

The Ideological Meltdown of Pakistan

The betrayal

After the conquest of Delhi in late 12th century by Muhammad Ghouri, the creation of Pakistan is the most important event in the Muslim history of South Asia. The inspiration for such a great achievement came from no other source or individual but from the holy Qur'an –the fundamental source of all inspirations of the Muslims. It was another great leader like Qaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah who could successfully lead to another great victory for the South Asian Muslims. After a long colonial occupation, the degenerated and demoralised Muslim Ummah could find a ray of new hope in the creation of this new country. It went like thrills of astounding victory all over the Islamic world; and was indeed a remarkable achievement of the Indian Muslims. While the Muslims of other parts of the world were awfully disintegrated and the Arab heart land got fragmented into 22 pieces, the Indian Muslims showed astonishing spirit of pan-Islamic brotherhood and unity. It wasn't any tribal, racial, geographical or linguistic affinity or any secular ideology that helped create this largest Muslim country in the contemporary world. It was only Islam that galvanised the Muslim population of the whole South Asia to unite against the British colonialists and the majority Hindu to establish an Islamic state. The Muslims can't attain such success on their own; it was indeed a great blessing from Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la that was bestowed on them for their pan-Islamic unity.

But the immense opportunity that came with the creation of Pakistan also started quickly disappearing. Now the country stands as a land of ugly betrayal. The betrayal is against Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, His sharia and the philosophy of pan-

Islamic brotherhood. The ideology that helped create Pakistan is no more welcome in its political and intellectual circles. The country is making another history. It is the history of disunity and hatred based on ethnic, linguistic and regional affinity. The pre-1947 pan-Islamic brotherhood is almost dead; Islamisation of state is no more a priority. Rather, secularisation has taken its place. The people are more interested in material gains; and more focussed on provincial matters, local tradition, feudal politics and the party interests. They want more foreign money and investment only to enhance their own pleasure; and implementation of sharia or Islamisation is perceived as an obstacle to that. Hence to impress the country's foreign stakeholders, the de-Islamisation and secularisation have achieved a new level of intensity and has largely eroded the binding glue of pan-Islamism from people's life. So the country is politically divided along the provincial borders as was in 1971 –with the only difference that the Indian Army invasion hasn't yet taken place. So the opportunity of an Islamic renaissance which was in high hype in 1947 is now on deep recession. Instead of following the Qur'anic road map, the country's political leaders and the army generals are more eager to be the partners of the US-led coalition of war on Islam. So the US drones are invited to the Pakistani air to kill the innocent Muslims. The US drones have so far launched more than 400 drone attacks on Pakistani soil and killed 1300 people. Of them, 90% are innocent. (Source: Al-Jazira English TV, 24/10/2015). The US Cobra helicopter can violate the border and kill anybody they wish –as they did in Abbottabad; the huge Army only stand as the bystander.

The evils of colonial occupation

The long rule of the colonialists in South Asia helped generate a huge army of ideological and cultural converts. The project of religion conversion of the European invaders failed badly, but the ideological and cultural conversion worked tremendously. These converts proved no less inimical against Islam than the religious converts. They worked as mercenaries to prolong the colonial rule in Indian subcontinent. They even fought wars in Iraq and Palestine to bring those Muslim lands under the British occupation. The colonialists have withdrawn their own army but not the army of these ideological and cultural converts. As a result, although the colonial occupation formally ended; but their ideological and cultural occupation continued. The country's cantonments, the judiciary and the bureaucracy still remain the occupied territory of these cultural and ideological converts. Islam with its fundamental concepts like *sharia*, *hudud*, *jihad*, *shura*, *khilafa* had little access to these occupied

territories. The drinking of wine in officers' mess in the cantonment was only stopped by General Ziaul Haq in late seventies. The *kuffar* law of the British still rule the Pakistani judiciary; hence illicit sex (*jinna*) is not legally punishable if done with the consent.

Such occupation of Pakistan by the ideological and cultural converts restricts the practice of full Islam; and thereby prohibits the local citizens becoming complete Muslim. Whereas to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, a Muslim needs to have full submission. "*Udkhul fis silm'e ka'affa*" is the Qur'anic decree. Hence incomplete submission is not a sign of full belief in Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la, rather a marker of rebellion. Such a rebellion makes it difficult to save one's souls from the hellfire. Therefore how a Muslim dare oppose the implementation of sharia? It is indeed the greatest and the ugliest calamity of *kuffar* rule that sharia stays unpractised in a Muslim country. Like many obligatory rituals, it is also an Islamic obligation that a Muslim must live under the sharia law. Any noncompliance with sharia makes a person *kafir* (nonbeliever), *zaleem* (oppressor) and a *fasiq* (sinner) - as revealed in holy Qur'an in *sura* Maida in verses 44, 45 and 47. Can a Muslim ever take that route? Therefore, before the advent of the colonial rule, all the Muslim countries had sharia law. Apart from sharia, the Muslims were not familiar with any other law. For more than six hundred years of Muslim rule, therefore the Indian judiciary used to run on sharia law. The famous *Fatwa-e-Alamgiri* is the collection of such laws. But the colonialists dismantled the whole system; not only they took away the political liberty, but also put an embargo on the practice of sharia. Thus the colonial occupation of India caused the ugliest catastrophe for the Muslims. Hence the Muslims didn't have any choice but to end

the *kuffar* occupation and create an Islamic state. For an Indian Hindu, freedom of India was a subject of his political freedom. But for the Indian Muslims, creation of an independent Islamic country was a religious obligation. Mere end of the colonial rule wasn't the solution of the Muslims' problem there. Today's India is a clear proof of that. India got freedom; but the Muslims didn't get the freedom for the full practice of Islam. They can't even dream of practising sharia there. Even a false rumour of slaughtering a cow brings death to the Muslim. Even their secular worldly progress is severely restricted. The number of doctors, engineers, scientists, industrialists and other professionals that live in only one city of Karachi, that couldn't be produced by the 200 million Muslims living in India!

