazeera Net, 31/8/2020). Thus, Turkey is facing an exorbitant bill for the oil and gas it imports, which amounted to \$41 billion in 2019, down from 43 billion for the year 2018 due to the relatively low price of energy globally (Turkish Sabah Daily Newspaper, 27/2/2020). This is a factor that greatly strains the Turkish economy.

b- And because Turkey is located between the oil-producing countries in the Arab region, Iran and Azerbaijan, and between the countries that consume oil, that is, European countries, it has built many of its energy strategies on the basis of being a "corridor country", and the Turkish port of Ceyhan has become a port for the export of Azerbaijani oil and a network of pipelines has been established in it and through it. Not the last of which is the Turkish Torrent pipeline to transport Russian gas to western Turkey and from there to Europe, which was inaugurated on 8/1/2020. Despite the fees that Turkey collects as an energy corridor, the oil and gas bill is still very expensive for its economy.

c- Since the year 2009, the Jewish entity and international companies have been issuing new announcements about the discovery of substantial quantities of gas in the eastern Mediterranean. In the Tamar field 80 km west of Haifa, 9 trillion cubic feet of extractable gas was discovered, then, several months later, the Dalit field was discovered in the west of central occupied Palestine amounted to 500 billion cubic feet. In 2010 quantities exceeded imagination were discovered in the Jonathan field in western Palestine by 16 trillion cubic feet, the American Foreign Policy Magazine said at the time, "It is the largest natural gas discovery in the world in a decade."

d- Therefore, Turkey has taken the initiative to seize and purchase a modern and large exploration vessel from South Korea, Al-Fatih vessel, which sailed for the first time in 2011 and the exploration for oil and gas began. Then followed a series of crises between it and Cyprus and Greece on the claim that Turkey was drilling in the exclusive maritime areas of Cyprus, and Turkey's pretext was the Turkish Cypriots and their rights. However, in recent months, Turkey has increased the pace of exploration work after buying another exploration vessel (offshore drilling) from Britain, to have a reasonable fleet of marine drilling and geological survey vessels capable of searching and exploring simultaneously in the Black Sea, western Turkish shores and southern Cyprus in the

eastern Mediterranean.

e- Thus, Turkey needed to reform its economic situation by exploring oil and gas ... Perhaps it should also be mentioned that the Turkish economy is subjected to major blows, the pain of which appeared in the continuous decline of the Turkish currency, the lira, which prompted President Erdogan to increase the pace of gas exploration in the hope that he finds a glimmer of hope for this economy, that he can maintain its declining popularity due to the fall of the lira and the rebellion of leaders of his party against him and the formation of opposition parties that are eating away Erdogan's popularity. So the Turkish exploration work was comprehensive to the Black Sea and not limited to the disputed areas with Greece in the Mediterranean.

## 2- External factors:

a- The United States supports the launch of these Turkish efforts, from two angles: The first is local: that its man in Turkey, Erdogan, will be in a better position if he manages to remove the economic restraints, increase his popularity and bring it back to high levels as they were before 2014, and this facilitates his implementation of the American policies, as in his intervention in Libya, where he can spend on his regional interventions in favour of America. And the second: America, at a time when it does not want Europe to be under the political influence of Russian gas, it does not want it either to be independent in the issue of gas. Greece and Cyprus are members in the European Union and pipelines extend from them to Europe, all of this does not appeal to America, this is why it supports the threat of European independence in the issue of gas via Turkey. In the sense that Turkish President Erdogan is threatening Greece and exploring what it considers its exclusive maritime areas without an agreement with it with hidden American support. Therefore, US military ships participated in the Turkish military exercises. The Turkish Ministry of Defense announced the participation of the USS Washington warship in those exercises (Turkey Now Newspaper, 26/8/2020),

All this despite the American embarrassment to support a country within its NATO alliance against a European country, which is also within NATO, and that was in return for the participation of France, which is also from the NATO countries, in the Greek military maneuvers, those maneuvers and some of the military build-up and the tone of defiance ... all of this created a dangerous situation in the eastern Mediterranean that threatened to erupt into military confrontations between NATO countries, that is, between Turkey, which is supported by America from behind a curtain, and Greece, which is overtly supported by France, had this matter not been controlled later.

