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Indeed, Hizb ut Tahrir, the pioneering guide that does not lie to its people, calls upon you to strive with it for the establishment of the Second Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) upon the Method of the Prophethood, a state whose leaders will not be satisfied until the people they serve are satisfied. The Prophet ﷺ said, «اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ وَلِيَ مِنْ أَمْرِ أُمَّتِي، وَشَيْئًا فَشَقَّ عَلَيْهِمْ فَاشْفَقْ عَلَيْهِ، وَمَنْ وَلِيَ مِنْ أَمْرِ أُمَّتِي شَيْئًا فَرَفَقَ بِهِمْ فَارْفُقْ بِهِ» "O Allah, whoever is given authority over any affair of my Ummah and makes matters difficult for them, make matters difficult for him; and whoever is given authority over any affair of my Ummah and is gentle with them, be gentle with him." The Khilafah (Caliphate) alone is what can save the Ummah, spreading goodness, providing its citizens with their basic needs, and enabling them to attain comforts and necessities beyond the basic essentials. As for today, under these unjust rulers, the situation continues to worsen day after day. Allah ﷻ says, «وَمَنْ أَعْرَضَ عَن ذِكْرِي فَإِنَّ لَهُ مَعِيشَةً ضَنْكًا» "Whoever turns away from My Reminder will certainly have a miserable life." [TMQ Surah Taha: 124].

# **78 Years Since the Nakba (Calamity): What Next?!**

**By: Ustadh Abdul Rahim Khalil**

The Nakba (the Calamity) is a phrase that, whenever mentioned, brings to the minds of Muslims the issue of Palestine. In 1948, the Jews moved to occupy Palestine and displace its people from their lands, shedding blood and killing children and women. When the Arab states heard the news, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Lebanon, and Syria mobilized their armies towards Palestine. The fighting intensified against the Jews, with the sincere soldiers in the armies fighting on all fronts, until the cries of the Jews reached the disbelieving West, led by the United Nations. It was here that the betrayal began. All parties agreed to a humanitarian truce for a month! How could the Arab armies agree to a truce when they were victorious and on the verge of annihilating the Jews?! However, what is even more astonishing is learning that the commander of the Arab Jordanian Army was the British officer “Glubb Pasha,” John Bagot Glubb! Likewise, the other Arab army commanders and presidents issued orders to withdraw from certain areas, even though they were victorious. Yet, their Shariah obligation was to advance towards the enemy, not retreat! Before the agreed-upon truce expired, the Jews violated it. For 26 days, military supplies from the West continued unabated, enabling the Jews to besiege and fight the Arab armies, forcing them to withdraw.

As events and years passed, in 1964, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was declared in Egypt as the sole official

representative of the people of Palestine. Its aim was to hand over what remained of Palestine to the usurping entity, thereby legitimizing the forbidden. The PLO's major "achievement" was the Oslo Accords, which recognized the existence of the Jewish entity on 78% of the land of Palestine and negotiated over the remaining 22%. Of that remaining territory, only 14% remains, thanks to the Palestinian Authority, which emerged from the treacherous Oslo Accords. Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas described the Oslo Accords as "treason" during his speech at the Eighth General Conference of Fatah, adding, "The Oslo Accords are treason, but we want them... we want to preserve them!" So, what is the purpose of preserving an agreement that is itself treasonous? Indeed, who bears responsibility for the protection it afforded the Jewish entity? More than 32 years have passed since this agreement, yet nothing has changed in the actions of the Jews: killing, displacement, siege, house demolitions, and arrests. In fact, the Jewish entity has escalated its despicable acts by attacking sanctities in Al-Quds, Al-Khalil, and elsewhere. Just recently, Jews performed Talmudic prayers in the courtyards of Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa, provoking every Muslim on earth. Then, what of the settlers in the West Bank, assaulting defenseless people, stealing their money, land, and livestock, and the beatings, humiliation, kidnappings, and killings suffered by the residents? Women, children, the elderly, and young people have not been spared. All of this is happening in full view of the signatories of the Oslo Accords, a document of humiliation, corruption, and betrayal. Why should we maintain an agreement that has nothing left but to entrench the power of a select group within the Palestinian Authority, allowing them to drain the people's resources through taxes and fees? Or is it to implement the policies of the Jewish

entity, America, and Europe in their war against Islam and Muslims, their dismantling of Islamic concepts, and their removal from educational curricula?

The liberation (تحرير tahrir) of Al-Quds would not have been delayed for 78 years were it not for the criminal Sykes-Picot Agreement, which carved up the lands of the Muslims on the ruins of the Uthmani Khilafah (Ottoman Caliphate), creating small states ruled by Western agents. Every Muslim within these states became bound by a nationalistic allegiance, and Muslims no longer viewed this Blessed Land as anything more than a source of Islamic sentiment, eliciting a few tears at its mention. The more the concepts of nationalism and patriotism became entrenched in the Muslim World, the more the disbelievers succeeded in buying time to delay the march towards Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa for its liberation.

For over 78 years, the Jewish entity has continued its operations at the same pace, even intensifying its killing, starvation, land confiscation, and Judaization of sanctities. Thanks to Sykes-Picot and the Arab rulers who succeeded in shifting the equation from the necessity of uprooting this entity and the means of eliminating it, to how to coexist with it through agreements and normalization of relations that anger both heaven and earth.

For us Muslims, our greatest calamity was the day our Khilafah (Caliphate) was destroyed, our lands were torn apart, and everyone, near and far, began to transgress against us. Palestine is but one issue in this larger conflict. The vision of the Khaleefah (Caliph) Abdul Hamid II, may Allah ﷻ have mercy on him, was realized when he said to Herzl, "It is easier for me to have my body cut to pieces than to relinquish an inch of Palestinian land. It is not my personal property, but belongs to the Islamic Ummah. I

cannot agree to the dissection of our bodies while we are still alive... Let the Jews keep their wealth, for if the Khilafah (Caliphate) is destroyed, you will take Palestine for nothing.” And that is precisely what happened.

The solution to the issue of the Blessed Land of Palestine lies in returning it to its true path as the cause of the Muslims, and away from the national and nationalist nonsense and the international institutions that the years have proven to be a mirage, a deception, and a waste of time. The beginning of the solution to the calamity of the Muslims will be their unity under one Rayah banner, striving with those striving to establish the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood, and to restore the usurped authority of the Ummah. Then the armies will move towards Al-Masjid Al-Aqsa and destroy the Jewish entity, so that the Ummah will regain its glory, pride, and entity. Certainly, that is not difficult for Allah ﷻ.

## Feature Article

# Congratulations from the Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir, Eminent Scholar Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah, to Muslims in General and the Shabab (Members of the Party) in Particular on the Occasion of Eid al-Adha 1447 AH Corresponding to 2026 CE



All praise is due to Allah, and peace and blessings be upon His Messenger, his family, his companions, and those who follow him.

**Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, La Ilaha Ila Allah, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Wa Lillahi Alhamd**

To the Islamic Ummah in general, the best nation brought forth for humankind that enjoins the good and forbid the evil and believes in Allah Al Aziz Al Hakeem:

To the Dawah carriers in particular, may Allah bring the victory by their hands and may He ﷻ aid them to establish the Islamic state, the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) on the method of the Prophethood.

To the esteemed visitors of this page, those who are seeking the good it offers, exerting effort to stand by the truth and to support its people.

To you all, Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuh,

**I congratulate you all on the blessed Eid al-Adha for the year 1447 AH. I ask Allah Al-Qawi Al-Aziz (The Strong The Mighty) that this Eid be an opening of goodness and blessing upon all Muslims.**

**Dear brothers and sisters:** This Eid comes while the aggression of the Jews, supported by America and its weapons, continues against Gaza (of Hashim) and all of Palestine. The rulers in the Muslim countries are watching what is happening, counting the shuhadaa (martyrs) and calling them the dead! And the best of them are those who mediate as if they are neutral, but are closer to the Jews!