The life and death issue

In fact, with the imminent end of the British colonial rule, it was quite obvious that the Muslims of South Asia would face more sinister danger of becoming the perpetual hostage in the hands of more aggressive foes like the Hindu chauvinists. Many of these Hindu bigots are not ready to give survival rights to the Muslims on Indian soil; they openly plead for full cleansing. Such project of the extremist Hindu came into execution just after the end of British rule. The Hindu extremist parties like RSS (Rashtiya Sebak Sangh), Shiv Shena, Bishwa Hindu Parishad, Bajrang Dal and many others didn't hide such intention. It is no secret that RSS and Shiv Shena openly runs arms training camps in Indian cities to train its hundreds of thousands of young male and female members with such an anti-Muslim bigotry. Through wholesale massacre of the Muslim men and women and destroying their houses and shops in thousands of anti-Muslim riots, these extremist Hindu indeed display their murderous hatred against the Muslims. To them, Islamic faith is not the only problem. Since the Muslims kill and eat their goddess cow are taken as the unforgivable

offenders. Hence they consider the Muslims as the irreconcilable enemies. The Hindu mob doesn't bother killing Muslim on such pretext –such an event recently happened in Haryana State of northern India. A cow has more survival right than a Muslim man, woman or a child. Not only a great Muslim intellectual like Allama Iqbal or a visionary politician like Qaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah could read such toxic Hindu psyche, even a common Muslim of India could easily see that. They could easily foresee a catastrophic fate of the Muslims under the Hindu rule. Such an anti-Muslim motive was displayed in their culture, literature, social behaviour and in politics. It didn't need to be an intellectual to understand the imminent calamity of Hindu rule in India. As result, establishing a separate state for the Indian Muslims didn't remain mere a political matter; became a life and death issue. As the days of freedom from the British rule got closer, the issue of an independent Pakistan went up to an explosion level. The British colonialists were never a friend of Muslims; but they were more concerned for a safe departure from India. Denying the Muslims their survival rights would have seriously endangered such a safe return for them. Hence they were compelled to swallow the truth; and Pakistan –the largest Muslim country on the world map came into being.

The product of ideological war

Pakistan is indeed the product of an ideological war, no one needed to shot a single bullet for its creation. In those days the Indian Muslims were blessed with a good number of intellectual warriors. And they fought a very successful ideological battle against the opponents of Pakistan. Because of them, the Indian Congress failed miserably to sell its concept of an undivided India to the Muslims. However, the secularised *ulama* of the Jamiat-e-Ulama-i-Hind who divorced the idea of sharia rule from their belief couldn't feel any need for an Islamic state. They thought that if mosques and

madrasas like one in Deoband can survive on Indian soil that is enough for the Muslims' religious right. Like Indian Congress, the political concept of these secular *ulama* too was rejected by the vast majority of the Muslims. The Muslims of five major linguistic categories of South Asia like the Bengalis, the Punjabis, the Sindhis, the Pashtuns and the Baluch voluntarily merged together to form this new Islamic country. They took such a decision under no duress or conspiracy or foreign intervention. It is worth noting that each of these constituent linguistic Muslim groups had the geographical area and the population size larger than more than half of the world's independent states like Qatar, Kuwait, UAE, Belgium, Switzerland and many others to form their own independent state. But they moved beyond those narrow parochial considerations and opted for a united Pakistan.

Even the Muslims of the Hindu majority provinces like Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujrat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and others who had no chances to include their provinces in the proposed territory of Pakistan were also in the forefront of the Pakistan movement. In fact, some of the best campaigners of Pakistan Movement, even Muhammad Ali Jinnah –the main leader, came from one of such provinces. They considered it a crucial mission for the betterment of the whole Muslim Ummah. At least they wished the best for the majority Muslims of the subcontinent. The case of the Bengali Muslims –the largest Muslim population in South Asia was special. They were far ahead of other Indian Muslims to foresee a great catastrophe under the majority Hindu rule. The Muslims of Bengal had two oppressive chains around their neck: one of the British occupiers and the other one of the Hindu *zamiders* (landowners). Moreover, in comparison to others, they had the longer history of suffering under the *kuffar* rule. While Delhi lost independence in 1857, Bengal lost in 1757 –exactly 100 years ago. Hence, they didn't need much lecture to understand the need of freedom from both

British and Hindu rule. Therefore Bengal became the birth place of All India Muslims League, (*Muslim League was born in Dhaka in 1906*) and also the formidable stronghold of Muslim politics in the subcontinent. Bengal was the first province where the Muslims League could form its own government and played the role of game changer in Indian politics. Especially the massive sacrifice of the Bengali Muslims by the hands of Hindu thugs put the final nail on the coffin of Hindu dream of an undivided India. It was on Muslim League's Direct Action Day on 16 August, 1946. On that fateful day, more than five thousand poor Bengali Muslims were slaughtered in the streets of Kolkata. After such a great sacrifice of the Bengali Muslims, the Indian Congress leader Mr Gandhi quickly accepted division of India and creation of Pakistan. Bengali Muslims

The Trojan Horses

But the victory of pan-Islamic ideology didn't survive long. Pakistan had its worst enemy within. They are the enemy's Trojan Horses. They are the secularist cum anti-Islamists who were defeated in 1947 but not fully crushed. Hence they got the full opportunity to resurge with full anti-Islamic venom and could fully occupy the country. So it was again proved that who make the half revolution only dig their own graves. As a consequence, the country is lost to the enemies who opposed its creation in 1947. It is now overwhelmed by the politics of betrayal. The betrayal is not only against the ideological concept of Pakistan's own creation but also against the sovereignty of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la and His sharia. The ruling elite are so-much secularised that they more compatible with the *kuffar* imperialists than with the home-grown Islamists. These secularist elites are taken by the US and other imperialists as the trusted partners in their war on Islam. Pakistan was never short of such committed slaves of the imperialists. Those who fought shoulder to shoulder with the colonial imperialists to occupy Palestine or Iraq in World

Wars or served their colonial bureaucracy were never sacked from Pakistan's strategic position. In fact, the Army cantonments, the civil bureaucracy and the judiciary were under the direct occupation of these British trained secularists. Drinking wine –a *kuffar* practice was never forbidden in the Pakistan's Army cantonments – the culturally occupied lands of the secularists. It was only stopped by General Zia-ul Haq in the late seventies.

