

## **No title: Hajj Amin Al Husseini - Complicity with the British 'Mandate' Occupation**

When Yitzhak Rabin, in the White House Rose Garden, said to King Hussein "The whole nation of Israel is shaking hands with you," some thought this cordial relationship had just begun. And when the Little King (the name George Baven, a British politician, gave to Hussein) said in Congress, "I am continuing what my Grandfather started," some understood the origin of this romance to have begun during the days of Abdullah. However, if we were to delve into history, we would realize that this relationship started long ago and is actually a continuation of many prior events.

After all the events that culminated with the signing of the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan, which came on the heels of the signing between Israel and the PLO, one would ask: Why did this happen? Why didn't the Ummah do anything since 1948? The answer demands that we perform an in depth study of our history. We need the courage to face the facts; some of these facts are bitter, and some wouldn't admit it, but after all reality is sometimes biting!

Some of these reasons are:

### 1. The Lack of Political Awareness.

This has made the Ummah an easy prey to be manipulated, distracted, contained, fooled and misled by the so called leaders.

Unfortunately, many individuals from Palestine contributed in one way or another to this tragedy. A case in point is the first visit by the Zionist Commission to Palestine in 1918. This occurred after the British occupation of Palestine and the Balfour Declaration. They had a meeting with the Mufti of Palestine and other "notables and dignitaries of the Holy City."

The brother of the Mufti, Hajj Amin Al Husseini, was heavily promoted by the British in the area. The British created an Islamic Council and appointed Amin Al Husseini as its head. Later, he became the Grand Mufti of Palestine despite his youth and underqualifications.

The Mufti started to transform the corrective opinion from the resistance of British occupation to that of Jewish migration. Although, it was very obvious that the British occupation meant the eventual Jewish occupation, the focus should have been on the British occupation, but rather it was diverted to the symptom.

The role of the Mufti in the 1948 war was also very clandestine. A person named Araf Al Awar wrote in the Al Hayat newspaper, 7/9/94, in a letter to the editor, about his experience with the Mufti at the time. New information was disclosed which was previously unknown.

He mentioned that a Palestinian commander, Abdul Qadir Al Husseini, came in 1948 to meet and demand from Al Hajj Amin military help. Despite his persistence in requesting the Mufti for aid, the Mufti refused to offer any help in the defense of Jerusalem and told the Palestinian commander it was thus his city and his responsibility to defend it. When the commander insisted, the Mufti began attacking him and accusing him of cowardice. The commander left the meeting and went alone to fight, without any help. Without the help the Jewish occupation of East Jerusalem was solidified.

When this letter was published, some of Husseini's inner circles attempted to defend the Mufti, but failed to prove that Husseini was not present at the meeting with Al Awar.

In the same era, Izzidin Al Qassam came from Syria and began a massive movement in Palestine with the objective of liberating it from British occupation, reuniting it with the whole region and establishing the Islamic State. He began his Da'awah in the Masajid and insisted his followers not to be provoked by the British nor communicate with or contact the Mufti's followers.

However, when British authorities discovered Qassam's activities, they began taking action. Al Husseini tried his best to discover who Qassam's people were. The British authorities eventually fought Qassam, until he was martyred.

It is obvious that the British authorities treated Husseini and Qassam in two very different ways. The Mufti who served their interests was promoted, while Qassam, who sought to liberate Palestine, was killed. Later on Hajj Amin began calling the people to end the big strike in 1936 and he agreed on many occasions for a "Democratic, Secular state in Palestine." (Chapters from the Life of Al-Hajj Amin Al Husseini by Awni Jaddou Al Ubaydi 1972-79)

The objective of the above mentioned is to learn a lesson and not to be fooled by leaders who are perceived as a ray of hope but are in fact the reason for the problem and the source of this disaster.

## 2. Selfishness.

Abu Mazen, who signed the Washington agreement between the PLO and Israel, said in an interview that "his ultimate goal is to find a place in Palestine in which he will be buried" Al-Hayat August 13, 1994.

Therefore, the whole quest of Palestine was reduced to secure a grave site for Abu Mazen! What a cheap motive! In addition, some others supported these agreements for no reason but to get rid of Israeli checkpoints and the harassment of those who would cross from the East Bank in Jordan to the West Bank! Others agreed in order to promote their businesses and for the sake of trade.

The land of Al-Aqsa, soiled with the blood of tens of thousands of martyrs starting from the Sahabah (raa), means nothing anymore. Al-Aqsa, the third sacred Mosque, means nothing for all of them.

So the quest for Palestine was to secure a grave site, to gain easy access through the security guards, and to increase trade.

## 3. Islam is no longer our reference.

Our yardstick for action has been replaced with 'pragmatism', 'benefit', 'end justifies the means', rather than 'Halal and Haram' or Allah's (swt) anger and pleasure.