**And today they have added another, more severe and violent aggression against us.** America and the Jewish entity launched a wide-ranging joint attack on Iran, which has been ongoing since it began on February 28, 2026; i.e. it has been continuing for three months against Iran, Lebanon, and the surrounding areas! And now the Jewish entity is establishing a buffer zone in southern Lebanon, just as it did in Gaza (of Hashim), all while the rulers of the Muslim world stand idly by! Trump's normalization train returned speeding in Lebanon to catch up with other countries that have normalized relations with the Jews. The treacherous

negotiations are taking place without any shame before Allah, His Messenger, and the believers! Even the truces of 10 days and 3 weeks...

The ceasefire they claimed in Lebanon has been trampled underfoot by the Jewish entity, which has intensified its attacks. Similarly, the 45-day truce announced by the US State Department on Friday, 15/5/2026, between the Jewish entity and Lebanon— “Israel’ and Lebanon have agreed to a 45-day extension of a ceasefire” - is nothing more than ink on paper for the Jewish entity. The attacks continue to escalate without any regard for these supposed truces. “Today, Sunday, ‘Israel’ carried out two airstrikes on the outskirts of the towns of Yahmar and Sahmar in the Western Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon, in addition to an airstrike on the town of Zawtar al-Sharqiya in southern Lebanon.” (Al Jazeera, 17/5/2026). Of course, the Jewish entity does not conduct airstrikes without Trump’s approval, who announced the truce! Thus, not a day or night passes without aggression here and there, while the rulers of Muslim countries surround them, yet remain silent as the grave, as if what is happening in some far away land and is of no concern to them. How wretched is their judgement!

**After returning from his visit to China,** Trump continued to blockade the Strait of Hormuz, issuing threats and warnings: “US President Trump threatened Iran on Sunday with dire consequences if its leaders did not act quickly. Trump wrote in a post on the Truth Social platform, “the Clock is Ticking” for Iran to accept a peace agreement, and “there won't be anything left of them” if the Islamic Republic’s leaders don’t “get moving, FAST.” (Al Arabiya, 17/5/2026). “Then the US president renewed his threats of military strikes against Iran. He hinted in a post on the

Truth Social platform on Monday that US strikes on Iran could come from all directions..." (AP News, 18/5/2026). He continued his arrogance, saying: "In the same context, Trump stressed that US forces had largely eliminated the Iranian army and its political leadership, emphasizing that the United States would not allow Iran under any circumstances to develop a nuclear weapon." (Middle East Online, 20/5/2026).

The BBC published in its latest update on 21/5/2026, "Trump told reporters at Andrews Air Force Base, when asked about the progress of talks with Iran, that they were at a crossroads. He added, "Believe me, if we don't get the right answers, it goes very quickly. We're all ready to go" It will have to be 100% good answers." (BBC, last updated 21/5/2026). He wants negotiations on his terms, or as he always says: "Negotiations with Iran have reached their final stages, but he warned at the same time that the failure of the talks would lead to more attacks." (Iran International, 21/5/2026).

Thus, Trump wants the negotiations to proceed according to his arrogance of "**peace through force**"! He is pushing his close associate Netanyahu to continue the destruction and aggression, establishing the Jewish entity, as we mentioned earlier, with new camps for his army in the Lebanese villages it occupied, declaring them a buffer zone, thus repeating the "scenario" of Gaza with Hamas and the yellow line! **It seems that Trump's arrogance with his alleged peace through force has produced a flawed draft agreement as a prelude to negotiations or discussions that will extend for two months or more, as reported by news agencies on Sunday, 24/5/2026.**

It is a grave sin that Trump starts, stops, or ends the fighting as he pleases, without regard for the blood he has shed, the homes he

has destroyed, and the infrastructure he has shattered. All of this is because he has not found a Muslim country to thwart his schemes and teach him a lesson, as happened to his predecessors, the Persians and Romans. Even his close associate Netanyahu is following Trump's plan and orders to destroy people, trees, and stones in Palestine, Lebanon, and the surrounding areas!!

**In conclusion, the rulers of Muslim lands glorify the kafir (disbelievers) colonizers instead of glorifying the Lord of the Worlds. Instead of liberating Palestine and eliminating the Jewish entity, they seek to negotiate and normalize relations with it. These rulers ally themselves with America and its protégé, the Jewish entity, to please Trump! Thus, they incur Allah's wrath to appease the tyrant Trump. They have forgotten, or pretend to forget, the words of the Prophet ﷺ, «مَنْ أَسَخَطَ اللَّهَ فِي رِضَا النَّاسِ، سَخَطَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ، وَأَسَخَطَ عَلَيْهِ مَنْ أَرْضَاهُ فِي سَخَطِهِ، وَمَنْ أَرْضَى اللَّهَ فِي سَخَطِ النَّاسِ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ وَأَرْضَى عَنْهُ مَنْ أَسَخَطَهُ فِي رِضَاهُ حَتَّى يُرِيَنَهُ وَيُرِيَنَّ قَوْلَهُ «Whoever angers Allah to please people, Allah will be angry with him, and will make angry with him those whom he pleased in his anger. And whoever pleases Allah in the face of people's anger, Allah Almighty will be pleased with him and will make those whom he angered in his pleasure pleased with him, until He beautifies him and beautifies his words and deeds in his eyes.»** (Narrated by At-Tabarani in Al-Mu'jam Al-Kabir). Likewise, these rulers do not realize the gravity of the crime of loyalty to the disbelievers and that it is a disgrace in this world and a painful punishment in the Hereafter. Allah ﷻ said, ﴿سَيُصِيبُ الَّذِينَ أَجْرَمُوا﴾ **“The wicked will soon be overwhelmed by humiliation from Allah and a severe punishment for their evil plots”** [Al-An'am: 124]

These rulers have reached such a point of loyalty to the kafir colonizers that if any of their countries is attacked, the others do not move to its aid. Rather, the best among them are those who count the dead and wounded! In origin, Muslims are one Ummah, their peace is one, and their war is one, so an attack on any part of it is an attack on all of it. But this cannot be achieved while the lands of the Muslims are fragmented and the rulers in the lands of the Muslims are loyal to the kafir colonizers. But it will be achieved with the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) that restores the Muslims as one Ummah, that supports Allah and implements His laws. Then, it will be victorious by Allah's permission, and illuminate the world with its justice and its struggle, and Allah will honor it with His victory. Allah ﷻ said, ﴿يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ﴾ "O believers! If you stand up for Allah, He will help you and make your steps firm" [Muhammad: 7]

So, answer the call of Allah, O Muslims, and work with Hizb ut Tahrir to fulfil the promise of Allah ﷻ. Allah ﷻ said, ﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَكِّنَنَّ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا﴾ "Allah has promised those of you who believe and do good that He will certainly make them successors in the land, as He did with those before them; and will surely establish for them their faith which He has chosen for them; and will indeed change their fear into security—provided that they worship Me, associating nothing with Me. But whoever disbelieves after this 'promise', it is they who will be the rebellious" [An-Nur: 55].

And the glad-tidings of His Messenger ﷺ after this oppressive rule in which we live, as mentioned in the Hadith of the

Messenger of Allah ﷺ narrated by Ahmad on the authority of Hudhayfah ibn al-Yaman, «... ثُمَّ تَكُونُ مُلْكًا جَبْرِيَّةً فَتَكُونُ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ، ثُمَّ يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا، ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةً عَلَىٰ مِنْهَاجِ النَّبُوءَةِ. ثُمَّ سَكَتَ»  
“... Then there will be oppressive rule (ملكا جبرية) for as long as Allah wills, then he will remove it when He wills, and then there will be Khilafah upon the Method of the Prophethood. Then he ﷺ was silent.”

