

Circle: Palestine & Kashmir, two daggers in one body

Concept: In essence America wants the Muslims to accept peace as the only option for both problems, in reality the only solution for these problems is the re-establishment of the Khilafah.

- ◆ Talk about the current events in Palestine, e.g. the incursion into Haram al Sharif Al-Aqsa mosque, the sealing off of Gaza and West bank until Friday, etc.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon met with U.S. President George W. Bush, and Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri was in Washington on Tuesday to meet with him.

Hariri said after the meeting that he and Bush had discussed the Middle East peace process in general terms, saying that the president "made it very clear ... that the United States is engaged in the peace process."

"We would like to see the United States play a more effective role to push the peace process forward," Hariri told reporters.

- ◆ America wants both sides to accept peace after this Intifada dies down according to her interests.
- ◆ We heard much rhetoric by some of the rulers – but we should be able to see through their words as they take no action to remove the state of Israel and implement Islam.

"The oppressed people of Palestine, whether those who dwell in that bloodstained holy land or those who continue to bear the brunt of hardship and displacement worldwide, are all in all the victims of Zionist discrimination and aggression," moderate Iranian President Mohammad Khatami said.

Iran's supreme leader, however, went further, claiming evidence proving *"that the numbers of the Jewish Holocaust were exaggerated to solicit international sympathy and lay the grounds for the occupation of Palestine and justify the atrocities of the Zionists."*

"Supporting the Palestinian people is one of our important Islamic duties," said Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

- ◆ Explain how recently they has also been a lot of movement in Pakistan regarding making peace in Kashmir, e.g. APHC visit
- ◆ Mention the recent border clashes between Bangladesh and India [see reference article], most of India is Muslim land – America wants us to forget this.
- ◆ America also wants the Pakistani regime to compromise its security. Musharraf said that there would be no increase in the military expenditure for the coming year. On the same day the government also softened its stance on signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). Pakistan Foreign office spokesman Riaz Muhammed Khan said, "In principle we do not have any problems with this treaty". These statements, signalling a weakening of the Pakistan military capability, are intended to facilitate US plans for achieving peaceful coexistence between India and Pakistan. Instead of pursuing a policy of building a strong independent state, with overwhelming military might, the Pakistan government has allowed its military capability to be used as a card in America's hand in order to attract India to peace.

The Qur'an speaks of these oppressors and their fate, while deliberately omitting a description of their destination to increase their fears:

"And those who oppress will come to know by what overturning they will be overturned" [TMQ Ash-Shu'ara: 227].

Assisting an oppressor in his oppression is an enormity that many people pay no mind to. Often they rush to help the oppressors and link their fates, and they depend on them in their times of difficulty and ease. Regarding these people, the Messenger of Allah (saw), as it is recorded in the book "Al-Firdaus Bi-Ma-thoor Al-Khitaab, by Abi Shujaa' Al-Hamthaani" from Anas b. Malik (ra), told us: **"Whosoever assists an oppressor in his oppression will come on the Day of Resurrection with: 'In despair of Allah's (swt) Mercy' written on his forehead."** May Allah (swt) protect all of us from such a dark destination, for if the Messenger of Allah (saw) does not enter

Paradise except by the mercy of Allah (swt), then what of all the other people? The one who is in despair of Allah's (swt) mercy will have no destination other than the Hellfire. **“Whosoever reads the Qur'an before an oppressive ruler to lift the blame from him will be cursed ten times for each letter (he reads)”** [Al-Bukhari].

Oh Muslims, we must remember the fate of the oppressors, the traitors and their helpers in both ancient and modern history. In ancient history we have the likes of Fir'aun, Haman and Qaroon, who were political and economic superpowers in Egypt. They were cast out of the opulence that they were basking in. In return, neither the skies nor the earth, nor was their recompense delayed.

Another example of aiding the oppressor can be found in Surat Al-Fil. In Al-Maghamas, a place near Makkah on the way to Al-Taa'if, a man named Abu Righal passed away. He proved himself a traitor by assisting the owner of the elephant, Abrahah, to Makkah. Abrahah was attempting to invade and destroy the Ka'bah, but was prevented from doing so by Allah (swt). Later, Arabs who passed by Abu Righal's grave would demonstrate their hatred for his treachery by throwing stones on it.

Our history today is overflowing with oppression and oppressors and treason and traitors. There are those who have been overthrown and have fallen, and no one misses them, and there are those who await their black, miserable fate, when the hour for revenge comes to them and their helpers. Their destination in this world is one, and their abode in the Akhirah is one: the Hellfire. It is a most miserable final destination! Oh Muslims, this is how forbidden it is to oppress and how forbidden it is to assist the oppressors. The fate of every oppressor in this world and the next is the same.

