

Course Correction: Not a Sectarian War, but a Full-Blown Crusade!

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To the virtuous and devout Muslims: Do not let the crimes of the Iranian regime distract you from the reality of the crusade that America is waging against Islam and its Ummah. Its arena is the entire Muslim World, from east to west. When the crusader West failed to subdue the entire Ummah and cover its aggression across all our lands, it waged wars that spanned the region, but in phases, through Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Gaza, Lebanon, and now Iran. The war raging today against Iran is but one aspect of the West's crusade to reshape the region in response to the growing, comprehensive Islamic movement, and to counter the burgeoning Islamic civilizational project.

America and the West realize that local tools and agent, vassal regimes are incapable of confronting the Islamic challenge, which prompted America to plan to reshape the region and restructure vassal regimes by directly managing them as protectorate colonies run by the high commissioners of American colonialism. Its colonialism manifests as American embassies the size of governments and ambassadors at the level of local rulers to secure American colonialism, with colonialist orders and control of the local regimes, accompanied by a heavy military presence of the American colonialists in the region, through military bases that secure the control of the regions land and skies through American land and air forces, with the occupation of the region's seas to secure the hegemony of America's naval forces.

The regime in Iraq and the new agent regime of Ahmad al-Sharaa in Syria are typical cases of the American structuring of the region's regimes which it is working to achieve throughout the region. Trump's attack on Iran is to restructure the Iranian regime and strip it of all sources of power by dismantling all its proxy network of influence in the region, then restructuring it either by its complete compliance with the conditions of the American order, to integrate it into the new formulation of the region, or by establishing a more submissive and agent regime. America is no longer satisfied with the services provided to it by the rulers of Iran. Instead, it wants an outright colony, an agent regime, and slave rulers who are ordered and obey!

This American crusader formulation of the region, and the restructuring of the regimes, puts both Pakistan and Turkiye in the eye of the storm. As for the rest of the colonialist vassal states, the Gaza war exposed the reality of these colonies, with the fall of the mask of the nation-state, and the complete submission to the disbelieving crusader. With America's brutal attack on Iran, we are now faced with the shocking, scandalous colonialist reality. The disbelieving crusader is waging his crusade from within the lands of Islam, from the bases of the vassal colonies and the seas of the Muslims, with complete submission to the crusader guardians of the colonies, and even collaboration with them.

We are not facing a sectarian war that would justify abhorrent religious bigotry. Instead, it is a barbaric crusade that makes no distinction between Gaza, Tehran, the West Bank, and Isfahan. Its battlefields may differ, but the crusader objective is singular: to crush Islam and subjugate its Ummah. The accursed crusaders constantly remind us of the true nature of their hatred and the barbarity of their crusade. For instance, US Secretary of Defense Pete Higgseth openly declared the crusade's true purpose, "crazy regimes like Iran, hell-bent on prophetic Islamist delusions, cannot have nuclear weapons." He added, "Radical Islamists can't have a nuclear bomb that they wield against the world." And the repeated crusader pronouncements regarding the Gaza war and the attack on Iran by Trump's ally, Senator Lindsey Graham, that this is a religious war, underscore this point. We must correct our course, for the error here is fatal and destructive. The war against Islam and its Ummah has

not ended, and it will not end except with the sharp sword of Islam, its state, and the unity of its Ummah.

Forget the Sunni and Shia classifications; they were nothing but Western ploys to fragment the Muslim Ummah. When the West waged its crusade against us, it saw us as a single community of people, with a single Deen, a single culture, a single civilization, and a single Ummah. This accursed enemy does not fight us as separate peoples, sects, or schools of thought, but rather as Muslims. It works to distract us with the classifications that divide us, while it is preoccupied with our unity in war. Its aim is to annihilate us, and erase our great Islam.

O Sons of the Great Islam: Know that your internal political problems are dealt with politically, by uprooting all your treacherous rulers, and not by responding to their poisonous national, ethnic, and sectarian sentiments, and their fabricated enmities that the crusader disbeliever created for them to divide your unity and destroy the brotherhood of your Islam. Know that the rulers of Iran, and all the Ruwaibadah rulers of the colonialist regimes are equal in treachery and partners in the crime against you. There is not one of them who has not wallowed in your blood, and their black record of crimes cannot be erased, such as the Black Decade in Algeria, the Years of Lead in Morocco, the crimes of the Baath in Iraq and Syria, El-Sisi's massacres in the squares of Egypt, and Bashar's massacres, as well as the massacres by the Iranian mullahs in Syria, and their assistance to America in the occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq, and achieving its interests in Yemen and Lebanon. And the list goes on.

As for your Islamic Ummah, the issue is fundamentally intellectual and can only be resolved through deep discussion, mutual counsel, wisdom, patience, and unity against your disbelieving enemy. Beware, beware of the traps and mines laid by the disbelieving enemy, its nationalism, its sectarianism, its religious fanaticism, its fabricated enmities. Avoid discord and infighting, and do not quarrel, lest you fail, your strength dissipates, and you achieve by your own hands the malicious goal of your disbelieving enemy and his henchmen: to fragment your unity.

Understand this: the Western crusade is worse, more disbelieving, and more accursed than any sectarian dispute or hateful bigotry. The disbeliever's war seeks your annihilation and the eradication of your Islam. So be resolute and know that this is a war against Islam and its Ummah. Do not let the stench of sectarian fanaticism and the abhorrent nature of bigotry distract you from it, just as you must not be intimidated by the roar of the crusader West's planes and missiles. Its downfall lies in the stench of its civilization and the abhorrence of its culture, not solely in the crushing of its armies. The Epstein scandal inferno, perpetrated by a West that rapes children and abuses infants, is proof of your enemy's depravity and downfall.

Know that your salvation lies in Islam and nothing else. The ship of your liberation (tahrir) and the means to defeat your enemy lies in establishing your Islamic state and implementing the Shariah of your Lord to save your Ummah and all of humanity from the inferno of the West. Allah (swt) said, **﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَتَّصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَتَّصِرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ * وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا فَتَعْسًا لَّهُمْ وَأَصَلَ﴾** **“O you who have believed, if you support Allah, He will support you and plant firmly your feet. But those who disbelieve – for them is misery, and He will waste their deeds. That is because they disliked what Allah revealed, so He rendered worthless their deeds”** [TMQ Surah Muhammad: 7–9].