Allah ﷻ said, ﴿وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ \* بِنَصْرِ اللَّهِ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ﴾  
“And on that day the believers will rejoice \* at the victory willed by Allah. He gives victory to whoever He wills. For He is the Almighty, Most Merciful” [Ar-Rum: 4-5].

In the final conclusion, I ask Allah ﷻ that this Eid be an opening of goodness, blessing, and glory for Islam and Muslims, ﴿وَاللَّهُ غَالِبٌ عَلَىٰ أَمْرِهِ وَلَكِنَّ أَكْثَرَ النَّاسِ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ﴾  
“Allah’s Will always prevails, but most people do not know” [Yusuf: 21].

Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, La Ilaha Illa Allah,  
Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Wa Lillahi Alhamd

Wassalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullah Wa Barakatuh

10 Dhul Hijjah 1447 AH

Your Brother

27/5/2026 CE

Ata Bin Khalil Abu Al-Rashtah

## Neither Have They Gained This World, Nor Have They Preserved Their Deen

As part of a cultural exchange program between Morocco and Greece, and within the framework of a Mediterranean cultural event organized in the Greek capital Athens to showcase handicraft products and highlight the skills of traditional artisans, the Moroccan Secretary of State in charge of Handicrafts and the Social and Solidarity Economy, Lahcen Saadi, from the ruling National Rally of Independents party, presented a Greek monk with a wooden Christian cross. The Christian cross had been crafted in Essaouira, located in southwestern Morocco, approximately 470 kilometers from Rabat, using juniper wood, for which the region is well known.

**Ar-Rayah Newspaper:** The question was asked to Shaykh al-Islam Ibn Taymiyyah (may Allah have mercy on him) about a tailor who sewed silk belts for Christians, with a gold cross on them: is there sin in his sewing, and is his wage lawful or not?

He replied, (إذا أعان الرجل على معصية الله كان آثماً) “If a man assists in disobedience to Allah ﷻ, he is sinful.” Then he said, لا والصليب لا يجوز عمله بأجرة ولا غير أجرة، كما لا يجوز بيع الأصنام ولا عملها. كما ثبت في الصحيح عن النبي ﷺ أنه قال: «إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ بَيْعَ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْتَةِ وَالْخِنْزِيرِ وَالْأَصْنَامَ» متفق عليه وثبت أنه لعن المصورين. وصانع الصليب ملعون لعنه الله “The Christian cross is not permitted to be made for a wage or otherwise, just as it is not permitted to sell idols or make them. As it is authentically recorded in the Sahih from the Prophet ﷺ that he said, « إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَرَّمَ بَيْعَ الْخَمْرِ وَالْمَيْتَةِ وَالْخِنْزِيرِ وَالْأَصْنَامَ » “Indeed, Allah has forbidden the sale of wine, carrion, pork, and idols.” (Agreed upon). It is also established that he

cursed the makers of images. The maker of the cross is cursed may Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ curse him.”

Al-Bukhari narrated from Aisha (ra) that « أَنْ النَّبِيِّ ﷺ لَمْ يَكُنْ يَتْرُكُ فِي «بَيْتِهِ شَيْئاً فِيهِ تَصَالِيبٌ إِلَّا نَقَضَهُ» **“The Prophet ﷺ would never leave in his house anything containing Christian crosses without destroying them.”** What is meant by “crosses” in the hadith is images of the Christian cross, and “destroying” means removing the image while leaving the garment intact.

The ulema of the Permanent Committee for Islamic Research and Fatwa (3/437) said، (صنع الصليب حرام، سواء كان مجسماً، أم نقشاً، أم رسماً، أو غير ذلك، على جدار، أو فرش، أو غير ذلك، ولا يجوز إدخاله مسجداً، ولا بيوتاً، ولا دور تعليم: من مدارس، ومعاهد، ونحو ذلك. ولا يجوز الإبقاء عليه، بل يجب القضاء عليه، وإزالته بما يذهب بمعالمه: من كسر، ومحو، وطمس، وغير ذلك. ولا يجوز عليه) **“Making the Christian cross is forbidden, whether it is a statue, an engraving, a drawing, or otherwise, on a wall, carpet, or anything else. It is not permissible to bring it into a masjid, houses, or educational places like schools, institutes, and the like. Nor is it permissible to leave it in place. Instead, it must be erased and removed by eliminating its features through breaking, erasing, obliterating. It is not permissible to sell it nor to make Salah upon it.”**

The rulers’ disregard for Islam and its Shariah rulings has reached a high level. They are now striking at the core of the rulings of belief, and their subservience and sycophancy to the disbelievers has reached such an extent that it has made them leap over the basics of the Deen, and delve into nullifiers of Iman, actions that expel one from the fold of Islam, whilst smiles fill their faces!

This action cannot be attributed to that individual alone, because he holds a position of authority, he is at the rank of a minister,

not an ordinary person. Nor can it be considered an isolated act on his part, evidenced by the fact that the state has not issued anything condemning his behavior or disavowing it. When this act is placed within the context of numerous similar acts by other state apparatuses, it becomes clear that it indicates a general trend within the state and the ruling political establishment, whose broad banner is: seeking the pleasure of the disbeliever, and groveling before him by every means possible to win his approval, hoping that he might keep them in power and guarantee them the crumbs of privileges that have blinded their insight. They do not realize that the more they humiliate themselves before the disbelievers, the more the disbelievers' appetite for humiliating them increases, and the more the disbelievers turn away from them, because they know that they have become burnt-out cards with no popular credibility, and thus cannot be relied upon. Then they will be overtaken by disgrace in this world and the Hereafter, they will have gained neither this world nor preserved their Deen. Allah ﷻ said, ﴿قَاتِلْهُمْ﴾ ﴿أَنِّي يُؤْفَكُونَ﴾ **“May Allah condemn them! How can they be deluded from the truth?”** [TMQ Surah At-Tawbah: 30].



satisfaction with a state that orbits within their sphere of foreign policy, or even with their agents, they do not wish them well. Instead, they conceal and openly declare their evil intentions, even if these rulers, whoever they may be, are the true allies of the Jewish entity. Whether they orbit America, or were its agents, if they understood that America doesn't value them when its interests require their demise, they would have learned from the lessons of history. How many of its allies has America discarded, after they had served their purpose? If these rulers had any sense, they would have rejected the kuffar (disbelievers) outright, but they are deaf, dumb, and blind, and they will not return. Their loyalty to the disbelieving colonialists has reached such a point that when one of their countries is attacked, the others do not move to its aid. The best among them are those who merely count the dead and wounded! The fundamental principle for Muslims is that they are one Ummah; their peace is one, and their war is one. An attack on any part of the Ummah is an attack on all of it. Although it is the Shariah obligation of every part that is attacked to resist the aggressor, this does not solve the problem. The Revolutionary Guard in Iran resists, and the Hezb of Iran in Lebanon resists, but all of this will not solve the problem unless the Khilafah (Caliphate) is established, supporting Allah ﷻ through obedience and implementing His Shariah Laws, so that it may be victorious, by the Permission of Allah ﷻ illuminating the world with its justice and Jihad, so that Allah ﷻ honors it with His victory (nashr).

