

The Politics of Terrorism

وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُمْ لَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ قَالُوا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ مُصْلِحُونَ ﴿١١﴾

And when it is said to them: "Make not mischief on the earth," they say: "We are only peacemakers."

أَلَا إِنَّهُمْ هُمُ الْمُفْسِدُونَ وَلَكِن لَّا يَشْعُرُونَ ﴿١٢﴾

Verily! They are the ones who make mischief, but they perceive not.

[TMQ Al-Baqarah: 11-12]

- My dear Muslim brothers and sisters indeed the events of September the 11th have brought the issue of terrorism in the forefront of the world's affairs in an unprecedented manner.
- The attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon have set the premise for an aggressive and oppressive campaign worldwide to supposedly combat terrorism.
- A campaign that has been initiated by the Pirate of the land and seas the United States of America, a 'war on terrorism' we are told and lead to believe.
- Captain hook, the U.S president George Bush, stated, "**America and our friends and allies join with all those who want peace and security in the world, and we stand together to win the war on terrorism.**"
- What followed on the 7th of October was an aggressive and brutal war on our brothers and sisters in Afghanistan whom the bombs of the tyrants landed indiscriminately upon their malnourished an unprotected bodies sparing no man, woman and child.
- What followed was a terror beyond comprehension for a people who have known little peace, what followed was overwhelming horror for a people, who there first question after a night of freezing cold and uncomfortable sleep is what will we eat.
- Tens of thousands of innocent civilians have perished, their mud huts destroyed, as the so called civilised world rained their uninterrupted death on Afghanistan, as the Strong began to bully the weak, as the richest nations on this earth unleashed their vengeance on its poorest.
- All in the name of '**The War on Terror**' – a word that has no clear definition or meaning in the west or the east.
- "**You're either with us or you are with the terrorist**", they claimed and since then the Muslims of this earth have known no moment of peace adding to the 76 years of oppression that we have experienced since the destruction of the Khilafah on the 3rd of March 1924.

- Since then we have witnessed an unjustified crackdown on Islamic Groups specifically in Muslim countries the leaders of which eager to please their master America, even though some of these groups have never lifted a weapon.
- The oppression of Muslims in the West especially those of America- to the West know every Muslim is a suspected terrorist. Thousands have been rounded up in the US without charge and without evidence.
- My dear Muslims, ya ummahtul rahma wa'al huda is there any doubt in our mind that far for being a war on terror that indeed this is a war on Islam.
- Regardless of the reassurances of the hypocrites, regardless of the so called Muslim scholars and rulers that stand shoulder to shoulder with the western leaders, **is this ummah going to swallow the pill of apathy and ignorance when our backs are scarred by the claws western imperialism, when the earth is soaked with Muslim blood, La walhi.**

Consider this:

- The Muslims were blamed for September the 11th and we are yet to see any proofs
- Islam has been put on trial, but the verdict of guilty was issued before proceedings commenced
- The media has made Islam the subject of its discussion, we have been bombarded by programmes and articles from newspapers to television and all that's in between urging us to **redefine Islam**, to **reconsider Allah's words** and to **make his deen more palatable to western tastes**, and the pragmatists and hypocrites amongst us were quick to accept the challenge.
- We have seen India and Israel under the guise of the War on Terror further their interest and spill the blood of Muslims. It has been stated that since September the 11th every statement given by an Israeli official has contained the word 'terrorists or terrorism' to justify Israel's unaccounted butchering of the Muslims of Palestine.
- The corrupt Muslim rulers the enemies within, Musharraf, Karimov and their likes were quick to extend all the courtesies required to facilitate this war and now they have turned their attention to deconstruct Islam and secularise their countries at America's request, nay rather her orders. Launching their mini wars against Islamic groups, mosques, madrassas and all opposition to their tyrannical and kuffur rule.
- So is this a war on terror?
- No it is a war on Allah and His Messenger, it is a war on Islam and the Muslims, It is America's Quest to destroy any notion of the rise of a new world order to challenge her hegemony, it is her quest to rape and pillage the resources of our land like the Pirate that she is, it is a war to subvert Islam and reduce it to nothing more than a religion like hinduism and buddaism, it is a war to suppress the Islamic dawah in the

hearts and the minds of the Muslims, a race to establish military basis in the Muslim lands in order to ensure American influence therein.

USA- Pirate of Land Sea and Air

- The reality is there is no war on terrorism, but there is the **'Politics of Terrorism'**.

1)making the world open and hospitable for -- in current terminology -- globalization, particularly American-based transnational corporations;

2)enhancing the financial statements of defense contractors at home who have contributed generously to members of Congress and residents of the White House;

3)preventing the rise of any society that might serve as a successful example of an alternative to the capitalist model;

4)extending political, economic and military hegemony over as much of the globe as possible, to prevent the rise of any regional power that might challenge American supremacy, and to create a world order in America's image, as befits the world's only superpower.

In the now-famous exchange on TV between Madeleine Albright and reporter Lesley Stahl, the latter was speaking of US sanctions against Iraq, and asked the then-US ambassador to the UN: "We have heard that a half million children have died. I mean, that's more children than died in Hiroshima. And -- and you know, is the price worth it?"

Replied Albright: "I think this is a very hard choice, but the price -- we think the price is worth it."^{10}

Lawrence Summers is another case in point. In December 1991, while chief economist for the World Bank, he wrote an internal memo saying that the Bank should encourage migration of "the dirty industries" to the less-developed countries because, amongst other reasons, health-impairing and death-causing pollution costs would be lower. Inasmuch as these costs are based on the lost earnings of the affected workers, in a country of very low wages the computed costs would be much lower. "I think," he wrote, "the economic logic behind dumping a load of toxic waste in the lowest-wage country is impeccable and we should face up to that."^{11} Despite this memo receiving wide distribution and condemnation, Summers, in 1999, was appointed Secretary of the Treasury by President Clinton. This was a promotion from being Undersecretary of the Treasury -- for international affairs.

Clinton's vice president, Albert Gore, appears eminently suitable to succeed him to the throne. In 1998, he put great pressure on South Africa, threatening trade sanctions if the government didn't cancel plans to use much cheaper generic AIDS drugs, which would cut into US companies' sales.^{13} South Africa, it should be noted, has about three million HIV-positive persons among its largely impoverished population. When Gore, who at the time had significant ties to the drug industry^{14}, was heckled for what he had done during a speech in New York, he declined to respond in substance, but instead called out: "I love this country. I love the First Amendment."^{15}