Now their occupation is not confined within those institutional islands, rather they have taken the full control of the whole country. They have been fully successful to dismantle the Islamisation project of Pakistan. Initially, the secularists scornfully ridiculed that the Islamists of different sects will not be able to agree on a single point of Islam. But such a notion was quickly foiled. Not only on one point, the Sunnis, the Ahl-i-Hadith and the Shia *ulama* could agree on 22 points for full Islamisation of Pakistan. It was on January 21 to 24, in 1951, under the leadership Syed Sulaiman Nadvi, the eminent religious scholar of both East and West Pakistan could produce the historical document called the Basic Objective Points for the constitution. In those crucial days, the secularist Trojan Horses -left behind in key positions by their colonial masters had their own agenda. They could foresee their own political death in those 22 points of Islamisation. So they engineered coups, dismantled constituent assembly and finally put those 22 points in the cold storage. As a result, in 1971, the united Pakistan died of a constitutional crisis. The country still suffers from the same disease and the same crisis; and the same ideological meltdown continues. And such an ideological meltdown doesn't come alone. It brings moral, cultural and political meltdown too.

Secularisation doesn't have the glue to bind people together, rather makes them greedy, power-hungry and divisive. Why a Baluch or a Sindhi secularist should trust his Punjabi or Pashtun competitors? Rather they will consider each other as

the incompatible enemy. Pakistan's atomic bombs, large army and air or road links are not going to solve this problem. It needs strong linkage between people's heart. Only with such strong linkage, the Muslims of the whole South Asia could create a united Pakistan with huge India in the midst. Hence for creating Pakistan, they need not any army. And same is true for its sustenance. Army is needed only to protect its border, not to occupy its own country. But the Pakistan Army repeatedly showed its priority to occupy the country and failed to defend the border. Still, the Army is bombing their own people with their American partners. The Muslims can forge the cementing glue only by strengthening Islamic ideology. On the contrary, through de-Islamisation, the secularists could successfully dismantle the pre-existing Islamic linkage and politically dismember the country in 1971 -long before the full Indian invasion. Now their next target is the surviving Pakistan. Thousands of atom bombs and ballistic missiles couldn't save Soviet Union; that will not work in Pakistan either. Bombs are not made to do that job. On the contrary, these can aggravate the problem irreparably. An ideological country must fix its problem ideologically and not militarily. But it looks, the country's leaders have lost the focus; they are more focussed to aggravate the disease. If the consensus 22 point prescription of the *ulama* was incorporated in the constitution, Pakistan could have solved its problem more than 60 years ago and survived its 1971's debacle.

The unending war

The ideology of the secularists is diagonally opposite to that of Islam. In a Muslims country, they restrict the entry of Islam into state institutions. Rather they use the state institutions to take the people away from Islam. Hence starts the conflict between the secularists and the Islamists; therefore a war is inevitable wherever the secularists occupy a Muslim country. A believer in Islam cannot reconcile such

secularists' occupation of a Muslim land. As a result, wherever there exist Islamists, the country enters into an unending war. Pakistan is not an exception. The Islamists call it a war against secularists' occupation and the secularists call it war on terrorism. As if, Islam has no war; only has terrorism! Hence Pakistan is indeed divided into two warring nations.

Establishing an Islamic state is a Divine obligation on every Muslim so that state institutions can work with the Islamic mission of enforcing the right and eradicating the evils –as ordained by Allah Sub'han wa Ta'la in the holy Qur'an. It is not a prophetic tradition to keep state and its institutions - the most powerful institutions on earth outside Islam's domain. To fulfil such a Divine obligation, the prophet of Islam Muhammad sallAllah alaihis salam had to establish an Islamic state; and needed to fight many wars to defend its border. In fact, most of his companions had to sacrifice their lives to fulfil the vision. The Muslims in all ages have an obligation to follow this prophetic tradition. Pakistan was indeed created to fulfil such an obligation. But the secularists were not compatible with such a vision; hence turned arch enemies of its conceptual basis and its existence from the inception. So, the real enemies of Pakistan do not lie outside, they in fact exist and works inside its own polity. They lost their war in 1947, but they quickly take over the whole country. They could easily find many friends and patrons outside the borders too. Hence whenever they made any coup, those international patrons stood behind them. Their main power base is in the Army, the judiciary and the bureaucracy –the most secularist institutions in Pakistan and the perfect legacy of the colonial era. Former Governor General Gulam Muhammad, former President General Ayyub Khan, former President General Yahiya Khan, Former Chief Justice Munir and many bigwigs of Pakistan's politics came from such secular institutions. They started their carrier as the perfect servants of the *kuffar* colonialists. They didn't serve

a single day in the Pakistan movement; hence didn't have any love for its Islamic identity. The Islamists failed to identify and fight back these enemies. As a consequence, Pakistan became the helpless hostage of these Trojan Horses. Because of them, Pakistan didn't need any external enemies to dismantle its ideological bedrock.