Let us now discuss our duty towards what we see and hear based on definite evidence. Let us consider why the Muslims have been completely incapable, ever since the fall of the Khilafah, of solving any of their problems. First of all, they have followed the path of their Fir'aun, and that is not an honourable path. This only added calamities to their affliction, disgrace to their humiliation, disappointment to their disappointments and poverty to their destitution! We suffer today from severe oppression and treachery on a historical scale, whether in Palestine or in the other Muslim lands. We find the media spotlights focused more on the issue of Palestine than on any other. In focusing on Palestine, the extent of the oppression has become undeniable. Muslims are being oppressed all over the world. The events that took place and continue to take place, of heinous killings and destruction of property in an unequal battle, was a direct result of the political conspiracy that has been called “The Peace Process,” “Concessions” and “Land for Peace.” and other names that do not exist in the policies of warfare in Islam. We do not depend on the protection of international security forces, however, nor must we beg America, Russia, or the European Union for assistance. Instead we must remain vigilant in not raising the flags of patriotism and Kufr, whose colours were decided in the Sykes-Picot agreement!

We understand that the duty of the Muslims today is to uproot these oppressors, and to remove the corrupt control that they hold over the power and authority of this Ummah. We must appoint a single ruler in their place, and we must give him the Bay'ah (pledge of allegiance) to listen and obey his rule by the Book of Allah (swt) and the Sunnah of his Messenger (saw). Then we must declare war for the sake of Allah (swt), to raise the word of Allah (swt) and reclaim the lands and the holy sites and liberate mankind from the worship of man. These are the actions that must be taken in order to fulfil the Prophet's (saw) command: **“...then seek support from Allah and fight them.”** The Messenger (saw) tells us: **“And if you meet your enemy, from amongst the Mushrikeen (polytheists), then call them to (one of) three choices: to Islam, and if they refuse, then to (paying) the Jizyah, and if they refuse, then seek support from Allah and fight them.”** This is done by preparing as much power against them as possible. The Qur'an explains:

“And make ready for them all that you can of power” [TMQ Al-Anfal: 60].

The capability of the Muslims in preparing power far exceeds the capability of some children with stones and a few unhappy armed organisations. Whoever wishes to follow the guidance of our beloved Prophet (saw), the leader of the first Mujahideen, should implement the Messenger's (saw) orders down to the finest details and seek help in Allah (swt) by remaining obedient to His (swt) command. He should do everything in his power to remove any obstructions to Allah's (swt) word.

What should we do, however, if oppressive and corrupt Kafir rulers obstruct all of our military capabilities? At this point, the most vital of duties would be to uproot them. We want our Khalifah, our Imam, to implement the

legislation of our Lord (swt) upon us. We cannot allow men to form an obstacle between Allah's (swt) command and us. I call you to work with those striving to re-establish the State.

Do not forget, we are Muslims! We are not Pakistanis, Palestinians, Egyptians or any other nationalistic or patriotic group. Allah (swt) has never authorised these groups. Allah (swt) is the Creator, the One who gives us our sustenance, the One who brings death, the One who will raise us from our graves and account us for our actions. It is He (swt) who makes the final judgement of Paradise or Hellfire. It is also He (swt) who addressed us as the Muslims, and even described us as the best nation brought forth for mankind. Everyone else, He (swt) labelled Kuffar.

Why then, would we take names and titles other than the ones chosen for us by our Lord (swt)? Was it not these same names and titles that caused disasters to fall upon us and drove us onto the most treacherous and humiliating of paths? We seek help in others for our strength, honour and the most basic of rights. We will never achieve this, however, while they dominate us. While we are the greatest of nations in our Aqeedah, system for life, strategic location, natural wealth and our numbers, we are missing the most vital characteristic: independence in our Islamic political decision-making. It is absolutely vital to reclaim it, no matter how long it takes, and in spite of all those who oppose. Let us not forget:

“And Allah has full power and control over His affairs; but most among mankind know it not.” [TMQ Yusuf: 21].

In reclaiming all that we lost, the most important are ruling by what Allah (swt) has revealed and appointing a Khalifah. At that point, we warn the oppressors and their assistants of the fate of those tyrants who preceded them, the likes of Abu Righal, Sadaat and others, who were recorded into the black books of history. Those who respect their Aqeedah will continue to stone our oppressors with something more damaging than stones: their words. They will also continue to make prayers against them and threaten them with revenge by calling the curses of their Lord (swt) upon them to destroy their filthy plans.

Reference

Two Palestinians shot dead by Israeli forces

Soldiers detain Palestinian TV crew; Tel Aviv 'sabotaging' Jordanian-Egyptian peace plan

GAZA CITY: A Palestinian man was shot dead by Israeli troops in the northern Gaza Strip near the border with Israel on Tuesday, Palestinian medical and security sources said.

The body of Yusef Abu Hamda, 40, was handed over to the Palestinian liaison committee by the Israeli army, the sources said. They said he had been shot several times in the chest and the hand about 200 metres from the border near Beit Hanun, an area that came under heavy Israeli bombardment last week.

The Palestinian security officials said the army informed them that the man had been caught trying to sneak into Israel. Residents described him as psychologically disturbed. Another Palestinian was shot dead by the Israeli army during clashes in the northern West Bank town of Qalqilya, Palestinian medical sources said.