b- From another angle, America's permission for a major

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conflict to occur that nearly evolved into military actions between two member states of the NATO alliance that it leads without throwing its heavy weight to solve the crisis indicates its preoccupation with its internal problems such as the Coronavirus and the elections ... and that it is currently entrusting this action towards Europe, especially Greece, to Erdogan with its support for him in ways that take into account the American embarrassment that Turkey and Greece are members of the NATO led by America, and therefore America participated with Turkey in the military maneuvers as support for it in these circumstances. This is on the one hand, and on the other hand Pompeo paid a quick visit to Greece, RT reported "Pompeo called on Turkey to withdraw its forces from the Eastern Mediterranean, where a Turkish expeditionary ship supported by military frigates is operating." (RT, 13/9/2020). Meaning that America, which supports Turkey, found itself in front of great embarrassment from its European allies, and was forced to ask Turkish President Erdogan to withdraw the exploration ship, which is what happened, and then to enter dialogue and negotiations with Greece, because Greece stipulated the condition for the dialogue is the withdrawal of the Turkish drilling ship.

### **Third: Positions of Other Countries:**

1- France's position was the strongest European position, as it announced from the first moment that it stood by Greece, and moved unilaterally; its President Macron said: ["I decided to temporarily strengthen the French military presence in the eastern Mediterranean in the coming days in cooperation with European partners, including Greece." (Turkish Anadolu Agency, 13/8/2020)], and it carried out joint naval maneuvers with Greece with the participation of the Rafale planes that it deployed in Cyprus, and then carried out other maneuvers on 26/8/2020.

It involved Italy, in addition to Greece and Cyprus, it carried out all of that even though it has no influence in the region! All of this indicates that it is trying to build significant influence for itself again. As its military maneuvers with Greece at a time when America is participating in maneuvers with Turkey, that carries an implicit challenge to America, and its involvement of Italy with it indicates that it is recruiting European countries with it against Turkey, as well as the meeting that it held for some European Mediterranean countries (Italy, Malta and Spain in addition to Greece and Cyprus), and its pressure within the European Union and NATO to take strict positions against Turkey. [and the French President said: "We as Europeans have to be clear and firm with the government of President Erdogan, which today is carrying out unacceptable behaviour ... and he saw that "Turkey is no longer a partner in this region." (France 24, 10/9/2020)]. Also (French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said that the next European Council meeting is dedicated to punishing Turkey. He indicated that the

Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, is continuing to escalate with Greece to cover up his country's difficult economic situation." (The Independent Arabia, 7/9/2020).

In spite of the boldness of the French anti-Turkey stance and its attempt to break the bone of the Turkish president, and despite the fact that Turkish President Erdogan is not the "Al-Fatih" or "Qanuni" whose names are used to name his ships, and that he did not teach France a lesson in the Mediterranean and did not sink any of their ship at least, in punishment of the thousands of miles that the ships and planes travelled to break his bone in the courtyard of his house ... Despite all that, French policies remain improvisational and lacked depth, as Malta rushed to disavow its alliance with France. Malta's Foreign Minister Evarist Bartolo said during a press conference he held with his Turkish counterpart Mevlut Cavusoglu [The European Union should view its relations with Turkey from a strategic perspective. Bartolo added: I think the time has come for the European Union to deal seriously with Turkey, especially in trade, human rights, and the fight against terrorism." (Turkish Anadolu Agency, 12/9/2020)].

2- As for Britain, it did not comment on the tension in the eastern Mediterranean, which increased France's fears. Rather, since Brexit, France has looked suspiciously at the British role, and sometimes it clashes with it, as in Algeria. And if the huge financial markets in London give Britain a place in the oil and gas markets, especially in pricing due to its association with Brent crude and the subsequent pricing for other types of oil, and even natural gas as well, France, which sees Britain leaving the European Union, is looking for a place in this international vital sector for itself. That is why it decided to establish itself in Greece, perhaps it would help it to be an actor, not a consumer only in energy matters.