The moral meltdown

The creation of Pakistan has a special significance in the whole Muslim history. It was for the second time in the history that a state was created in the name of Islam; and the Muslims of a huge territory voluntarily moved beyond their narrow ethnic, linguistic and tribal boundaries. Such an ideological state was created for the first time by the early Muslims under the leadership of the prophet Muhammad sallallahu alaihi wa sallam -the last prophet of Islam. It wasn't mere a state building, rather a huge civilisation building mission. As result of such prophetic mission, the Arab, the Kurdish, the Turkish, the Iranian, the Moore and the Islamic converts of other ethnic and linguistic identities could form a single Ummah. But later on, due to ideological meltdown, the Muslims went back to the old days of pre-Islamic *jaheliya* (ignorance). They degenerated into pieces around their old tribal, racial, linguistic and other narrow parochial identities. The Arabs of one land, one religion, and one language become divided into 22 states. Although unity is obligatory in Islam, the Muslims thus proved to be unfit to live with a unified political and ideological identity. In such a degenerating context, the creation of Pakistan was indeed a great achievement. It showed a ray of great hope not only to the Muslims of the South Asia, but also to the whole Muslim world. Although the secularisation process is going much deeper and more faster, it is noteworthy that the major political parties of the dismembered Pakistan like Muslim League, People' Party, Tahrik-e-Insaf and the Islamic Parties

like Ja'amat-e-Islami, Jamiat-e-Ulama-e-Islam and many others still oppose taking secularism as a state policy. But the disease doesn't need any state policy to spread its virulent virus among the people; it only needed some treatment strategies and active intervention to stop its menace. On the contrary, it enjoys all promotive support from all governmental and non-governmental institutions.

It is also a historical reality that the humans are highly susceptible to moral meltdown; hence keeping the ideological identity remains the greatest challenge in all ages. To prevent such a moral meltdown, Islam has its own prescription. It makes obligatory the religious rituals like five times prayers, fasting, haj, and zakat; and also emphasises to study the holy Qur'an. In absence of the Divine guidance, any human can quickly degenerate and turn not only to animals, but also much inferior to that. Animals form herds with selective affinity specific only to their own species; other species are not compatible in their midst. The wolves thus welcome cattle only for dietary consumption, not for peaceful co-existence. Humans too, form states on their own tribal, racial, linguistic and regional identities. With the similar animal instinct, the imperialists can't be humane with the weaker people; they consider the occupied subjects as the legitimate targets for occupation, subjugation, exploitation and even ethnic cleansing. In such moral deprivation humanity, morality and other values do not survive; rather promotes racism, nationalism, tribalism, colonialism, imperialism, fascism and other toxic ideologies that justify exploiting, torturing and even slaughtering the people of other race, religion or belief. In such moral meltdown, wars, World Wars, military invasions, occupation, ethnic cleansing, gas chambers, and dropping atom bombs get massive political support in the land of the perpetrators. So Pharaoh, Halaku Khan, Chengiz Khan, Hitler, George W Bush and other genocidal killers were never the solo performers; millions of people voluntarily joined their mission. The US led war on Islam thus could generate a

global coalition, too. Humans thus prove to be the wildest species on earth; all the wild animals of all ages couldn't match their carnage.

In presence of moral meltdown, the toxic ideologies like nationalism, racism, tribalism, racism, fascism can turn even the best scientists and the best university graduates incurably genocidal. So, those who ran the World Wars or operated gas chambers or dropped atom bombs were not the illiterate people of a third world country. The people of the so-called developed world could kill 75 million only in two World Wars. Their killing machines still operate non-stop. Aristotle noticed such a conspicuous animal instinct in humans more than two thousand years ago; so he emphatically used the narrative "political animals" for defining the humans. But there is a difference. The wild animal does not do politics, neither does any war or World War; but the humans do. The animals do not do waterboarding, nor run Abu Gharib or Guantanamo Bay prisons to torture people, but humans -the political animals readily do. For such people, the All Knowing Allah Sub'hana Ta'la has an illustrative description in the Qur'an: "Ula'ika ka'al anam, bal hum adal"; which means: They are like cattle; rather infer to the cattle. But the secularists have a different narrative; they call it modernity.

The same western moral disease has also spread in Pakistan; and it has in fact expedited the moral meltdown. Pakistan receives a lot of western money and weapons. Is it to strengthen Islam and the Muslims? Such collaboration with the imperialists itself tells a lot. They do not make any mistake to identify their own comrades. They spend every dollar with a strategic objective. They don't run a charity either. Such help from the US-led imperialists comes to a Muslim country with a clear precondition that there shouldn't be any effort of Islamisation; rather de-Islamisation should get the priority. Any step of Islamisation instantly stops all western

helps. They rather encourage a coup to unseat any Islamist –as happened against President Muhammad Morsi in Egypt. They love people like General Abdul Fattah Sisi of Egypt who does massacre against the Islamists. They use Pakistani soil too to bomb Afghanistan. The US money and weapon have taken Pakistan far away from Islam; and made it impossible to implement sharia. Fear of losing American help is so pervasive that even the Islamists do not talk about 22 objective points of the *ulama*. Pakistan has failed to discover the real source of its strength. It is not the western ideology or weapons that helped its creation. Nor such help will help sustain its existence. It was Islam and the blessing of Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'al that helped create this unique country. And if Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'al helps, who else can do the harm? What is the benefit of mere sustenance when it fails to please Allah Sub'hana wa Ta'la? 31/10/2015

Consequence of Losing an Ideological War: The Case of Pakistan

Construction and de-construction of the ideology of Pakistan

During the final days of the British colonial rule, the Muslims of South Asia –the largest Muslim population in the world, became imbued with a great dream to build an Islamic state. Dismantling of Osmania Khilafa both by the British imperialists and the Turkish secularists intensified such an urge. Abolishment of *khilafa* was in fact the joint enterprise of Islam's internal and the external enemies. The Turkish and Arab Muslims lost their ideological war to secularist and

nationalist enemies of Islam. It was one of the most depressive moments in Muslim history. Unlike inaction of the Arab and Turkish Muslims, the largest mass movement for preservation of the Ottoman Khilafa, happened in India. Indeed it was the first mass movement in Indian history. Contrary to ugly fragmentation of the Muslim Middle East, the Muslims of the South Asia showed strong pan-Islamic brotherhood. The creation of Pakistan was indeed an embodiment of such pan-Islamic fraternity. When Arab, Turk, Kurd and Persian Muslims sleepwalked into prison states of linguistic, ethnic, tribal or territorial isolation, the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent moved beyond those narrow parochial borders and forged a grand pan-Islamic unity. The Muslims of Bengal, Bihar, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Sindh, NWFP, Baluchistan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and other areas of the undivided India united to realise the dream of an Islamic republic. The British imperialists and the Hindu majority of India did not want such a state. But Pakistan came into being as the largest Muslim country on the World map despite all oppositions and conspiracies.

