

## Circle: Anniversary of First world war

- ◆ The symbol of the so called Day of Remembrance is the Poppy flower, a red petalled flower that grows abundantly in the fields of Flanders, in Western Belgium, where most of the fighting took place during World War I. On November 11, 1918 at 11 a. m. The last shot of this war was fired and peace declared.
- ◆ This anniversary should remind the Muslims of the dominance of the colonial powers which led to the carving up of our lands and culminated in the destruction of the Khilafah.
- ◆ The first world war marked the rise of America as world power as it left its period of isolationism. Since this time it has continued the campaign of colonisation although the face of colonialism has changed from physical occupation to economic, political, cultural and military means. Eisenhower, one of the previous American presidents said, *"To meet the challenge of our time, destiny has laid upon our country the responsibility of the free world's leadership."*
- ◆ Today that colonisation continues. Clinton's recent visit to Brunei (Muslim land) for the APEC (Asia Pacific Co-operation) summit on Nov 15<sup>th</sup> is similar to the visit that he made to the Indian sub-continent it is for the interests of America and increasing its stranglehold. The US involvement in the Palestinian issue is also part of this colonisation. **[Note: Mention the Palestine issue as it is something which is still on the minds of the Ummah]**

*"Verily those who disbelieve spend their wealth to hinder (men) from the way of Allah and so they will continue to spread it, but in the end will become an anguish for them. They will be overcome And those disbelievers will be gathered in Hell" [Surah al Anfal Verse 36]*

Ibn Kathir in his tafseer mentions that verse was revealed during the battle of Badr in particular concerning Abu Sufyan ibn Harb. Moments before the battle it is narrated that Abu Sufyan delivered a speech, "O gathering of the Quraysh..." In this speech he called on the Quraysh to donate their wealth for the war (harb) and in particular to get rid of the Prophet (SAW) once and for all.

He also narrates from Ibn Abbas (RA) through Mujahid (RA) that it was revealed concerning Abu Sufyan because he donated his wealth to kill the Prophet (SAW)

Dahhak (RA) said: *"This verse was revealed concerning the people of Badr and all those capable of doing (what the ayah mentions). The Sabab an Nuzul (circumstances of revelation) was concerning a specific incident i.e. at Badr. Allah has informed us that the Kuffar will spend their wealth so as to hinder people from following the Tariqa (path) of Haq (truth). And they spend their wealth for this purpose until they become miserable...they wish to extinguish the light of Allah and to make their word prevail over the word of truth but Allah raises his light although the Kafir may detest this and He helps his Deen and makes it prevail over all other Deens and this is their humiliation in this life and punishment of hellfire in the hereafter."* [Tafseer Ibn Kathir]

- ◆ Today America attempts to police the world with its perverse view of justice. If the confusion surrounding the United States presidential election result occurred in other countries America would surely intervene. Mugabe of Zimbabwe attempting

to highlight this mocked the election and offered to intervene to help break the deadlock.

- ◆ In comparison to the rise to power of America we can see that the Islamic state with the Prophet (saw) as its head rose as a power after the battle of Badr. However the Khilafah never colonised nations rather it spread the justice of Islam and moulded people into the Islamic state.
- ◆ The Khilafah when it returns will challenge America and expose its colonialist nature.

The Prophet (SAW) said:

**"Al Islamu ya'lu wala yu'la"**

***"Islam is superior and its superiority can never be surpassed"***

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#### **Zimbabwe lectures US on democracy**

Zimbabwe has mocked the confusion surrounding the United States presidential election result and offered to intervene to help break the deadlock.

Information Minister Jonathan Moyo told BBC Radio 4 on Friday morning that the stand-off over the Florida vote had highlighted serious and fundamental problems in the US over how to run free and fair election.