**Excerpt from the question and answer issued by the Ameer of Hizb ut Tahrir, the eminent Alim Ata bin Khalil Abu al-Rashtah.**

# **America and Iran: Redrawing the Balance of Power**

**By: Engineer Wissam Al-Atrash**

News is circulating these days about the imminent announcement of a final and decisive agreement between America and Iran, suggesting that the scales will tip in favor of the diplomatic track, over the military one — that is, in favor of de-escalation rather than escalation. In parallel with all the diplomatic efforts exerted by both sides to reach this agreement, and coinciding with the naval blockade imposed on Iran, America is renewing its strikes on southern Iran, particularly Bandar Abbas, Larak Island, and the area surrounding the Strait of Hormuz. These strikes targeted military vessels, missile platforms, and air defense systems.

At moments like these, international politics is not measured by the number of military statements or the speed of diplomatic pronouncements, but instead by the depth of the cracks revealed by successive events beneath the surface of the international order. What is happening around the Strait of Hormuz today is no longer merely tension between Washington and Tehran; it is, in fact, a direct test of the limits of U.S. power at a time when the world no longer accepts a single dominant hegemon.

For days on end, the language of negotiation has become intertwined with the language of the fire of war. Delegations sit in Pakistani and Qatari mediation rooms, while in the background, the sounds of strikes and counter-strikes are heard in a highly sensitive geopolitical theater, preceded by AI-generated images

on social media posted by Trump on his account depicting American strikes on Iranian ships. This is not a mere coincidence. It is a new pattern: war under the guise of diplomacy, and diplomacy under the shadow of conflict.

What this complex equation reveals is that America no longer acts as a power capable of imposing stability from a position of absolute superiority. Instead, it acts as a power that simultaneously manages and contains escalation, according to the logic of “peace through strength.” It practices deterrence, but it lacks the luxury of a swift decisive victory that characterized its previous decades. In contrast, Iran operates within a calculated space of gradual attrition, benefiting from sensitive geography and global energy corridors that make any limited clash capable of transforming into a widespread international crisis.

The most dangerous aspect of the situation is not the escalation itself, but its simultaneous occurrence with the continuation of negotiation channels. This parallel reflects a profound shift in the structure of the international order: peace and war are no longer two separate parallel lines, but rather two overlapping layers existing simultaneously. In this gray area, the major power loses its ability to impose the “final decision” and becomes a player in a game of perpetual crisis management, a game in which even its appeals to China to win have proven ineffective.

Economically, the cost of military engagement is no longer limited or localized. Any disruption in the Strait of Hormuz immediately impacts global energy markets, threatens supply chains, and puts the global economy at risk and in a state of constant anxious uncertainty. This interconnectedness does not grant America additional power. Instead, it constrains its actions. Every military move is calculated not only based on superiority, but also on the

potential global repercussions that could extend beyond the theater of operations itself.

On the other hand, the Lebanese front occupies a highly sensitive position in any negotiations between the United States and Iran, not as a separate domestic issue, but as a central node in the broader network of regional influence. In the strategic calculations of both sides, Lebanon transcends its narrow geographical boundaries to become a direct testing ground for the balance of power in the Middle East.

From Iran's perspective, Lebanon constitutes an extension of its regional influence and one of its most important tools through its support of Hezbollah, granting it the ability to influence the regional balance of deterrence and create strategic depth beyond its borders. Conversely, the US views this influence as part of a broader order that threatens the stability of its allies in the region, foremost among them the Jewish entity and the Gulf States, which are ready to join the normalization process. Containing or diminishing this influence is therefore an objective within its broader security vision, especially after the failure to close the arc of Hezbollah, end its military influence, and disarm it.

In this sense, Lebanon is not treated as a standalone issue, but rather as a "testing ground for influence" between two opposing regional projects. This explains why its name could appear in any broader negotiation process between Washington and Tehran, even if it is not explicitly or definitively included in any potential agreement. It also explains why the Jewish entity was given the green light to continue its aggression in Lebanon, in the hope that the negotiations would be affected by the expected ground developments.

Strategically, America now faces a classic dilemma for a major power in transition: expanding commitments versus limited decisive action. It is required to protect its partners, deter its adversaries, ensure market stability, and prevent a slide into all-out war—all simultaneously. Before and after all that, it must protect a nascent Jewish entity whose very existence is threatened. This kind of multiplicity of objectives creates something akin to strategic strain, where every calculated move becomes risk management, rather than the creation of decisive outcomes.

Conversely, this does not imply the rise of an alternative power capable of completely filling the void within the capitalist order, including China. Instead, it points to the gradual disintegration of the unipolar world order in the current international order. We are witnessing a world where power centers are dispersed, crises intersect, and alliances become so intertwined that any absolute hegemony is more of an exception, than the rule.

Therefore, what is happening can be understood not as a sign of immediate collapse, but as a slow deflating of what might be called the bubble of unconditional American supremacy. This bubble hasn't burst, but it's gradually losing pressure under the weight of realities: endless wars, persistent adversaries, volatile markets, and allies reassessing their stances with every crisis. These factors combined suggest that the greatest achievement America can hope to attain in its negotiations with Iran is an agreement that could collapse at any moment, especially given the complexities of the nuclear issue.

In short, the world is not heading toward a power vacuum. Instead, the world is heading toward a redistribution of power. However, the era of believing in the existence of a single power

capable of regulating the entire planet's rhythm is drawing to a close. In this transformation, empires are not necessarily defeated in a single battle, but instead gradually erode as each battle becomes less decisive than the last. In this context, arrogance is the most accelerating factor in this erosion.

Yet, the decline of Western hegemony does not signify the end of history, but instead the beginning of a larger question: What vision possesses the capacity to rescue a world exhausted by hegemony, conflict, and consumerism? At the heart of this strategic civilizational vacuum, Islam emerges as a civilizational project with a different conception of humanity, power, justice, and international relations.

In an era where Western certainty is eroding under the weight of wars, crises, and domestic contradictions, talk of Islam's return to the center of historical and geographical action is not merely nostalgia, but a possibility imposed by the transformations of the world itself. From within the growing Islamic awareness of the Ummah, this horizon is linked to the glad tidings of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ of the return of the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood, with what this means in terms of restoring the meaning of justice and the unity of the Ummah. All this is in the face of a world that has lost its moral and spiritual balance, whose intellectual and civilizational foundations have cracked, and whose confidence in its political and economic institutions has eroded. Thus, the real question today is not: Who rules the world? Instead, it is: Which civilizational project has the ability to save it?

# How Did “Rain Wherever You Want” Become “Never Possible”?!

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Egyptian President Sisi said, “We don’t have enough water or land for that... Don’t imagine that Egypt can achieve self-sufficiency in agricultural production; it’s absolutely impossible” (Cairo24). This statement by Sisi effectively ended nearly a decade of rosy promises and massive propaganda projects, officially ushering in an era of engineered frustration and deficit management. The regime’s attempt to portray the current crisis as a geo-biological inevitability imposed by water scarcity and the narrowness of the Nile Valley, coupled with a population explosion, is a flawed and biased interpretation that seeks to evade political and economic accountability. Egypt’s water and geographic reality, and its descent below the critical water poverty line, was not a sudden surprise to the authorities. Instead, it is a well-known scientific and historical fact, documented in the Ministry of Irrigation’s literature since the 1980s. The real question this strategic retreat raises is not about the limits of nature, but instead about the adequacy of the planning will and the degree of independence of the political decision-making that managed these resources, or rather, squandered them.