But the enemies of Islam never abandoned their project of dismantling Pakistan. The British imperialists left the subcontinent in 1947. But their unfinished job was handed over to their home-grown vice-regents. These are the ideological converts like secularists, nationalists, socialists and other brands of anti-Islamists. They were embedded in deep government of Pakistan. As a legacy of colonial secularism, the transcending cementing force that must exist in Muslims of all ethnicities was almost non-existent in the hard core secular institutions of the country like Pakistan Army and the bureaucracy. So, the ethnic, linguistic and tribal fractures firstly appeared in the country's most powerful bastions of secularism –the army and the bureaucracy. The ideological colonies of the British imperialists –like the cantonments, the judicial enclaves, the bureaucratic quarters and the university campuses with the secularized teachers and the

combatant disciples, stood in revolt to undo the whole Pakistan project. The non-Muslim imperialists need not fire a single bullet. The gang of ideological cum cultural converts like Mr Golam Muhammad –the former obedient servant of the British Empire in India and later on the Governor General of Pakistan (*he dissolved the elected government and the parliament and opened the gate for long military rule and thus put an end to participatory and reconciliatory politics of Pakistan's both wings, thereby expedited the break-up of the country*), Justice Munir –the faithful servant of the British Empire in its judiciary and later on the Chief Justice of Pakistan (*he justified the dissolution of democratically elected parliament by a judicial decree*), General Ayub Khan and General Yahiya Khan –both known for their obedient servitude for the British Empire and later on both became the President of Pakistan, did the job quite effectively.

The most significant event

After the conquest of Delhi about 8 hundred years ago, the creation of Pakistan was the most significant event in India's Muslim history. It was indeed a grand outcome of wining an ideological cum political war. No army needed to fire a single bullet for the creation of this largest Muslim country of the world. At that time, the Indian Muslims didn't have any army, but had some outstanding ideological warriors. After Pakistan's creation, intellectuals of such height are never produced. How a country can achieve military and political success with intellectual failures? Ideological war is not a one-time war; it is an all-time continuous war. Like territorial frontiers, the ideological frontiers too need constant protection. It needs continuous deployment of the best ideological warriors on the front-line of this never ending war. In Islam, it is a holy jihad. Any neglect of such Islamic obligation breeds only disasters. Most catastrophic disaster in Muslim history indeed took place because of

ignoring this holy intellectual war. In Pakistan, such jihad was grossly ignored; political mudslinging and repeated military coups indeed stamped the prospect of any ideological war.

Pakistan's secular civil and military rulers had little understanding of the country's ideological issue. Nor do they possess any skill to fight such ideological war. They assumed that its secular education, industries, army and cantonments will save the country. But Islam's ideological war can't be won by the military, bombs and missiles. Soviet Union had thousands of atomic bombs and ballistic missiles in its store, but still couldn't survive its ideological war. Pakistan too, made its ugliest history by losing its war on the ideological frontiers. Its ideological defeat made its own citizens the worst enemy against its own existence; and led to the catastrophic defeat in the military war with India in 1971. The same process is still ongoing.

The case of Pakistan has categorically proved that winning the ideological war is crucial -not only for the creation of an ideological state, but also for its survival. In such context, Pakistan's failure presents huge learning opportunities for every Muslim man and woman in the world, not only for today, rather for all times to come. Surprisingly, the policy makers, academics and the intellectuals of Pakistan have little appetite to learn from its past failures. These painful sagas are seldom taught in Pakistan's schools, colleges and universities; neither does appear in the country's intellectually ambivalent media. These are swept under the carpet. How a people can defend their state and dignity with such historical amnesia? So the country continues to lose its war in the ideological frontiers.

Colonization of mind

The seeds of Pakistan's failure were indeed sowed by the imperialists long before its creation in 1947. The Muslims were the ideological captives in the hand of enemies for 190 years. During the long rule, the British colonialists had the opportunity and freedom to inoculate the body of Muslim Ummah with high dose of anti-Islamic ideas. Education system played the crucial role in such inoculation. It was indeed the colonisation of Muslim mind and soul. This way, not only they made them resistant to Islamic faith, but also made them incurable ideological converts. They were no less inimical to Islam and the Muslims than the religious converts. Instead of populating with their own people –as they did in America, Australia and New Zealand, in the Indian subcontinent the British were more focused to colonise people's minds with toxic ideas. The people with such colonised mind-set built their own cultural cum ideological colonies amidst the Muslim majority. After the end of the colonial era, these ideological converts could still flourish in those cultural colonies and worked as the imperialists' Trojan horse. In Pakistan, huge number of such Trojan horses indeed proved detrimental to country's own survival. The dwellers of these cultural cum ideological colonies look alike in belief and lifestyle their former colonial masters. The Western politicians, war lords and the NGO leaders enjoy full cultural match in such islands –as if these are their own lands. The settlers of these ideological colonies started war against Pakistan's ideological basis of creation from day one. Such proxy soldiers of the imperialists –both civil and military, quickly took over the country's driving seat; and those who fought for the creation of an Islamic Pakistan were dumped only as captive passengers in the backseat.

