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### From the Qur'an:

1- "And (indeed) they had planned their plan, but with Allah is [recorded] their plan, even if their plan had been (sufficient) to do away with the mountains."

(*Surah Ibrahim: 46*)

2- "Corruption has appeared in both land and sea because of what people's own hands have brought about so that they may taste something of what they have done so that hopefully they will turn back."

(*Surah ar-Rum: 41*)

### Selected Ahadith:

1- "Near the establishment of the Hour there will be days during which (righteous) knowledge will be taken away (vanish) and general ignorance (due to deception) will spread..."

(*Sahih Bukhari*)

2- "A time will come when a man will not care about how he gets things, whether lawful or unlawful."

(*Sahih Bukhari*)

## Editorial

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers (AS), in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

Lessons, legacies and ramifications that U.S. led wars have dispensed during the last fifty years or so continue to haunt the sane of the world at large, while the U.S. remains fixated on an ostensible and self-purported global war on terror in the Middle East, South Asia and North Africa.

With evidences from history and kudos to leaked cables, one can find no alternative explanation of the First World War than a prelude to preparing the ground and subsequently augmenting histrionic melodrama of the 20<sup>th</sup> century to follow, which first led to diaphaneity and evanescence of the great Ottoman empire of Turkey and the Orthodox Christian Russia.

The recession of the late 1920's and the great depression of the early 1930's turned ordinarily sane statesmen rabid and this, potentially, led to desperation in Nazi Germany, which under the racist and supremacist rule of Adolf Hitler, went on a witch-hunt to dominate the world.

That set the stage for another monstrous World War to be fought merely a decade later and Prussia (The Austria-Hungary Empire) was simply wiped off the map of the world.

The period after that saw the use of the most baneful armament ever trumped-up, as President Roosevelt brushed aside, with utter disdain, the petition made to him by 147 top U.S. scientists begging him not to use 'The Bomb' and consequently Japan had to pay the price.

The cold-war followed for decades, but there always remained one constant in the battlefield, hot or cold – A persistent evolution of the war machine in the dimension least expected. It butchered economies, cultures, value-sets, morality and more, as the 'generations' of warfare 'progressed'. Even cyber-space is no longer 'safe' or 'secure' from yet another generation of warfare, i.e., Cyber warfare.

That said, we Muslims have been told repeatedly in the Holy Book as well as in the sayings of the Prophet (SAW) that the only deterrent in real terms for us resides in clinging to the fundamental principles of Islam – like a leech, if you will – both at the individual as well as the collective level. Make no mistake that showing fortitude in an apparently 'hopeless' situation has never been a stroll in the park. History testifies that the process is strenuous, requires a remarkable degree of patience with faith and demands enormous sacrifice. The outcome, however, has been made abundantly clear by the Lord of the Worlds (SWT) that inevitably, the Truth is bound to be triumphant over all rivals. Period.

Signing off...

Dr. Absar Ahmad (Chief Editor)

## Press Releases issued by Tanzeem e Islami

Dated: Friday, 12 January 2016

**Lahore (PR): “The ‘celebration’ of Valentine’s Day ought to be banned all over Pakistan and not just in Islamabad.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Hafiz Aakif Saeed, in a statement. While commending the decision of banning all ‘celebrations’ of Valentine’s Day in Islamabad, the Ameer said that the correct decision had been made, albeit after years of inaction. The Ameer, however, questioned the rationale behind banning them in Islamabad alone instead of doing so throughout the country. Valentine’s Day was a ritual of non-Muslims, which inevitably led to the encouragement of indecency and profanity, he added.

The Ameer remarked that the manner in which our media, particularly the electronic version of it, promoted and sponsored the infusion of profanity and vulgarity in our society, merely for the sake of getting better ratings and making more money, was despicable and shameful to say the least. Advertisements that promoted vulgarity and filth in the country that was established on the basis of ‘Kalima e Tayiba’ were destroying the moral fabric of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, he lamented.

While referring to a statement made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali, the Ameer said that the ‘trading’ of entire police stations and the rampant prevalence of corruption in our society like a cancer were, both, a cause of major concern for our country.

He remarked that the current system, which encouraged the evils of riba, promiscuity, corruption and dishonesty, must not be allowed to persist any longer or else our nation as a whole would have to face the calamitous consequences of this criminal procrastination. He concluded by observing that we ought to rid ourselves of this depraved system as soon as possible and replace it with the Islamic System of Social Justice, so that our country could persist, thrive and become stable.



