

The Khilafah Is The Only State That Guarantees The Security And Privacy Of Its Citizens

Much of the West's twentieth century focused on the threat of Communism and the "Big Brother" it would create. The fear was indoctrinated that individual privacy and human rights would be eroded, as the state became all knowing all powerful. Although Communism died a death, it transpires that "Big Brother" was with us for much of the twentieth century, on a scale that dictators can only dream of. Big Brother does exist and its creator is none other than the capitalist West and nobody, not even its own citizens are protected from its spying eyes.

Immediately following the Second World War, in 1947, the governments of the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and New Zealand signed a National Security pact known as the "Quadripartite", or "United Kingdom - United States" (UKUSA) agreement.

Under the terms of the agreement, the five nations carved up the earth into five spheres of influence, and each country was assigned particular signals intelligence (SIGINT) targets (Britain, for example, was responsible for intercepting the Chinese, through its Hong Kong listening post, while the U.S. was given other responsibilities to cover from its listening posts in Taiwan, Japan and Korea).

The strongest alliance within the UKUSA relationship is the one between the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA), and Britain's Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ). The most important facility in the alliance is Menwith Hill, in the north of England. With two dozen radomes and a vast computer operations facility, the base has the capacity to eavesdrop on vast chunks of the communications spectrum. With the creation of Intelsat and digital telecommunications, Menwith and other stations developed the capability to eavesdrop on an extensive scale on fax, telex and voice messages. It is widely believed that Menwith Hill has around 40,000 lines connected to it, through which access could be gained to much of European and Soviet communications.

In 1998, evidence emerged that the NSA in collusion with the British Government has created the means to intercept almost every fax, email and telephone call within the European Union. Furthermore the NSA has a mandate of eavesdropping on the world's communications networks for the benefit of the United States. In doing so, it has built a vast spying operation that reaches into the telephone systems of nearly every country on earth. Its operations are so secret that this activity, occurs without any accountability, and without any legal basis.

This grid of supercomputers is known as ECHELON, and is also capable of scanning vast areas of the communications spectrum to detect keywords. Although messages are not analysed for overall content, daily reports provide data that assists intelligence agencies to determine what to target.

In May 1999, the European Parliament approved laws, which forced all telecommunications companies in Europe to make their equipment "wiretap friendly", effectively making them agents of the State. In doing so, the Parliament has laid the foundations for a massive eavesdropping system capable of intercepting all mobile phones, Internet communications; fax messages and pagers throughout Europe. The system (the documents for which were named ENFOPOL) will be aided by a "subject tagging" system capable of tracking targets wherever they travel. Known as the 'International User Requirements for Interception' (IUR), the tagging system, which is currently being designed, will create a data processing and transmission network which involves not only the names, addresses and phone numbers of targets and associates, but email addresses, credit card details, PINs and passwords. The system will also merge mobile phone data to create a comprehensive geographic location tracking system.

Furthermore a secret plan by U.S. and E.U. authorities came to light in 1999 to create a "seamless" web of telecommunications surveillance across all national boundaries.

These Capitalist nations having indoctrinated their people with the false philosophies of freedom and human rights are now increasingly criticised by their own citizens, as the people demand their man-given right to privacy. This demand has further intensified as Britain and America push ISP's to install "black boxes" that will monitor all email and internet traffic. Yet in many of the so-called democratic countries privacy is not explicitly recognized in the constitution, such as the United States, Ireland and India. All this shows that even where countries recognize a right of privacy in their constitution including rights of inviolability of the home - this nothing more than a sham.

All of the above is testimony to the fact that human beings whether under a communist regime or capitalist have no real safeguards against being spied upon. In fact the only ideology that guarantees its citizens the right to privacy is Islam as implemented in the Islamic State - Al Khilafah. Under Islam the role of surveillance is limited to the sphere of monitoring the enemies of Islam.

Islam has forbidden the violation of people's sanctities, honours, monies and dignities, the violation of their houses' sanctities. The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: All things of a Muslim are inviolable for his brother in belief: His blood, his wealth and his honour.

He (SAW) said on the sanctity of the houses: If a person were to cast a glance in your house without permission and you hit him with a stone and gouged out his eyes, there would be no harm for you.