Pakistan lost its ideological war long before its defeat by India in December 1971. The embedded secularists in Pakistan Army have little appetite for fighting a decisive war against the arch enemy. They pleasure-seeking secularists were more concerned about big plots and lucrative houses in best

residential areas of the country. They showed again and again their skills only in bombing and occupying their own country. In its 17 days' war in 1971, the Pakistan Army in its East Pakistan sector never faced a single day of intense bombing like Israeli bombing on Gaza. Few thousands Hamas fighters didn't surrender even after 50 days' of carpet bombing. The Israeli tanks and artillery couldn't penetrate Hamas's defence line. Indian Army was never stronger than the Israeli Army and neither had such precision weapons. But Pakistan Army's nearly 60 thousand men couldn't stand against India even for 17 days. So, Pakistan Army made a history of ugly surrender in the whole Muslim history. The Islamists Razakars rather showed better fighting spirit and resistance. In their 9 month guerrilla fight, the India trained secessionist Mukti Bahini couldn't capture even a single district, a sub-district or a small township of the former Pakistan due to strong defence put forward by the Islamists.

States of collaborators

The united Pakistan divided in 1971. The fallen-apart wings of former Pakistan now survive not only as the graveyard of the Islamists' dream, but also as servile states of collaborators for the imperialists. The leftover Pakistan –the former West Pakistan, now works for US-led imperialists. The country played a decisive role as the logistic route for the US army for its war of occupation and genocide in Afghanistan. The Pakistan Army itself now continues its killing mission against the Islamists of the country. Even scores of young female students of an Islamic madrasa in Islamabad (Hafsa madrasa) had to die with Army's bullets in their chest. The country is still on the path of an ideological death. Pakistan has a huge professional army and also possess huge high tech weapons –even atomic weapons, but has very few ideological warriors for Islam and for Pakistan. The country's philosophically deprived political leaders and intellectuals have little

insights of the ongoing ideological war against its own existence. Hence, they are sleepwalking into disaster after disasters. These secularists are always ready to display their extra-territorial commitment. They fought and shed their own blood for the imperialists in both the World Wars. So, it will not be surprising if the army joins the imperialists in their war against Islamic State in Syria and Iraq. They have already helped them in Afghanistan; and now fighting the same war against the Islamists in their own country.

Bangladesh –the former eastern wing of Pakistan now works for the Indian imperialists. It is a logistic route for the Indian Army for its ongoing war against the liberation movements in the eastern Indian states. The Islamists are slaughtered in the streets of this Muslim majority country; thousands of the Islamists are now languishing in prisons of the ruling secularist extremists. The country itself survives as a captive market for India's industrial and cultural products. The pro-Indian ruling secularists are so much glued with India and alienated from the basic teachings of Islam that they consider supporting and fighting for a united Pakistan in 1971 was a crime punishable only by death sentences or life-term imprisonment. The anti-Islamic venom in secular judiciary of Bangladesh is so strong that they have taken the job of judicial murder of the Islamists in their own hand. The situation was 70 years ago. Bengal played a crucial role as the engine of Pakistan movement; and Dhaka is the birth place of Muslim League –the organisation that created Pakistan in 1947. In 1940, in Muslim League's All India convention in Lahore, the historic Pakistan proposal was raised by none but by Bengal's Muslim League Prime Minister Mr A K Fazlul Haque. But such facts are now being forgotten in both the former wings of Pakistan.

The War of Ideas

Violence against ideas

The US President Barak Obama had his recent European tour. In Brussels, he delivered a lecture in Palais Des Beaux-Arts. He told his elitist audience, "We must meet the challenges to our ideas and our international order with strength and conviction."—(The Guardian, 31.03.14). In the context of recent exacerbation of cold-war polarisation, it is not a simple statement, it is a war cry. The human history is indeed the history of wars of ideas. But the wars of ideas do not remain confined within the ideological premise, rather mostly turn very bloody. Because, those who believe in "might is right" do not fight such ideological wars with ideas, instead, they deploy their all lethal military might. Such use of violence against ideas not only exposes their political arrogance, but also reveals their moral and ideological bankruptcy. In the history of mankind, the most monstrous crimes against great ideas, faith and beliefs are the works of these thoughtless political bullies. In ancient Egypt, Pharaoh mobilised his huge army to kill the prophet Moses (AS) and his followers only to annihilate their monotheistic Divine ideas. The old Pharaohs died, but new generations of Pharaohs took over the charge—not only in Egypt but globally, to continue with the same doctrine. Hence the use of violence against ideas has never ended. The old Pharaoh could not kill unarmed Moses (AS), but the new Pharaohs are killing the unarmed people everywhere. The recent statement of President Obama indeed reveals his full determination to continue the same war against ideas with full lethal might. And Mr Obama is not alone; the all NATO countries and many others are pursuing the same war.

After the demise of Soviet Union, Obama and his NATO friends do not perceive any foreseeable threat to their geopolitical frontiers. But they recognize threat to the ideological frontiers. Hence Obama emphasizes that NATO countries must meet the challenge with strength and conviction. Probably this is the most important message that he passed on to his friends during his recent visit to Europe. Obama's narratives on ideas and international order are not ambiguous. His idea—like any other western leaders, entails beliefs, values and life styles that are loaded with capitalist, imperialist and hedonist version of the worldview. His values and beliefs justify military occupation of any country of the world, and dropping tons of bombs and drone attacks on the civilian population. He and his predecessors practised such belief and values in Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq and many other countries. The NATO countries do not possess any distinctive moral or ethical boundary; they share the same values, beliefs and ethical norms. Indeed, they are united in faith and ideas. Hence all heads of the NATO states find the same incitement to applaud the USA bombardment on any country as cheerleaders. Their faith and values do not find any moral problem with Israeli bombardment on unarmed Palestinians either.