The multifaceted manifestations of failure become apparent when a direct and objective comparison is made between this disheartening discourse and the structural decisions made by the same regime over the past years. In 2015, 64 billion Egyptian pounds of people’s savings—more than 8 billion US dollars at the time—were collected and poured entirely into a dry excavation and the expansion of a parallel branch of the Suez Canal to boost

morale and buy temporary political legitimacy, instead of directing those enormous sums toward building independent productive assets. Had this money been allocated to the water sector, it would have been sufficient to build approximately eighty giant seawater desalination plants along Egypt's coasts, producing 3 billion cubic meters of fresh drinking water annually, enough to completely relieve the burden on the Nile River and redirect its entire share to agriculture. This sum was also sufficient to modernize flood irrigation systems and convert the entire old agricultural land in the Delta and Valley to smart drip irrigation, saving approximately 15 billion cubic meters of water wasted annually through evaporation and seepage. This water saving alone would have been enough to reverse the deficit equation, allowing for the cultivation of millions of additional acres with strategic crops such as wheat and corn, and significantly improving food security indicators instead of lamenting the scarcity of essential resources.

This failure extends beyond local planning to become intertwined with disastrous geopolitical concessions orchestrated by Sisi, most notably the signing of the Declaration of Principles Agreement on the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) in Khartoum in March 2015. This agreement granted Ethiopia international and legal legitimacy it had lacked for decades, opening doors to financing, dam construction, and the imposition of a fait accompli policy of unilateral filling. This effectively turned Egypt's sole lifeline into a tap controlled by foreign powers. Natural challenges have thus been transformed into tools of deliberate siege, as the agricultural and political bureaucracy refuses to engage in the battle for technological liberation by localizing research on short-duration, drought-resistant seeds and seedlings, and shackles traditional farmers with austerity

measures. Meanwhile, the occupying Jewish entity in Palestine ranks 24th globally on the food security index and is nearly 100% self-sufficient in vegetables, poultry, and dairy products, despite sharing the same desert landscape and severe water scarcity as Egypt. This is due to its early strategic reliance on recycling 90% of wastewater and employing precision irrigation.

The comparison between the limitations of the modern nation-state, confined within the narrow borders of Sykes-Picot and the open geography of Islam, explains the structural dimension of the contemporary crisis. When Khaleefah (Caliph) Harun al-Rashid addressed the clouds, saying, (أمطري حيث شئت فخراجك آتيني) “Rain wherever you will, for your kharaj (land tax) will come to me,” it was not mere rhetorical flourish, but instead an expression of a vast independent territory that transcended regional customs and political boundaries. This huge territory controlled rivers from their sources to their mouths, and its fertile lands—those of Sudan, Iraq, and Egypt—were integrated with financial surpluses and abundant rainfall. The dismantling of this geography and the confinement of Egypt within a narrow strip surrounded by deserts has rendered self-sufficiency impossible from a purely nationalistic perspective. Current regimes exploit this nationalistic confinement to instill a psychology of fear and dependency, convincing people that submitting to the conditions of international financial institutions and selling off assets and ports to secure dollars is the only inevitable path to survival and securing basic necessities. In the face of this impasse, the alternative civilizational project offered by Hizb ut Tahrir, which seeks to establish a Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood, emerges as a preliminary model striving to break this vicious cycle of dependency. The Hizb’s draft constitution prohibits the neglect of land for any reason beyond

three years, and implements strict Shariah rulings that reclaim land from monopolists, and grant it to those who cultivate it, while integrating human and financial resources and wealth into a unified Islamic geopolitical space that ends the curse of colonialist borders. Furthermore, the Hizb's industrial vision does not stop at technological stagnation but is based on imposing a policy of independent heavy industry, and manufacturing machinery and engines locally, to serve all industrial sectors, including agriculture and irrigation, and linking experimental education curricula to biotechnology research in seeds and desalination. These independent solutions are impossible to implement under the current regime, but they become inevitable alternatives for an ideological state that refuses subservience to the disbelieving colonialist.

The deeper message underlying Sisi's recent speech goes beyond simply listing figures. It is a veiled threat of punishment to a people who once dared to think of reclaiming their power through their revolution on January 25th, an attempt to break their will by making them believe they lack the means for an independent life, and that their aspirations must not extend beyond a meager existence steeped in debt and compromise. The natural and simple solution to food security lay in the vast expanse of historical integration, where resources flowed freely, yielding their bounty wherever they pleased. However, in this current era of decline, instead of overcoming obstacles through scientific innovation and courageous, independent will, the regime chose to exploit geographical determinism to justify failure, entrench dependency, and impose an "I will show you only what I see" mentality on an Ummah meant to forget its capacity for meeting challenges and forging its own future.

**O People of Egypt Al-Kinanaḥ (The Quiver of Arrows), O Descendants of Conquerors and Eminent Ulema!** This dark reality that is being imposed upon you is not an inevitable fate, but instead the result of shackling you with imaginary borders and subservient policies that have deprived you of independent control over your land and waters. Escape from this dark tunnel will not be by surrendering to speeches of helplessness, but instead by consciously and courageously rallying around the Ummah's strategic and ideological project adopted by Hizb ut Tahrir to establish the Khilafah Rashidah on the Method of the Prophethood, the state that integrates energies, dismantles nationalistic borders, and restores to the Ummah its prestige and its food security and political independence. This great project is the only lifeline for the youth and the aspirations of the rising new generation. It will rescue them from the whirlpools of frustration and loss, instilling in them a profound sense of belonging to the noble creed of Islam, and fill them with pride in belonging to an Ummah that seeks its glory only through Allah ﷻ and His Messenger ﷺ. So, rise up to support your Deen and reclaim your usurped authority, so that the sun of revival may shine once more upon your pure land, and the Ummah may return to being a leader, not a follower, and a guide, not an imitator.

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# Africa and the Middle East: Maps of Conflict in the New World Order

**By: Ustadh Nabil Abdel Karim**

In a rapidly changing world, the battles for international influence are no longer solely about borders and armies. Energy has become the hidden driver of major conflicts. For decades, the Middle East, particularly the Gulf and Iran, has been at the heart of this global struggle, with attention focused on oil and its vital shipping lanes. However, with accelerating geopolitical shifts and the changing nature of the global economy, the compass of international competition seems to be moving towards another continent possessing immense wealth and unprecedented strategic potential: Africa.

The African continent is no longer merely an emerging market or a geographical periphery far removed from centers of power. It has become a global reservoir of energy and Rare Earth Elements (REEs) upon which the industries of the future depend, from electric vehicles to artificial intelligence and military technology. With the potential for some traditional conflicts in the Middle East to subside, a fundamental question arises: Will Africa become the new arena for international conflict over energy and the resources of the 21st century? Of course, this transformation isn't solely about oil, but rather a broader struggle for influence, strategic waterways, and minerals that will shape global power in the coming decades.

Therefore, the African continent is poised to become a center of competition between major powers, and perhaps the most dangerous arena for future conflicts. We are witnessing the

beginning of a shift towards a flexible bipolarity, though not in the classical sense.

For decades, the Arabian Gulf has remained a global center of gravity due to its vast oil reserves and its control over vital maritime routes like the Strait of Hormuz, through which a significant portion of global energy trade passes. Major powers have historically viewed the security of the industrialized world as directly linked to the stability of this region. However, recent events have destabilized the region, and it is in the interest of the West, particularly the United States, to maintain this instability. The West perceives this region as fertile ground for the resurgence of Islam, and is working to weaken it by dividing major regional powers, impoverishing some Gulf states, and maintaining American control over and near-closure of key straits. All of this will push the world towards secure energy sources outside this region.

Other factors are driving greater interest in the continent, including:

### **Firstly: The Changing Nature of Energy Globally**

In the 20th century, oil reigned supreme. Today, the world is entering a different era based on electric vehicles, giant batteries, renewable energy, artificial intelligence, and advanced technological industries. All these industries require strategic minerals more than oil alone - cobalt, lithium, nickel, copper, and the seventeen Rare Earth Elements (REEs). This explains why the African continent has emerged on the radar of major powers, as it possesses a significant share of these resources.