Dated: Friday, 5 February 2016

**Lahore (PR): “Kashmir is the incomplete agenda of the partition of United India.”**

This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Hafiz Aakif Saeed, during the Khitab e Jumu'ah at Qur'an Academy, Lahore. He said that despite the indiscriminate firing on and the baton charging of Kashmiri Muslims by the Indian occupation forces, the Muslims of Kashmir still chanted the slogan, ‘The relationship of Kashmir with Pakistan is La Illaha Illallah’.

The Ameer noted that we had been unable to attain Kashmir even after 68 years of our independence because our country had miserably failed to strengthen and solidify its bond with La Illaha Illallah. He remarked that by making Pakistan a genuine Islamic Country not only will India find itself in a position whereby she would be unable to enslave the Muslims of Kashmir any longer but the subsequent strength of the religious bond among the masses of Pakistan will quash all kinds of ideologies regarding provincial and linguistic supremacy from within.

The Ameer noted that in 1948, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was forced to go to the UN regarding the Kashmir issue because the noble people of our tribal areas had fought and inflicted a humiliating defeat upon the Indian Army, making them retreat from many areas of Kashmir. Later, however, when Pakistan was struck by political instability, the Indian government refused to conduct a plebiscite in Kashmir that it had promised in the UN, he added.

The Ameer observed that circumstances had proved time and again that the State of Pakistan and Islam go together like hand in glove. He concluded by remarking that our country was facing disgrace and ignominy only because we had broken the covenant made with Allah (SWT) and instead of establishing the Islamic System of Social Justice in our country, we had embraced the menace of liberalism and secularism.

## Shades of the U.S. war machine

Author D. Caldwell, in his masterpiece, *Vortex of Conflict* writes, "Once President G. H. Bush's senior advisor, Karl Rove told famous American reporter, R. Suskind, 'people like him who believe that solutions emerge from your judicious study of discernible reality, that's not the way the world really works anymore, we are an empire now and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you are studying that reality – judiciously, as you will – we will act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that is how things will sort out. We're history's actors and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do'."

Public luminaries, analysts, academicians and policymakers' narrative was largely dominated by the USSR-USA cold war for four decades. Alexis Tocqueville rightly said, "majority of westerners are neither interested nor knowledgeable about global relations".

The American policy for the cold war was quite a clever and an expansionist one. It turned out to be a complicated equation and whistle blower Edward Snowden was ultimately able to debunk its morass and muddle, albeit quite late. Containment of the former USSR and communism was the cornerstone of the U.S. foreign policy in late eighties and it was for this purpose that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was set up but as it is said that nations have neither friends nor foes but national interests, the policy, after the USSR disintegrated, shifted towards Middle East, particularly oil-rich Muslim countries and started to engage in these countries either through proxy sponsored militias and agents backed by intelligence agencies or coups and puppet governments, installed and funded by lobbies and vested corporate of the West.

Undeterred by the repeated presage and omen from copious sorority, America went to satiate and coddle in the second most unpropitious and fatal contention after world war one in the Eastern Hemisphere, popularly remembered as the Vietnam war, albeit impasse in the Korean war proved to upset the applecart for the Americans whereas perdition of war in Vietnam exhibited more than the Korean war and was macabre and grisly spooky.

Vietnam is an aforethought as America's gangling and rangy war and conjointly withdrawal from the Numero Uno war, in which America suffered paddling and rebuff whitewashing shellacking. The official figures revealed loss of 58000 American lives, literatim verbatim and symbolically sent shockwaves percolate in the military wing of America and had numerous far reaching innuendo and entanglements. More than fifteen years took to collar the forfeit, which war had extorted and inflicted. It changed narratives, to many, about wars and how it ricochets, stirs and impinges.

This revealed, what American involvement in foreign lands can offer but with sophisticated, cynical, jaded, neoteric mollycoddle betrothal and consanguinity in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria, Libya et'al, I posit that America and its allies in the West have not learned any lesson from the iron cast law of war history, rightly put forth by D. Petraeus as "indelibly etched in the minds".

Fifty years after, the visceral shear and tenacity of Karl Marx's communism, to which he would have referred today as "inward confutation" employed by states where capitalism prevails, giving way to hoi polloi revolutions, coupled with the disintegration of USSR and fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and 1991 respectively.

These episodes of predicament led to the end of the cold war and marked the beginning of fourth and fifth generational wars. Policy makers and strategists became scurry and jockeyed for positions by bandy and joust, pitting oneself against the other in order to enroot fresh ensample and beau ideal for annotating, decreeing and establishing conterminous American strategy, only to wreak havoc again in future.