Obama's international order has a special meaning, too. It entails not only the west's military, economic and political dominance over the world, but also the protection of the artificial state of Israel and other artificial client Arab states that are created to protect the western interests. It aims at ensuring Israel a safe existence and provides an infrastructure of western exploitation. The current world order is in fact the legacy of the western colonialism, and gives the state of Israel the unrestrained right to grab the Arab land as much as she likes, and to expel its Muslim population from their own homelands. It also means giving Israel full right to build its huge arsenal of atom bombs, and deprive Iran and other Muslim countries of such rights. It also gives protection to the artificial Arab states and its

autocratic rulers –as long as they show allegiance to the USA.

War against Islam

The main objective of this US led war against Islam is not to annihilate Islam, but to dismantle Islam's influence on Muslims' cultural, political, economic and social life. They allow Muslims to live with the name of Islam, but not with the teaching of Islam. They wish Muslims' full cultural and political conversion to the west and to comply with its imperialistic global agenda. Obama's current war is not against Russia, China, India or any other world power. Rather he begs their partnership and co-operation to pursue his own agenda against Islam. Prof Huntington –the writer of "The Clash of Civilization" advised the same. In response to such call, the US invasion in Afghanistan and Iraq received full support from Russia, China and India. The USA army didn't fire a single bullet against these countries, but in last 50 years, they fought many wars against Islam and the Muslims, and the war is still on-going. Apart from their own bloody invasions, the USA and its NATO partners support some of the worst bully like Israel, and also Russia, China and India to do the same destruction against the Muslims. Hence like Israel's Gaza invasion, Russia's Chechnya devastation, China's massacre against Uyghur Muslims, and India's brutal Kashmir occupation did not get any condemnation from the USA and its NATO partners.

After the collapse of communism, Islam emerged as the only ideological force that presents a viable alternative for moral, spiritual, cultural, economic and political ills of the mankind. It is the only surviving Divine Truth –in fact the continuation of the same monotheistic faith that was promoted by all the prophets of the Divine chain –starting from Adam (AS) to Muhammad (pbuh). A Muslim has a religious obligation only to practise this Divine Truth: any compromise on this

premise or deviation from the trusted responsibility can only bring the demise of his own belief in Allah. Such a compromise or deviation only amounts to treason against Allah. Therefore, the religious obligation of a Muslim makes him a life-long warrior of the Divine faith. He considers his politics, intellectualism and war as an important instrument of fulfilling such Divine obligation. Hence, wherever Islam exists in its prophetic form, there also exist millions of its defenders. Hence the enemies of Islam cannot go unchallenged in any Muslim land.

Islam enters into a Muslim's heart not only with its rituals of prayers, rather as a comprehensive way of life that reconstructs all spheres of his or her living. Politics, education, culture, warfare or any other issue does not stay outside that domain. Hence, jihad comes in their midst as the natural outcome. Since the enemies of Islam want an easy and overwhelming access to the Muslim lands, they do not like this combative mood of the believing men and women. They call it political Islam. Since they want overwhelming dominance on the Muslim land, they want their full surrender -not only in the political, economic and military fields, but also in their cultural and ideological arenas. Practice of jihad and Islamic law (*shariah*) –the two inseparable parts of the Muslim life has no place in that surrendered land.

The west's fundamentalism

Obama and his NATO colleagues are not ready to reconcile with the Divine obligations of the Muslims. This is the west's worst fundamentalism. They want to make their own ideas and values dominant even in Muslim lands. Such an aggressive attitude of the NATO countries makes war against Islam inevitable. They ask the Muslims to restrict their practice of Islam only within the premise of prayer mats or mosques. This way they want to keep the political, cultural, judicial,

economic and other arenas of the state free from the Islamists, and reserved for their own occupation. For implementation of sharia law, the USA and the NATO partners are not ready to give Muslims any space -even in a predominantly Muslim country. They label it as religious extremism. The western scholars -like a mufti, have even started lecturing on fundamentals of Islam. They claim that practice of Islam must be restricted only within the premise private life, and emphasises that Islam has nothing to do with people's political, cultural or economic life. They label such limited practice of Islam within the confines of the mosque and in private life as the original Islam. They conveniently forget that Muhammad (pbuh) -the prophet of Islam was not only a religious head, but also the head of the Islamic state. Along with building mosques, he also organised numerous jihad against the enemies. He did not confine the practice of his faith in his private life, rather made it the state policy. And the law he implemented in the Islamic state, was nothing else but the Qur'anic law -called *sharia*. The Muslims in all ages possess no other superior mission but to follow the same prophetic tradition. Only this way, a Muslim man or woman can claim to be the true follower of this Divine prophet and the part of the *Ummah*.

The west ignores the fact that Islam cannot be practised without following the prophetic tradition of its full implementation -like the practice of sharia and jihad. An iota of deviation from such tradition is indeed a deviation from Islam. With such derailment from the prophetic road map, a Muslim turn enemy against his own faith and register his place in hell fire. This is the core teaching of Islam. But the west doesn't want that Muslims should practise such fundamental beliefs of Islam in even a Muslim land. They like to see the deviants taking the full control. They wish that the Muslims should comply with the Western ideas and the world order, not with the prophetic Islam. To them, adherence to prophetic tradition is extremism and backwardness. While denying the

Muslims the right of practising Islam in their own country, the western arrogance goes to the extent that they are desperate to take their cultural and ideological frontiers inside the heart of the Muslim lands. They demand that the Muslim countries should have the open borders for the unfettered practice of Western law, their economics, their culture, their values and even homosexuality and same sex marriage. Can Muslims swallow such non-Muslims' interference in their own affairs? Does Islam allow that? Can Islam survive amidst such cultural and ideological invasion? Against such invasion, Islam prescribes its own weapon -the obligatory jihad for all believing man. Thus, the incompatibilities of the western extremists against Islam make a perfect recipe for a prolonged war in almost all Muslim lands. Indeed, such a war against Islam has already been started for many years.

