

MQM (Mohajir Qomi Movement)

After the intellectual decline of the Muslim Ummah, the idea which attacked Muslims the most was nationalism. Many leaders among the Muslim Ummah presented this idea as a solution to their problems. In spite of the continuous failure of this idea, Muslims are still falling into the trap of this Kufir idea. We find a recent example of this failure in the Mohajir Qomi Movement in Southern Pakistan.

The creation of the MQM was the direct result of the policies of Pakistan. After the creation of Pakistan, the nation appeared as a federation of five provinces. Therefore Pakistan recognised five nationalities - Sindhis, Punjabis, Baluchis, Pataans, and Bangalis - within its boundaries. They also propagated this idea of nationalism in their educational institutes, cultural programs, and through media. Also, the employment opportunities were based on these divisions of nationalities. Therefore the first shock which Pakistan faced was the creation of Bangladesh as a land for Bangali Muslims. This break away was due to the intense feeling of nationalism among Bangali Muslims. In spite of this set back, Pakistan continued its policy of recognising the four remaining nationalities within its boundaries. Therefore the Muslims who came from India did not fit in this nationalistic framework of Pakistan. And as a result they supported the idea of Mohajir Nationalism as a solution to their problems. From this a nationalistic movement by the name of Mohajir Qomi (National) Movement was created by the Muhajirs (Immigrants from India residing in Pakistan).

Some of the demands of this movement were:

1. Muhajirs should be recognised as the fifth nation of Pakistan.
2. Jobs to the Muhajirs should be provided according to their percentage in the population.
3. There should be a quota for the admission of Mohajir students in the professional colleges.

The majority of the Muhajirs considered these demands as a solution to their problems and supported all the actions of this movement. The activities of this movement ranged from robbing, looting, and torturing to killing their opponents. All of these actions were justified under the cause of Mohajir Nationalism.

The MQM is not the first movement which has been established on the basis of nationalism. This idea of nationalism was implanted among the Muslims, by the Kuffar, about two centuries ago to destroy the unity of the Muslim Ummah. Nevertheless, Muslims due to their lack of understanding of Islam accepted this idea as a solution to their problems. At first they implanted the idea of Arabs and Turks being separate during the Uthmani Khilafah. And after that a wave of nationalism started among the Muslim Ummah.

Before the arrival of Prophet (saaws), the Arabs were divided into many small tribes. These tribes used to fight constantly among themselves for the domination of one over the other. Same was the case in the rest of the world which was divided into many nation states. But it was the mercy of Allah (swt) that he sent the Prophet (saaws) with the guidance of Islam to liberate all humanity from this animalistic behaviour of nationalism. Since the idea of nationalism is dangerous for humans, Islam attacked it very severely. The Prophet (saaws) said, "Whoever calls to tribalism is not from us." And considered the death of anyone fighting for it as a death of jahiliya. Abu Huraira narrated that the Messenger (saaws) said, "Whoever fights under a flag of 'blindness' getting angry for a tribe or calling to a tribe or supporting a tribe and gets killed fighting dies the death of a Jahillya." And said, "People who take pride in their ancestors must stop, or they will be considered by Allah (swt) as less dignified than a filthy beetle rolling filth with its nose."

On the other hand MQM is neglecting all the shari'ah rules and is persistent in its disobedience. This party is adamant in its opposition to the Islamic Parties, especially Jam'at-e-Islami of Pakistan. The Mohajir youths have been brainwashed against Islamic movements by saying that your ancestors always supported and sacrificed for Islam but received no reward. Therefore, we must abandon the Jamats and stand up for our own rights, as the other nationalities of Pakistan have been doing. This brain washing and misleading is indeed a kufir idea. Their call to the Muhajirs will

never result in the fulfilment of their grievances. Rather, it will prolong the problems among the Muslims, in general, and the Mohajirs, in particular.

Islam demands that Muslims should not call for their rights on tribal considerations, common language, similar back grounds, colour or race. The solution to the problems that Islam gives is based on the belief of one creed (Aqeedah). Islam states that whoever adheres to this belief are brothers. "Verily only the Muslims are brothers.." (Al-Hujurat : 10)

And reminds Muslims that they were enemies killing each other until Islam saved them. "You become, by His grace, Brothers." (Al-Imran : 103).

May Allah (swt) guide us all towards His path and have mercy on us for our sins. Ameen.

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