It has been reported on the authority of Sahl Ibnu Sa'ad Al-Sa'idi that a man once peeped through the hole of the door of the Messenger of Allah (SAW), the Messenger of Allah (SAW) was at the time scratching his head with a fork. When Allah's Messenger saw him, he said: If I were to know that you had been peeping through the door, I would have thrust that into your eyes. And Allah's Messenger said: Allah has prescribed seeking permission because of protection against glance. He (SAW) also said: He who peers into his brothers' house without his permission it is as if he destroyed him. Islam has also forbidden spying on the Muslims, watching them, chasing them and gathering news about them. It has also forbidden the Muslim from being a spy on the Muslims. The Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: Avoid suspicion, for suspicion is the gravest lie in talk, and do not be inquisitive about one another and do not spy about one another.

And he (SAW) also said: O you people who believed with your tongues, and Iman is yet to enter your hearts, do not talk behind the Muslims' backs, and do not follow their Auras, for he who follows the Auras of the Muslims Allah would follow his, and he whom Allah follows his Awra, He would also scandalise him even in his own home.

Therefore the ahadith forbid the Muslims from spying against the Muslims, it also forbid from following their Auras and warn that he who follows the Auras of the Muslims, Allah will follow his Auras and will scandalise him. Other ahadith have been reported forbidding the Muslims from working for the intelligence agencies to spy on the Muslims.

And likewise, it is forbidden to spy on the citizens from the people of the Dhimma (non-muslim citizen of the State), for they are equal to the Muslims in terms of fairness. And the Messenger of Allah (SAW) ordered that the Dhimmies should be treated nicely and forbade harming them, he (SAW) said: He who harms a Dhimmi, it would be as if he harmed me. The ahadith, although they were general about the unlawfulness of spying, they however exclude the spying against the belligerent disbelievers. Spying against the belligerent disbelievers is not forbidden, but an obligation; the Islamic state must practice it, this is so because the Messenger of Allah (SAW) sent Abdullah Ibnu Jahsh and a group of eight from the Muhajireen, to Nakhla between Al-Taif and Makkah to monitor the movements of Quraysh and gather news about them. Spying against the disbelieving enemy is a matter that the Islamic armed forces and the Islamic state cannot do without.

To spy on the disbelieving enemies is a duty that the Islamic state must perform. It is also its duty to have a counter intelligence service to combat any spying on it by the disbelievers. This is so because Bukhari reported on the authority of Salma Ibnu-I- Akwa' who said: The

Messenger of Allah (SAW) encountered a spy while on a journey; he sat among some of his companions talking and then he sneaked away. Upon this the Messenger of Allah (SAW) said: Go after him and kill him. So I beat everyone to him and I killed him, so the Messenger of Allah (SAW) gave me the booty of that spy. Ahmed related the incident concerning Furat Ibnu Hayyan, and said that the Messenger of Allah (SAW) ordered his killing, he was a Dhimmi and a spy for Abu Sufyan and an ally to a man from the Ansar; he passed by a circle of the Ansar and said: I am a Muslim. A man from the Ansar said: O Messenger of Allah he says that he is a Muslim. The Messenger of Allah (SAW) replied: There are men among you whom we measure according to their belief, and Furat Ibnu Hayyan is one of them.

Bukhari reported on the authority of Ali who said: The Messenger of Allah (SAW) sent me together with Al-Zubayr and Al-Muqdad Ibnul Aswad and said: Go forth until you reach the garden of Khakh, you will find a Tha'ina (a woman riding a camel) who is carrying a document, so take it off her. So we set off riding at high speed until we reached the garden, we caught up with the Tha'ina and said to her: Get the document out. She said: I have no document. We said: Get it out or else. So she got it out of her braid and we brought it back to the Messenger of Allah (SAW).

All this indicates that it is forbidden for the Islamic state to set up an intelligence system to spy against the citizens, Muslims and non-Muslims alike, it also indicates that it is forbidden to harm them. However it is the duty of the state to establish to set up an intelligence service in order to spy against the Kuffar and gather information about them, and to combat the espionage they carry out against the state.

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