

Circle: The gap between the rulers and the people

We can see from current events that the rulers are detached from the people, this is obvious from the streets of Pakistan, Indonesia, etc and the reaction of the Muslims towards America's plan to strike Afghanistan in their new 'crusade'.

With the US preparing to strike Afghanistan we can see the sentiment of the people of Pakistan against Musharraf.

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1. Sovereignty - Sovereignty means the country make its own decisions independent of another country or organisation. It also means the security of the country is maintained by the country. This is the true meaning of sovereignty. In order to ensure the Nation itself is sovereign, the country usually has institutions such as Parliament, Congress, Senate and so on. These ensure that

the country is sovereign and that decisions are taken by the people and not simply imposed upon them.

But all the policies and actions of Pakistan contradict the concept of Sovereignty: we saw General Musharraf agree to the US demands as soon as Colin Powell, US Secretary of State, requested them. Unconditional support for military operations was granted, all without any consultation with the people or the Book of Allah (swt). Because of the severe backlash from the people, he is now forced to address them, make speeches on National television and show the support of the government Ulema.

The true meaning of sovereignty is shown by ideological states, such as the US and Britain. We find that the British government's support for military action came after 'Operation Cobra' emergency parliamentary sessions and after much consultation with leaders in the country. Also, the 15 EU members discussed their position regarding the attack. All this shows the difference between nations that are truly sovereign and those who are client states. The Kuffar are Sovereign over themselves as they demonstrate in their Parliaments and Assemblies - in our lands the Sovereignty must lie with the Shari'ah of Allah (swt).

2. Economy - Musharraf argued that if the country does not support the US then the economy would be in further danger because it will lose its financial loans from the major powers and institutions like the IMF and World Bank.

The economy is already in danger because the entire economy is planned and run by the IMF and World Bank. Where is the economic sovereignty? He has argued that the West and the U.S. should relieve some of the external debts (£36 billion) for their services just as the US did with Egypt during the Gulf War. Does he really believe that the US and the West will entirely forego huge sums of debts? Does he really believe this is a real solution for the economy? Ask the people of Egypt if their economic problems were solved by allying with the US during the Gulf War.

Musharraf argues that if we did not co-operate than our economy will crumble. Yet the stark reality is our economy will crumble and has crumbled as a result of co-operation with the IMF and World Bank policies.

3. Strategic assets - What does he mean by protecting the nuclear assets? From whom do they require protection from? The main concern of the US is that should the reigns of power come to a sincere ruler once again, then so would Pakistan's nuclear arsenal. This is one of the main worries of the US. Musharraf's job is to secure these assets so they may be used to further the US policy of the containment of China. What is the purpose of nuclear capability if it does not liberate the nation from foreign hegemony? Why does Pakistan not use her nuclear leverage to prevent the US from entering into the region, slaughtering Muslims and establishing her ugly presence for years to come?

4. Kashmir- If it is such a vital interest as Musharraf claims, then why is he compromising by agreeing to settle the issue by surrendering Kashmir. Any nation that views its land as vital issue does not surrender land to others; as one of the sources of strength is the unity and integrity of land of any nation. Nations such as China understand this concept and thus follow the One China policy – resisting the independence of Taiwan and Tibet. The reality is that the US wants to settle the issue of Kashmir so that Pakistan under the leadership of India will serve as a regional power to counteract any threats from China and the rise of Islam - the enemies of the US.

5. Regarding his understanding of the Life of the Prophet (saw):

“Some 'ulema' are reacting on emotion alone. They should remember Islam's early history. They should remember the Hijrah from Makkah to Madinah. Was this cowardice on the part of the Prophet? This was but wisdom to save Islam. Later when the Jews saw that Islam had grown stronger, they began to conspire against the Muslims. When the Prophet (saw) became aware of this he signed an emergency treaty with his enemies in Mecca. The ulema should remember this treaty. At the end of the treaty, where his signature was required, the Makkans objected to Muhammad (saw) sealing it as the Messenger of Allah. The Prophet (saw) agreed explaining later that it was best for Islam. Time, of course, proved him right. Six months later at war with the Jews, the Muslims were triumphant and the Makkans did not support the Jews as a result of the treaty. Some time after, Makkah too, fell to the Mujahideen.”

Hijrah - the Prophet (saw) did not simply migrate because it was a 'wise' thing to do. Rather it was a command from Allah (swt), the aim being to establish the Islamic state so that it may implement Islam internally - not democracy or capitalism - and take Islam to the world by Da'wa and Jihad. The presence of the forces of Islam in Madinah and the readiness of the people to receive the Messenger of Allah (saw) and establish the Islamic State were the only reasons that prompted him to emigrate. It would be completely erroneous for anyone to conclude or even to entertain the slightest thought that Muhammad (saw) emigrated from Makkah out of fear that Quraish would kill him. He (saw) never gave the slightest consideration to the repression and harm that befell him and was more than happy to sacrifice his life in the way of Islam. How can Musharraf use the Hijrah of the Messenger of Allah (saw) as a justification for allowing the US to establish bases in Pakistan?

Regarding the Jews – Muhammad (saw) signed treaties with them. When they broke the treaty and betrayed the Muslims, what did the Prophet (saw) do to the Jews of Banu Qaynuqa, Khaybar and Nadir?

Treaty of Hudaibiya - he (saw) omitting 'Rasoolallah' does not mean that we can allow the US to come to Muslim lands! It was a political treaty. Had it been revelation that he must have 'Rasoolallah' mentioned then he (saw) would not have agreed to neglect this. This demonstrates the Prophet (saw) acting in his capacity as a head of state. Also, this treaty facilitated the conquest of Khaybar and Makkah. Does Musharraf then seek to make moves by allowing the US into Pakistan as a step towards conquering the USA and the Western countries?

This speech by Musharraf was an attempt to justify America's new crusade against the Muslim Ummah to an Ummah who now more than ever desires the return of the Islamic Khilafah.

It is heartening to see that even in these dark days without the Khilafah to guard the interests of this Ummah and foil the plans of the Kuffar, that the masses from amongst this Ummah remain an obstacle to the treacherous plans of the colonialists and their agents from the ranks of the Muslim rulers who spend much effort and many resources to corrupt the pure nature of the masses.

Those, like Musharraf, who seek to betray this Ummah by selling the blood of the Ummah for a pitiful price, should take notice of the Ummah's anger and retribution and of the fate of their likes throughout history.

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Press release

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