

# COMMENT

## ISLAM IS COMING BACK

Despite all the claims and counter claims of its being the greatest revolution in modern history, we defy anyone to gather the signature of more than six people who have never felt compelled to define their position in relation to the Islamic revolution in Iran, or more than four of that select group who can honestly deny that Islam exerts an increasing influence on the international balance of power. Having no sympathy for the Islamic movement and the revolution does not count, nor does the signature of anyone who is obsessed with international religious fanaticism and would endorse an increase in the defence vote to curb the 'menace'. Surely to earn laurels of greatness, a revolution should give birth to a country whose powers and autonomy by far surpasses her pre revolutionary past. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the Islamic revolution is that it has provided the world community with a new and permanent centre of attention. On the compass of the "super powers" the needle now points permanently at Iran. The Islamic republic now acts as a magnet on the political ideas and world view of all muslims. Though some resist this but no one is outside the magnetic field of Iran. Second a great revolution should be popular, organized and guided by a leadership with a clear and comprehensive political, socio-economic and cultural alternatives to the status quo. An Islamic revolution should be informed by Tawhid and mobilize support on the basis of same, led by muttaqi leaders, by its nature challenge the global power nexus of kufr and above all it must be non-nationalistic in outlook and substance. Its goal is the establishment of justice through the entrenchment of the shariah.

The greatest revolution in modern history is the Islamic revolution in Iran.

The Islamic revolution is advancing the collective Islamic cause and challenging global arrogance in sphere. Iran has shown the oppressed third world countries how to break the chains of dependence on the West without becoming a client of the East.

Since the victory of the revolution a decade ago there have been many "experts", 'prophets', 'Iranologists' and 'Islamologists' who have predicted the collapse of the Islamic republic. One wonders how so many 'experts' could be so wrong so often. After all ten years of sanctions have neither brought Iran to heel nor driven it to the IMF. It is very gratifying to note that the Islamic republic is the only country in the world without a foreign debt.

Dependence is a negation of Wahid, the first pillar of Islam. The incompatibility of dependence with Islam can be observed in its most conspicuous manifestations in the way such regimes as those of Fahd, King Hassan, Shah Hussain, Mubarak among many others are being controlled and manipulated.

Though the path to independence and self sufficiency may be rough and rocky and the thought of its hardships is enough to send shivers down the spine of a secular polity, an Islamic society and its economic system is founded on a consensus that is based on Taqwa. The Imam puts it tersely: *What the shaky world is afraid of is Islam. They are afraid of Islamic state and we must stand firm. . . . we cannot give up our Islamic honour. . . . if we had surrendered to the U.S. and the super-powers, it is possible that superficial security and economic well-being could have been obtained, and our cemeteries would not have been full of our dear martyrs but we would most certainly have lost our independence, freedom and honor. Can we become servants and slaves of U.S and Kafir governments so that some commodities become mexpensive? Allah has emphasized that we are not to have friendship with them, then to have commodities less expensive can we sell ourselves to them?*

Post war Iran is again another big attraction for the forces of Kufr which is working very hard to smuggle in the Trojan horse. They believe the war has softened up Iran and the propaganda blitzkrieg together with offers of loans and trade will reopen the doors of the Islamic republic to their influence and plundering.

Their calculation is similar to what happened about one thousand years before the christian era, when the assembled battalions of a great army, unable to capture a city, after ten years of siege, concluded, it could never be stunned by the coordinated might of war. The most cunning of the besiegers commanders suggested that instead of using arrows, swords and battering rams they startled the enemy with a sudden offer of peace. And as a token of their genuineness they brought to the gates a larger-than-life image, the visible symbol of the forthcoming cessation of fratricidal hostilities.

The besieged delighted by their foes sudden change of heart, let the gift in, confident that their salvation at last was sure. And that night as they dreamed of their coming re-union with the besiegers, a group of the enemies hidden inside the peace token opened the city gates and let their army in. The citadel was captured, sacked and destroyed; its sleepers slaughtered to the last man before they realise what had happened.

Thus ended the city of Troy which courted her own destruction by the gullibility of its inhabitants and the imprudence of her leaders.

But by the grace of Allah, the present calculation is wrong; the Islamic republic is not another Troy, the Iranians are not gullible and the leadership is most prudent. Said the Imam: . . . *As long as I am alive I will not let the state fall into the hands of liberals; as long as I am alive I will not let hypocrites destroy the Islam of these defenseless people; as long as I am alive I will not back down from the 'Neither East Nor West' principles; as long as I am alive I will not stop cutting off the bands of all agents of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. in all fields.*

The pain and suffering of the muslim people of Iran during the last decade have demonstrated to the world that it is only through reliance on Allah that true independence and honour can be achieved.

Although the Islamic republic is too much for the global alliance of the forces of Kufr to tolerate it has come to stay. That's the way it is. Islam has come and more Islamic revolutions are coming.

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