## 4. Nationalistic Movements misleading the Ummah.

After 1967, all the regimes in Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon, had to be uprooted due to their impotence. The lands were given to the Jews without fighting. This applied to all fronts: Sinai, the West Bank, and the Golan Heights.

The Ummah, debating on its next course of action, was offered the PLO and Fath. They started their activities calling people to just go and fight against Israel, doing nothing regarding their own regimes.

No longer were the Muslims thinking about the treason in 1967. By introducing these organizations it extended the life of these regimes. If the organizations did not exist then the Ummah would at least think towards the right direction!

## 5. Wrong Solutions being Offered to the Ummah: "Just Kill a Jew!"

Starting from 1948 and up until now we are told to just go kill a Jew! What a foolish solution! What about the entity itself? What about the regimes in such places as Jordan and Syria? Can the problem be solved by killing a Jew? Or does it need another solution? NO one thinks about this. Can a land be liberated while Kufir Arab regimes are there?

Apparently the liberation was never on the agenda. Killing an individual or triggering explosives will never lead to liberation. The emotions of the Ummah were manipulated and directed towards the wrong directions!

## 6. The Role of Islamic Movements in Deception.

Some started calling for 'jihad' without paying any consideration to the preparation or the right mechanism which can execute the Jihad. All of this was irrelevant to them. There is no need for the state, no need for preparation, no need to think and prepare, and no need to think about the results

(after all, Allah does not ask us about the result). According to these claims, even if it means accomplishing the agenda of others - with intention or without intention - means nothing.

Other movements chose to incorporate themselves with the regimes, such as the Jordanian one. These movements, after the 1967 war, joined Fath (Arafat's organization), and promoted material actions without talking about the Jordanian role in 1967. After all we should now work for Palestine, according to their claim, and after the liberation we would talk about Jordan!

After that, the very same organization started promoting the Jihad in Afghanistan and after that they started saying that there was no Jihad in Afghanistan! (In an interview with Al-Wasat Magazine on 7-19-1993, Mamon al-Hudaibi said that there was no Islamic Jihad in Afghanistan!)

When the regime in Jordan went through a serious crisis seven years ago, the King called for an election to save his throne. The 'Islamic movement' in Jordan joined the elections and later on joined the cabinet by which the regime saved itself. The same movement had a coalition in Egypt with a secular party (Al-Wafd) claiming that the Al-Wafd Party is not a secular party and claiming that secularism doesn't deny religion!

During the Gulf War, Jordan wanted the masses to be mobilized in attaining some objectives to help the King. Such movements worked among the masses in Jordan in many ways, promoting demonstrations, rallies, and conferences. However, this movement is doing nothing now. The King appreciates this. The contained opposition which works within the red signals set by the regime is a safety valve for the regime. Even Hamas is debating participation in the elections in West Bank and Gaza! What an opposition!!!

## 7. Forgetfulness.

It seems that the Ummah forgets facts very easily. Do we not know that Jordan gave Al-Aqsa to Israel? Do we not know that Hafez Assad gave Golan to Israel? Otherwise, how would we start supporting Hussein during the Gulf War just because of a speech in which he claimed that he is standing against the new crusaders?

Furthermore, after Israel was established, all the Arab regimes facilitated the Jewish migration to Israel which was in desperate need of manpower. The Yemeni Jews migrated through Saudi Arabia and the Iraqi Jews through the Trans-Jordan. Even recently, under the leadership of Numeiri, whose deputy was at that time Hasan al Turabi, Sudan facilitated the migration of Jews from Ethiopia into Palestine. The state that claims itself to be an Islamic State is now a facilitator for this crime upon the Ummah.

The crime was not one sided and it is time for the Ummah to realize that there is no way to solve the Palestinian problem correctly while these puppet regimes who serve Israel are in power. Let us not forget this fact.

It was very clear to the masses in Jordan and Palestine that King Hussein "gave the lands, including Al Aqsa to Israel, without a war. The only war that took place was on the radio waves. This is yet another forgotten fact.

One would ask: Is this the situation of the whole Ummah? NO!

One movement worked hard to educate the Ummah about this for a long time before 1967 war. In 1964, when the PLO was established, Hizb ut Tahrir said that it is Haram to work with such organizations because its objective is 'the peace' with Israel by establishing Palestinian entity in West Bank. After that, the Hizb warned the Ummah of Arafat's organization 'Fath.' Before 1967, the Hizb warned the Ummah of Hussein's attempts to give up the West Bank to Israel. But this voice was not heard among the other noise.

The solution is to change our thinking and work to bring Islam back to the political arena by establishing the Islamic State which will Insha-Allah take care of all these problems in the right way, just the way it should be!

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