### **Secondly: The Decline of the Gulf's Energy Monopoly**

While the Gulf will remain important, the world is beginning to reduce its exclusive dependence on it due to the diversification of global energy sources and the expansion of gas production in new regions. We must also consider America's efforts to promote its shale oil, as seen in the US-China agreement, whereby America will supply oil to China. All of this stems from the world's reluctance to tie its economic security to a single, highly volatile region—precisely what America desires.

### **Thirdly: Africa Remains an Open Arena for Competition**

In the Gulf, political and military influence has been virtually settled for decades. Africa, however, remains an unstable sphere of influence, rich in untapped resources, and plagued by political fragility in most of its countries. It is also less saturated with traditional bases and alliances, giving major powers an opportunity to build new, long-term influence.

### **Fourthly: Africa's Geographical Location**

Africa not only possesses valuable resources but also controls strategic maritime passages such as the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, the Suez Canal, and coastlines on the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. Controlling Africa means influencing global trade and energy routes.

### **Fifthly: The Coming Conflict Will Be Over the Minerals of the Future**

America, China, and Europe realize that whoever controls African minerals will possess immense economic and technological superiority. Most of the world's cobalt reserves are located in the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa is the richest region in Rare Earth Elements (REEs), and Niger is teeming with uranium, not to mention the vast gas reserves in Mozambique. Therefore,

Africa is directly linked to the industries of the future, not just to supplying the world with traditional fuels. Therefore, we find the world trying to distance itself from the Middle East conflicts that have exhausted it, and seeking regions that are less costly politically and militarily, and more conducive to building economic influence rather than direct military intervention.

The major powers are not currently moving towards the Gulf, not because oil is unimportant, but because the world has entered a new phase in which conflicts are no longer solely about oil, but also about energy, technology, minerals, and supply chains. Africa holds most of these keys.

For this reason, we may witness in the coming days a gradual shift in the centers of international competition from the Gulf and Iran to the African continent, considered a strategic reservoir of future resources.

For some time now, we have observed that American policies in the Middle East indicate a desire to fragment the region due to its sensitivity.

It has weakened pivotal states, dismantled armies and regimes, economically exhausted the region, removed autocratic leaders it had either created, or who had long held power, stirred up long-dormant tensions, created sectarian, ethnic, and developmental divisions, and eliminated regional stability. From the 2003 invasion of Iraq until 2026, and the attempt to overthrow the Iranian regime—an attempt clearly continuing at an accelerated pace—to drain the entire region and expand the capabilities of the Jewish entity, knowing its eagerness to prevent the establishment of a Khilafah (Caliphate), which they know is coming, and that the Middle East is the best place for its emergence.

They seek to have the world's major powers unify to prevent the emergence of an expansive power that would threaten their interests, while simultaneously ensuring energy security and maritime routes, maintaining the balance of power under their control, and entrusting this task to the Jewish entity, and preventing the formation of economically or militarily independent blocs except under their control.

The theory of “creative destruction” and “creative chaos” announced by then-US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in 2006 when speaking about the Middle East, has been linked to the idea that it was a pre-prepared theory, or that America's involvement in wars was aimed at expanding its influence.

The result is that chaos has ensued, and America is now announcing a redrawing of the Middle East map to suit its interests.

The establishment of the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) on the Method of Prophethood is now imminent, and by the Permission of Allah ﷻ, it will be established before their very eyes, after they have spent their wealth. After all this scheming, they will be defeated, by the Permission of Allah ﷻ. Allah ﷻ says, **﴿إِنَّ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ لِيَصُدُّوا عَن سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ ۚ فَسَيُنْفِقُونَهَا ثُمَّ تَكُونُ عَلَيْهِمْ حَسْرَةً ثُمَّ يُغْلَبُونَ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا إِلَىٰ جَهَنَّمَ يُحْشَرُونَ﴾** **“Indeed, those who disbelieve spend their wealth to avert [people] from the way of Allah. So they will spend it; then it will be for them a regret; then they will be overcome. And those who have disbelieved will be gathered to Hell”** [TMQ Surah Al-Anfal: 36].

Therefore, we call upon every Muslim on earth, and especially those in the Middle East, to be aware of the plots being hatched against them. Their strength does not lie in prostrating

themselves before the disbelievers to implement their schemes against their Ummah. Instead, true strength lies in returning to the Deen of Allah ﷻ, the Deen that will govern the world, eradicate the effects of capitalism from this planet, and spread its belief, light, and justice.

**O Muslims, O People of Military Power and Protection:** Rise up to support this Deen! For our enmity towards one another will only benefit our enemies. Our unity under the rule of one Khaleefah (Caliph), in one state, governed by all that Allah ﷻ has revealed, and which restructures our lives according to Shariah Law, will allow us to return to being the best Ummah brought forth for humanity. Allah ﷻ said, **﴿كُنْتُمْ خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ أُخْرِجَتْ لِلنَّاسِ تَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَتَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَتُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَلَوْ آمَنَ أَهْلُ الْكِتَابِ لَكَانَ خَيْرًا لَهُمْ مِنْهُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَأَكْثَرُهُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ﴾** **“You are the best nation produced for mankind. You enjoin what is righteousness and forbid what is evil and believe in Allah. If only the People of the Scripture had believed, it would have been better for them. Among them are believers, but most of them are defiantly disobedient.”** [TMQ Surah Aali Imran: 110].

## Central Asia Between Two Choices: Subordination or Liberation



The peoples of Central Asia today stand before two paths: either to be servants in the corridors of major powers such as America, China, and Russia, or to present to the world a new system of justice, relying on their Iman and unity. History shows that whenever we have unified upon the Deen of Allah ﷻ, we have been strong and honorable, and whenever we have been deceived by the cheap promises of the colonialists, we have faced injustice and subordination. Today's geopolitical storms call us once again to that glorious unity. And this unity is not merely an economic alliance, but rather a political and creedal integration under the shade of the Khilafah (Caliphate) state.

Moreover, with the return of the Khilafah, the artificial borders and narrow nationalistic interest barriers that separate the countries of Central Asia from one another will be removed. This

great state will transform the region from a geopolitical toy for foreign powers into the world's leading centre of power. Under the Khilafah, transport corridors will not serve the transfer of the colonialists' usurped wealth, but instead will serve to meet the needs of Muslims and to spread the Risaalah message of Islam to the entire world. The honor of our Ummah and the true liberation of the region are tied to the return of this divine system. Indeed, these bright days, by the permission of Allah ﷻ, are truly near, **﴿لِلَّهِ الْأَمْرُ مِنْ قَبْلُ وَمِنْ بَعْدُ وَيَوْمَئِذٍ يَفْرَحُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ \* بِنَصْرِ اللَّهِ يَنْصُرُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الرَّحِيمُ﴾** **"The whole matter rests with Allah before and after victory. And on that day the believers will rejoice \* at the victory willed by Allah. He gives victory to whoever He wills. For He is the Almighty, Most Merciful."** [TMQ Surah Ar-Rum 4–5].

# The Role of Neighboring Countries in the Sudanese War

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Sudan is surrounded by a number of countries, creations of the Sykes-Picot Agreement: Egypt to the north, Libya to the northwest, Chad to the west, the Central African Republic to the southwest, South Sudan to the south, Ethiopia to the southeast, Eritrea to the east, and the Red Sea, beyond which lies Saudi Arabia, to the northeast. This has given these countries an influence on the war between the Sudanese army and the Rapid Support Forces militias, whether through the influx of refugees into their territories, or through their active participation in the war via political or military means.

In May 2023, the Saudi role began with the Jeddah Platform, a negotiating track jointly sponsored by Saudi Arabia and the United States. The US entrusted Saudi Arabia with the peace

process in this war, and thus the Jeddah Platform was established on Monday, May 22, 2023. Then, at the behest of the US, ceasefires proliferated.

