

Nationalism In Islam - A Division of the Ummah

Nationalism can be defined as a bond between people of the same race who are proud of their race and work to dominate others, because it is an extension of the overpowering tendencies in individuals towards other people. This feeling comes into being when the thinking of a person is very shallow.

By examining the history, one would clearly realize that the most evident cause for the destruction of the Khilafah was nationalism. The colonial forces have established it in the Muslims' lands to move the Muslims away from Islam in order to tear up their unity, destroy their state, to implement the ideas of kufr, hence to prevent the return of implementing the rules of Islam and the Khilafah to earth. In the Quran, Allah says, "Hold fast to the rope of Allah and be not divided amongst yourselves." Yet, the Muslims ignore this injunction of Allah (swt).

Nationalism is not compatible with the principles and justice of Islam at all; because it calls for the protection and help of one's own race even at the cost of destroying others. Islam does not recognize borders or racial barriers. The Khalifah al-Muatasim beautifully demonstrated this Islamic concept. He was able to spread the mercy and justice of the ideology of Islam to the whole world. That Ummah was feared by all, for it would rush to help if any part of it was threatened, even if it was a single Muslim woman.

However, when the Muslim Ummah started thinking from a different point of view, other than that of Islam, it was defeated. First, its divine laws were abolished by the destruction of the Khilafah State, then it was divided and fragmented to small parts and were made "independent states" headed by agents of the kuffar.

The loyalty of the Muslims shifted from Islam to these artificial "states" because their allegiance was not to Islam but to nationalism. The result of this attitude is apparent. Since then, Islam continues to be under physical and intellectual attack. The rapes, killings, starvation, humiliation, and more importantly the implementation of kufr are well spread all over the Muslim world. The only way the Ummah can revive is by putting Islam alone as the basis for its thinking.

So my dear brothers and sisters in Islam, we must act now to demolish all these "non-Islamic nationalistic independent states," that are keeping us disunited and away from Islam. Only then will we act as one strong Ummah united by holding fast to the rope of Allah. We must, as ordered by Allah, work relentlessly to establish this Islamic State that will unite all Muslims under one flag, that of La-illahha-illalla, Muhammad-ur-Rasul-Allah.

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