On the other hand, Britain, while looking at what looks like a punitive policy of the European Union against it due to its exit from the European Union, is making its way and drawing its policy for itself, and perhaps it was afraid of the sudden rise of tension in the eastern Mediterranean, so it did not take anti-Turkish positions, as Greece is worth nothing to Britain compared to its Turkish interests. And only a blind fanatic like France rides the Greek wave! By analogy with Britain and Germany, France lacks any foresight, which causes it to come back empty-handed after the arduous political actions that it undertakes. For all of this, the Turkish president attacked him strongly, saying: "Mr. Macron, you will have more problems with me personally." He added: "You do not have historical information. And you are ignorant of the history of France, so do not become preoccupied with Turkey and its people"... (Al-Quds Al-Arabi, 12/9/2020).

3- As for Germany, it also did not slip behind the French position against Turkey, and offered mediation, while some interpreted it as playing a role that Washington

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should have played. It kept distancing itself from the French position, mediating and calling for dialogue, and its most prominent stances against Turkey was what the German Foreign Minister, Heiko Maas, said during a visit to Athens ["Regarding Turkish exploration in the Eastern Mediterranean, we have a very clear position ... International law must be respected. Therefore, progress in the European Union's relations with Turkey will be possible only if Ankara stops provocations in the Eastern Mediterranean...The Turkish exploration off the coast of Cyprus must stop" (France 24, 22/7/2020)].

4- As for Russia, it has offered to use its good relations with Turkey to mediate between the two parties, but as usual it is unable to take any self-action, even if it announced military maneuvers in the eastern Mediterranean in response to the French maneuvers, and perhaps it wants to remind itself, [Russia is scheduled to start Military naval exercises with live ammunition in the Mediterranean Sea next Tuesday, extending until September 22, and another from 17 to 25 September, according to Bloomberg Agency, quoting the Turkish Navy, and Russian Navy spokesman Igor Dygalo said, "We have strong economic and defense relations with Turkey. But our policy is to avoid supporting either side." The Russian maneuvers followed other military exercises carried out by France in the region, in which they deployed military aircraft and a warship to support Greece and Cyprus in the conflict." (Independent Al-Arabiya, 7/9/2020)]. That is, the Russian position remains marginal, awaiting a signal from behind the ocean, but it reminds of its strength.

**Fourth:** For all of the above, the Turkish-Greek crisis, if prolonged, would cause a deep rift in international relations. As for relations on the Atlantic side, European countries want to see their place in a world that America withdraws from its leadership towards its focus on China and its growing internal problems. These countries are looking for a role isolated from America. America under the Trump administration does not back down from threatening European interests using others, as the roles of Russia and Turkey in Libya today. The European countries are strongly afraid that the eastern Mediterranean crisis will result in ruining their dreams of a safe source of natural gas if Turkey takes control of a large part of it. And because Turkey is supported behind the scenes by Washington, the French policy in the eastern Mediterranean is trying to reject the roles that are being drawn in Washington for Turkey as well as for Russia.

This transatlantic dispute is no less than another dispute within Europe itself. The German position is what prevented France from pushing Europe to punish Turkey, that is, it did not succeed in finding a consensus within the European Union against Turkey, so it went and gathered the Mediterranean countries of Europe! Germany thinks a lot about its interests, and indeed its history with Turkey, as Germany and the Ottoman State fought side by side against the allies in World War I, and German relations remained strong with Turkey, only tainted by President Erdogan's (provocations) driven by American policies in many cases. This is in addition to the large Turkish community in Germany.

**Fifth:** As for whether the crisis has ended or not, Turkey has announced an important discovery of gas in the Black Sea, amounting to 320 billion cubic meters, and this pushes it to further exploration in the Black Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean. Turkey's efforts to reduce its economic burdens are continuing, and the American support for it is continuous, to harass and pressurize Europe, especially France, so that it does not go far in contradicting and disturbing the American policy in the region!

But it is really painful that during the last hundred years after the demise of the Khilafah (Caliphate), the true state of Islam and the source of the glory of the Muslims, these countries became at the tail of the nations, their destinies manipulated by the kaffir colonialists with their tools, rulers in Muslim countries!! Nevertheless, the dawn is born after the darkness of the night, especially since Hizb ut Tahrir is working to restore it as it was crowned with glory, victory and light, Allah willing.

إِنَّ هُوَ إِلَّا ذِكْرٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ \* وَلَتَعْلَمَنَّ نَبَأَهُ بَعْدَ حِينٍ

"It is but a reminder to the worlds \* And you will surely know [the truth of] its information after a time." [Sad: 87-88]

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