America is the one driving events in Sudan and controlling the Jeddah negotiations. The agreement signed by the two parties in Jeddah was confirmed by the US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, Molly Phee, during her meetings in Addis Ababa from May 14-16, 2023. She provided information about the Jeddah talks aimed at securing a short-term ceasefire to allow for the delivery of humanitarian aid. This was followed by meetings of the US-led Quartet in Washington, namely the US, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE, which Burhan initially rejected. He later expressed his willingness to work with US President Trump, and at the conclusion of an official visit to Riyadh at the invitation of Mohammad Bin Salman, he affirmed Sudan's commitment to working with President Trump, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, and Trump's Special Envoy for Peace in Sudan, Massad Boulos, in efforts to achieve peace and end the war. Thus, Saudi Arabia played a role in the Sudanese war to consolidate Burhan's rule, a fact that became evident when, three months into the conflict, on Thursday, July 13, 2023, the summit of Sudan's neighboring countries ended in Cairo. This summit was convened to thwart the efforts of the European-backed Sudanese opposition parties to take over the peace process. The Cairo Conference of Neighboring Countries appealed to the Sudanese army and the Rapid Support Forces to end the war, and called for an inclusive dialogue free from foreign interference.

The conference began two months after the outbreak of the conflict in mid-April 2023, with the aim of addressing the severe deterioration of the humanitarian situation and providing food,

shelter, healthcare, and protection for millions. This was precisely what America, the instigator of the war, intended: a solution limited to a truce and the opening of humanitarian corridors, in order to eliminate or curtail British influence in Sudan and, if it so desired, to separate the Darfur region. It instructed Sisi, Trump's "favorite dictator," to play the political role in consolidating Burhan's rule. Meetings took place between Egypt, Boulos, and the US State Department to facilitate Egypt's political role.

As for Libya and its relationship with the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), a November 2025 report by the US-based watchdog organization, The Sentry, stated that forces loyal to Libyan commander Khalifa Haftar were supplying the RSF with smuggled fuel on behalf of the UAE. Chad's intervention in this senseless war is to supply the RSF with provisions and ammunition via the Adré border crossing, under the guise of humanitarian aid. The Central African Republic (CAR) has not been immune to the Sudanese conflict, particularly after the closure of the Adré crossing. The RSF's control of the border town of Um Dafuq in South Darfur State in mid-June 2023 is a significant development. This town is the only trade route connecting Sudan and CAR, and the Um Dafuq crossing is considered a highly strategic area for the RSF, whose main areas of influence are in western Sudan, especially after Chad closed its border with Sudan, thus cutting off supply lines and the movement of fighters between the two countries.

The newly independent state of South Sudan, whose lifeline is northern Sudan, serves as a major conduit for arms shipments to the RSF under the guise of humanitarian aid, and for opening new battlefronts along the Blue Nile and Kadugli borders, a tactic known as stretching the periphery. Al Jazeera reported on

December 12, 2025, that South Sudan's army chief, Paul Nang, stated his country had deployed troops to Sudan to protect the strategic Heglig oil field near the border, days after it was seized by the RSF, amidst ongoing clashes in Kordofan. General Nang confirmed that the deployment was approved by South Sudanese President Salva Kiir, Sudanese Sovereign Council Chairman Abdel Fattah al-Burhan, and RSF Commander Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo (Hemedti). The army's official spokesperson, Brigadier General Asim Awad Abdul Wahab, stated that drones launched from Bahir Dar Airport in Ethiopia conducted hostile sorties within Sudanese airspace, targeting military and civilian sites, including Khartoum International Airport.

Furthermore, Ethiopia is contributing to this devastating war in Sudan. International reports since the end of last year have revealed the existence of a large training camp within Ethiopian territory for the RSF, equipped with airstrips and drone hangars. These reports, supported by satellite imagery, also indicated dozens of flights transporting weapons supplies to the Rapid Support Forces.

Regarding Eritrea's involvement in the Sudanese war, on May 4, 2023, The Independent reported that the Eritrean president admitted his government supported Sudanese army chief Burhan after the fall of the previous regime, "not for personal reasons, but because he represents the country's primary sovereign institution, the army." Moreover, Eritrea is opening a new supply route for Burhan. Al-Arab Newspaper and others reported on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, "Consistent Ethiopian reports revealed that the Sudanese army resorted to Eritrean territory to secure vital weapons shipments, including anti-aircraft systems,

Turkish and Iranian drones, barrel bombs, and spare parts, fueling the brutal war that has been raging since 2023.”

This is how America manages the Sudanese war through the Sykes-Picot states. Moreover, this is the state of the rulers of Muslims; they care nothing for the people or their security, only for clinging to power, thrones, and their masters.

It is truly regrettable that our country has become an arena of conflict for colonialist powers, even though the countries surrounding us are Muslim, and the majority of their inhabitants are Muslim. This is a consequence of the yoke of subjugation that binds the rulers of Muslims. The land and its people will not be liberated from the shackles of colonialism except by the resumption of the Islamic way of life through the establishment of the Khilafah Rashidah (Rightly Guided Caliphate) on the Method of the Prophethood. Then, by the Permission of Allah ﷻ, justice will be served. Allah ﷻ said, ﴿وَسَيَعْلَمُ الَّذِينَ ظَلَمُوا أَيَّ مُنْقَلَبٍ يَنْقَلِبُونَ﴾ **“And those who have wronged will know to what kind of return they will be returned”** [TMQ Surah Ash-Shuaraa': 227].

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# The Era of Major Transformations: A Turning Point Between Dependence and Leadership

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Amidst the profound geopolitical shifts dominating the world today, where established norms crumble and alliances are forged under the weight of brute force, the Muslim World finds itself at a pivotal moment: either to anticipate these transformations and chart its own course, or to await marginal roles dictated by others. America's insistence on holding the “Exercise African Lion” military exercises in Tunisia for the ninth consecutive year, and the deployment of its troops and equipment, is no longer mere routine military cooperation. It has become a de facto entanglement of the country in America's network of security objectives in Africa. This Tunisian scenario is not isolated. Instead, it reflects a broader Arab reality, where the foundations of

alliances with Washington have become points of vulnerability rather than bulwarks of protection. Does the Muslim World still possess a strategic answer to protect it from complete subservience, or will the price of waiting prove too high for any role that can be salvaged later?

### **Exercise African Lion: When Subservience Becomes a Political Project**

In Tunisia, participating in part of the Exercise African Lion military exercises annually has become a political tradition passed down through successive governments since Beji Caid Essebsi signed the agreement in 2015 designating Tunisia as a strategic external ally of NATO. However, what is presented as a strategic partnership reveals, upon closer examination, to be merely an entanglement of the country in an American plan that serves only its own interests in Africa. In America's lexicon, "strategic partner" does not mean friend or equal, but simply an actor performing a specific function within the American hegemonic order. What is happening in the Gulf States confirms the danger of this alignment: the American military bases scattered there have been repeatedly attacked, and those countries found no support, neither internal nor external. Instead, the Arab world viewed them as hostile bases complicit in aggression. Tunisia is important to Washington today as a strategic location in the heart of the Mediterranean, between Europe and Africa, but the price of this may be exorbitant. Islam forbids seeking military assistance from non-Muslims, as evidenced by the Messenger of Allah ﷺ who said, « لَا تَسْتَضِيئُوا بِنَارِ الْمُشْرِكِينَ » **“Do not seek light from the fire (meaning war) of the disbelievers.”** Military alliances allow armies to fight together against a common enemy and exchange information and military equipment. America

today, suffering from megalomania, political turmoil, and a deep domestic division between Democrats and Republicans, can no longer be trusted even by its allies. This is the same America that has made its primary war against Islam, as evidenced by the situations in Gaza, Iran, and Lebanon.