Meanwhile, Israeli soldiers detained a Palestinian television crew and their driver on Tuesday for allegedly filming military vehicles and army positions near the West Bank town of Nablus, an Israeli military source said.

"The soldiers thought it was suspicious they were taking pictures of so many army positions. They detained them...took them to another place for a short inquiry," the source said. However, officials at the Palestinian Broadcast Corp (PBC) said the four-member crew was detained during their routine news coverage and were left waiting in the sun for six hours before being taken for questioning.

The crew was released but their driver remained in custody on suspicion of involvement in hostile activities, military and PBC officials said. Meanwhile, top Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat accused Israel of trying to 'sabotage' a Jordanian-Egyptian proposal aimed at putting an end to the violence between Israel and the Palestinians, by wanting to modify it.

"When Israel says it wants to modify it, it is in fact trying to sabotage the plan", Erakat told AFP. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israeli public radio earlier that "a fourth version of this plan which has been presented to us could allow us to go into a discussion on fundamental issues".

He said the first three versions of the plan presented to him last week by Jordanian Foreign Minister Abdel Ilah Khatib on a rare visit to Israel were "not acceptable to us." The 1994 Nobel Peace Prize winner did not say what the changes were which made the Jordanian-Egyptian acceptable as a basis for future discussions.

Neither Jordan nor Israel has spoken of any modifications. Erakat added: "Israel knows the proposed plan calls for ... the cessation of all settlement activities and for the resumption of negotiations where they left off". For his part, the head of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction in the West Bank, Marwan Barghuti, told AFP he thought Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his government were not serious and were only using the Egyptian-Jordanian ideas as a political maneuver.

According to the Israel daily Haaretz, the first versions stipulated "a total and immediate halt to all settlement activities, including in west Jerusalem". West Jerusalem is not explicitly mentioned in the new version, which only talks about "a halt to settlement activities in the Palestinian territories occupied in 1967", Haaretz said.

The original text also stipulated "both parties would resume on a final status agreement, with a six-month deadline for completion", the daily said. The new version says "both parties will examine the developments in the negotiations within the next six months, with a one-year deadline for completion".

According to the Israeli media, among the other confidence-building measures included in this plan are a lifting of the blockade on the West Bank and Gaza Strip and a troop withdrawal to positions before the outbreak of the violence in late September. The Palestinians would guarantee a renewal of security cooperation and end incitement to violence.

Fresh firing on Indo-BD border as Dhaka moves medium guns

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NEW DELHI: After a brief lull on the country's tense eastern border, Indian soldiers Tuesday opened fire to beat back an attempt by the Bangladesh Rifles to take a border outpost in Karimganj district of Assam. BSF DIG(G) S Basumatary said: "BDR personnel along with people in plainclothes, who could be villagers, advanced on the Lathitilla border outpost in the district but when they were challenged by the BSF, the BDR and others beat a hasty retreat."

The DIG said a maximum alert was sounded along all the outposts on the 1,286-kilometer Indo-Bangla border in the Tripura-Cachar-Mizoram area.

The strength of the forces was increased at Muhurichar in Belonia sub-division of South Tripura district, where the BSF and BDR had exchanged fire on a number of occasions over the occupation of Char land, he added.

The incident of fresh firing came amid reports of a build-up on the international border after last week's stand-off.

"The military build-up on the Bangladesh side is increasing and they have moved in medium machine guns and mortars," Arvind Ranjan, Inspector General of the BSF, told a news website by telephone from Agartala Tuesday morning.

The build-up by the Bangladesh Rifles was most heavy along the Cachar district of Assam, opposite Bangladesh's Sylhet sector, said Ranjan, who heads the BSF in the Tripura, Mizoram and the Cachar sectors. "Bangladeshi build-ups are also there along the border in Tripura and Mizoram," he said.

Reports of a fresh Bangladeshi troop build-up also came in from the Pyrdiwah area that was under siege by the BDR for four days beginning April 16.

The BSF says its personnel have also noticed heavy movement of Bangladesh's regular Army on the Comilla-Khagracherri and Comilla-Dhaka highway, in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, during the past few days.

"BDR officials told us the army movement was due to its regular firing practice. This is not convincing because that exercise could have been postponed in view of the tension along the border," Ranjan said.

"We have sounded a high alert and have placed senior officers all along the sensitive border posts to prevent any escalation and flare-up," another report quoting Ranjan said.

India has all along maintained that the incursion in Meghalaya state was the result of adventurism by local commanders and that the Sheikh Hasina government was not to blame.

Meanwhile, the government's handling of the killings of Border Security Force personnel by Bangladesh

Rifles came in for severe criticism from several members at a meeting of the BJP parliamentary party in New Delhi Tuesday.

"The manner in which the issue was handled by the government was improper and the reputation gained by the handling of Kargil has been completely eroded," the members were quoted as having said.

Expressing displeasure over the statement by External Affairs Minister Jaswant Singh on various measures taken by the government in handling the situation, some members said, "It was a knee jerk reaction by the government and it should have taken a tougher stand on the matter."