The Islamic obligation

Allah SWT reveals, "He it is Who has sent His Apostle with the guidance and the true religion, that He may make it overwhelming over all other faiths –although the polytheist may not like it." –(Sura Saf, verse 9). Such revelation came three times in the Holy Qur'an. Here it gets fully expressed Allah SWT's own vision. Such revelation gives a clear message to every believing Muslim man and woman that Qur'anic teachings are not for mere recitation, but for full implementation. A Muslim gets his vision and mission in everyday life from such Qur'anic guidance. Muslims' preaching, politics, war and all sacrifices become the vehicle to carry on such mission. With such a Divine vision, Islam emerged as the most powerful civilizational force from day one. It played the most significant role in the whole history of the mankind to change its course. It could go beyond the ethnic, linguistic, geographic boundary, and within a short period of time, could take millions of people of Asia, Africa and Europe out of darkness (*jaheliyah*) towards Divine light. In a

Muslims' life, the source of inspiration to make huge sacrifice in bringing such a civilizational change is indeed in Allah SWT's Own revelation. The Muslims are faith-bound to comply with such a vision of their own Lord and play such a prescribed role all the time.

But the west does not show any sign of reconciliation with such a Muslim vision. Denial of Muslim's right of full practice of Islam with its sharia gives birth to the clash of civilisations between the west and the Muslims. As long as the west is stubborn in its attitude of non-reconciliation with such a core belief of Islam, there is no chance of cessation of this ongoing civilizational war. The Muslims has no option of surrender; such surrender amounts to betrayal against Allah's expressed wish and leads to hellfire. Hence, as long as the Muslims remain faithful to Allah SWT and His Qur'anic revelation, the war may only change its frontiers but it will continue unabated. The west's problem lies in their ignorance. They have fully failed to understand the Islam's core beliefs and the Muslims' binding obligation. Due to such ignorance, their dealing with the Muslims is very wrong and provocative. They appreciate even the homosexuals for their aberrant sexual orientation, but not ready to permit Muslims to practise shariah –the Divine law that were practised in Muslim countries for more than thousand years. They even label such core belief of Islam as backwardness and terrorism, and target them for total destruction. What can be more insulting to Muslims than such toxic vilification of their faith? The USA's arrogance is not only in its insistence of dominance over a unipolar world, but also for a singular world order -which never happened in whole human history.

The NATO strategy

For its ongoing war against Islam, the USA and the NATO members have their own strategy. Apart from its 28 formal

member states, this anti-Islamic axis has thousands of informal members and partners. These informal members and partners are playing a crucial role in their fight against Islam. The war of ideas doesn't have any clear-cut battle ground. It runs through every land, and takes place in intellectual premise of every man and woman. It is truly global. Any man or woman who does not comply with the western morality, values and world order is considered a potential threat against the west. The Islamists are well known for such non-compliance, and hence become the real target. In the USA and in many NATO countries, a close monitoring on these Islamists and their detention in cages is a routine phenomenon. Hence infamous prison at Guantanamo Bay finds enough reasons to survive and proliferate. Hence Obama's bombs, drones and missiles are being dropped not only on war fields, but also on caves, mountains, houses and madrasas in Muslim countries like Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. In fact, wherever they find a religious scholar or activist preaching Islamic ideas with a view of implementation of sharia become a preferred target of annihilation.

The so-called international world-order is indeed the work of the western colonial power for their own interest. It has been designed to assign Muslim countries a vassal state like status. To make such status a permanent feature of the Muslim world, the western imperialists needed to divide the Muslim heart land into more than 20 Arab states. The defensive power of a country diminishes with the decrease of its size; hence, dividing a Muslim country has been a definite strategy of crashing the Muslims' backbone. To stop the emergence of any Muslim state as a global power, such fragmentation process is still ongoing. Pakistan, Indonesia, Sudan –these larger Muslim states have been fragmented as a part of the same project. If the countries like Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon and UAE achieve a per capita income 1000 times more than that of the USA, that will not change their status of a vassal state. When Obama and his NATO colleagues tell

about defending the international order, he means to defend such divisions of the Muslim world. They are not ready to give a Muslim country the right to merge with another, not to increase its territory by a single inch. Saddam Hussain was a beloved man of the west. He was supplied with the weapons of mass destruction –even chemical bombs, to kill his own people. The west was very happy as long as he was engaged in killing the fellow Muslims. But when he tried to increase the territory of Iraq by annexing Kuwait, he became the enemy of the west. Because, he crossed the redline set by the west, NATO crashed the whole Iraq.

The Muslim countries have already been the occupied land of West. The colonial occupation has ended, but the cultural, educational, economic and ideological occupation still exists. Due to such foreign occupation, the Muslims cannot practice their own faith in their own land. Neither can they unite with their own fellow Muslim brothers. Dividing walls in the name of artificial states have turned their undivided land into a collection of virtual prison cells. Like the prisoners of cells, they cannot help each other either. Hence, when people of Gaza were bombed by the Israelis, the dwellers of the prison state of Egypt could not open their gates to receive the injured Muslims brothers. For the same reason, the Rohingya Muslims of Myanmar could not get access to Bangladesh.

Sharia –the Qur’anic laws are outlawed in almost all of these Muslim countries. Hence, more than one and half billion Muslims cannot practise Allah’s obligatory commandments in their own lands. What can be a bigger betrayal of Allah than such non-compliance? In the early days, when the Muslims were not even more than few thousands in the village of Medina, the situation was not so helpless. It is a colonial and post-colonial phenomenon. Before the colonial era, the Muslims had autocrats, but could practise at least sharia. Such non-compliance with Allah’s Law is indeed restricting them becoming a full Muslim, and forbids them getting His full

mercy. To keep the Muslims away from the practice of sharia, the USA and its NATO ally want to maintain such occupation at any cost. But to minimise the cost of occupation, they have developed partnership with the dictatorial regimes of the Muslim states. These autocratic regimes, too, need the Western support for their own survival. Hence removal of the elected President Dr. Muhammad Morsi and the military took over in the Egypt receives warm welcome in the western capital. When Obama talks about defending the ideas and the world order, indeed he means defending this occupation. 06/04/14