### **Tunisia and the Risk of Polarization**

Amid the storm shaking NATO, Tunisia stands out as a direct front line in these major transformations. The Libyan and Sahel issues are all areas dominated by the United States. Indicators between 2024 and 2026 reveal a clear strategic duality on the part of the Tunisian authorities: ostensibly, Tunisia maintains an independent discourse rejecting foreign bases and foreign dictates, and affirms its commitment to neutrality. However, in practice, it is deepening its security cooperation with the US, allowing an increasing presence of American military advisors and experts, while remaining organically linked to Europe.

This delicate equation — Europe for the economy, America for security, and a political discourse for balance — could suddenly collapse if the transatlantic rift intensifies. In a scenario of open conflict, Tunisia could find itself under double pressure: Europe threatening economic sanctions or freezing aid, and the US demanding a larger military role that could expose Tunisia to violent regional reactions, especially from Algeria, which considers any American presence near its borders a red line. The crucial question then becomes: Will Tunisia succeed in remaining a balancing player, or will it be forced into alignment? Certainly, the equation of “Europe for bread, America for weapons, and Algeria for neighboring countries” is no longer sufficient. Tunisia needs a completely new strategy if it wants to avoid becoming a hostage in a conflict over which it holds no control.

## From Subservience to Civilizational Leadership

The biggest question remains: Where does the Islamic Ummah stand amidst these transformations, we who possess all the elements of strength and dignity? How can we escape this state of subservience and attain the position that the Lord of the Worlds, Allah ﷻ, has obligated for us? The undeniable truth is that the conflict raging today between the major powers is no longer a conflict of ideologies, but instead a pure struggle for power, influence, and hegemony. There is no longer on the global stage a comprehensive, ideological project that offers a holistic vision for solving humanity's problems except for the project of Islam. The Ummah today possesses a civilizational alternative that it is obligated to implement. Allah ﷻ said, ﴿فَلَا وَرَبِّكَ لَا يُؤْمِنُونَ﴾ **“No, by your Lord, they will not truly believe until they make you, [O Muhammad], judge between them concerning that over which they dispute”** [TMQ Surah An-Nisaa':65]. It is also obligated to convey this alternative to all of humanity. Allah ﷻ said, ﴿وَكَذَلِكَ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ أُمَّةً وَسَطًا لِتَكُونُوا شُهَدَاءَ عَلَى النَّاسِ﴾ **“And thus We have made you a just Ummah that you will be witnesses over mankind”** [TMQ Surah Al-Baqarah:143]. This alternative is based on a rationally evidenced belief, through which we carry the Risaalah message of guidance and mercy to the world and establish evidence for all of humanity. Furthermore, the Ummah's sources of strength are immense: wealth, resources, lands, vital corridors, geographic location, youth, and the history of the Khilafah (Caliphate), which ruled the world for nearly thirteen centuries and brought Europe out of the Dark Ages. All these assets remain mere words on paper without the political will to unite them.

In conclusion, in an era of unprecedentedly rapid international transformations, it is no longer acceptable for the Muslim World to wait its turn on the sidelines. The Exercise African Lion maneuvers in Tunisia, the security dependence on America, and the fragile balance between Europe and America are all early warnings that subservience is no longer just costly, but has become deadly to sovereignty and the future.

Wars have demonstrated the Muslims' capacity for resistance; in Iran, and before it in Iraq and Afghanistan. All these factors confirm that the time for change has arrived, and it will not be in the game of balancing between quarrelsome partners, nor in speeches of regret, but instead in practical steps: taking pride in identity and gathering the scattered forces of the Ummah into one entity, and refusing to submit to any major power, no matter what the price of boycott or isolation may be temporarily, because whoever cannot bear the costs of leadership will pay the heavy price of subservience.

# **Blessed Are Those Who Realize the Value of Their Life Before It Is Lost, and Makes Their Life a Witness for Them, Not Against Them**



The most dangerous matter facing the youth of this Ummah today is not merely the abundance of trials, but the squandering of lifetimes in idle talk, vain amusement, and preoccupation with what is of no benefit, such that days and years pass without any trace left in the Deen or life. How many young men and women have wasted their strength and time in empty gatherings, social media, and following the news of people, while their obligation towards their Deen weakens day by day?!

Indeed, youth are the strength and support of the Ummah. If they become preoccupied with trivialities, grow accustomed to excuses, and abandon their Shariah obligations, within ritual

worships and the Dawah, the entire Ummah weakens. Time that passes does not return, and one day a person will stand before Allah ﷻ, the Exalted, to be asked about his or her youth, and how youthfulness and time was spent.

It is not befitting for the young Muslims to be mere spectators of their Ummah's reality, nor a prisoner to comfort and procrastination. Instead, they must make their youth a path to obedience and action in service to Islam, even if it be with a kind word, supporting the truth, or defending the causes of the Ummah. Allah ﷻ said, ﴿أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا وَأَنَّكُمْ إِلَيْنَا لَا تُرْجَعُونَ﴾ **“Did you then think that We had created you without purpose, and that you would never be returned to Us?”** [TMQ Surah Al-Mu'minun: 115].

So blessed are those who realize the value of their life before it is lost, makes their life a witness for them not against them, and dedicates their youth to what pleases Allah ﷻ and benefits people, before a day when regret will be of no avail.

# The Future of Energy is Determined by Whoever Holds the Keys to Its Transit

Oil is no longer merely a strategic commodity alone, but instead a complex network of routes. Whoever controls them possesses the ability to reshape the global economy without firing a single bullet. While states seek to diversify supply routes and improve energy arteries, the balance remains fragile, resting on a precise equation between deterrence and flow, between protection and blackmail. Major powers have long been aware of this. China has pursued the Belt and Road Initiative regardless of its success or failure as well as alternative energy. America, too, has long been moving militarily, economically, and politically, using its influence to gain control. What we witness today in terms of wars over influence in the Middle East and its corridors, and in Africa and its wealth, is nothing but a fireless war between two opposing sides, a conflict that could, in moments of darkness, lead to a larger war than we can imagine.

Thus, the future of energy will not be determined solely by who owns the oil, but by who holds the keys to its transit. At a moment when interests intersect and corridors narrow, the conflict may evolve into a struggle for control over them, leading to a rewriting of the rules of power in the international order.

The lands of Muslims are not far from being able to move and bring about a major change. They possess a divine ideology, immense wealth, and major corridors. They are at the center of the world, and if Allah ﷻ wills, they will transform from being a follower into a controller within the closed loop from the fields to the ports. They possess a power that comes not only from the quantity of reserves but from continuous, connected control.

They control production fields and reserve capacity, transportation - pipeline networks and internal facilities -, and also transit, because all the straits from the Strait of Hormuz, Bab el-Mandeb, the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, and others will become possessions within this state. Thus, the mechanisms of pricing, selling, contracts, and currency will all be in the hands of the Khaleefah (Caliph) of the Muslims.

After critical infrastructure is built such as multiple deep-water ports, strategic reserve storage facilities, refineries close to shipping points, and so on then, the ideological state, the Khilafah (Caliphate) that will soon be established by the Permission of Allah ﷻ, once it tightens its grip on the energy chains and corridors, will transform into a global transit platform, that manages the flow rather than chases after it.

True power does not lie in closing the arteries but in the ability to keep them open at a price, and under the conditions set by this ideological state. Managed stability becomes the highest form of influence. What the major powers seek to possess today is, in fact, already the property within the Khilafah state. The Belt and Road is on our lands, the New Silk Road is on our lands, the straits are our straits, energy is our energy, and raw materials of all kinds belong to us.