The manifestations became evident with all caboodle and shebang like works such as Neo-Realism by K. Waltz, Clash of Civilization by S. Huntington, Neo-Liberalism by J. Nye, End of History by F. Fukuyama et'al., craftily started the war in kinetic phase in military terminology, analogous and agnate to epigrammatic, laconic, feral, carnal, hellish and mephitic state of nature.

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# The next-generation warfare

It may seem a jump from drones to the revelations about surveillance by US whistle-blowers Edward Snowden and Chelsea Manning, but what both they and the UN's Special Rapporteur are describing are the same system. When we look at the 'networked state', surveillance, cyber warfare, the use of military drones, and the machines which enable all those systems to function together, they are one and the same. And when we consider the use of drones for targeted strikes against 'insurgents', again, considering recent military doctrines, it is difficult to separate the both the intelligence hardware which directs those strikes, and the long-term technology, foreign and security policies which have created it.

Now turn that principle towards our recent knowledge about state surveillance or the use of autonomous drones... and perhaps then you'll see where this phenomenon is heading.

The computer networks which laid the foundations of both the military and civil telecommunications and data network can be traced back to the 1960s. However, the US military did not seriously engage with the power of computer networks until nearly 20 years later. In 1983, Ronald Reagan had initiated the Strategic Defense Initiative, commonly called the 'Star Wars' project. It was a failure – primarily because it tried to achieve goals which were way beyond the capabilities of the technology which existed at the time.

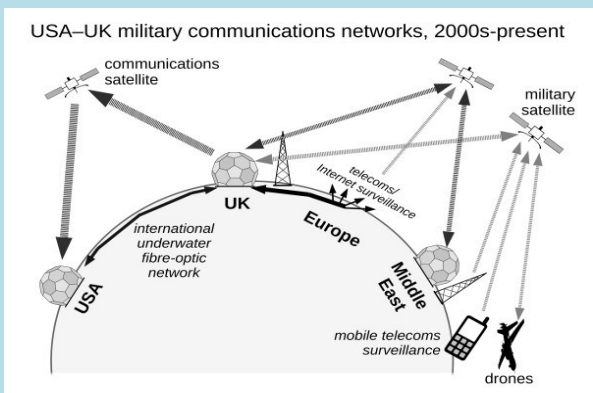
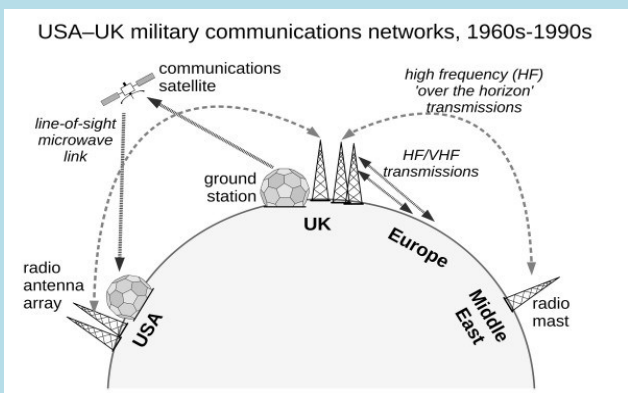
From that failure the US military saw the potential of these technologies to assist their existing missions, and in the early 1990s the doctrine of 'full spectrum dominance' was created – a belief that computers, communications, and both ground- and space-based surveillance systems could achieve complete control over military operations. In 1996 this vision was outlined by the US Joint Chiefs of Staff as the Joint Vision 2010 – later updated as Joint Vision 2020 in May 2000.

From the 1980s, the military establishments of the developed nations funded new digital communications networks to create global systems for command, surveillance, and ultimately to direct offensive action. For the USA, the geographical location of their bases in the UK was a key part of the operation of this global system. During the Cold War, military communications had relied on a network of radio stations using conventional high-frequency voice and radio-teletype (telex) links, with some low capacity satellite links. In Britain, US communications bases provided a staging post for communications routed from Europe, North Africa and the Middle East to the USA. British bases also provided a point to intercept radio communications from Eastern Europe and Russia. With the end of the Cold War it looked like these sites would become redundant, but the full-spectrum dominance doctrine gave them a new purpose in the global communications network.

Military academics have come to see warfare as evolving over different historical eras, each of which saw competing powers undergoing a race for tactical supremacy. During the late 1980s/early 1990s their vision was that we were moving into the fourth generation of warfare. Fourth generation warfare is all about the decentralization of conflict. The destructive potential of modern technology means that standing armies gain little from engaging directly, and so instead powers seek to engage each other indirectly by a variety of means. Rather than military foes meeting in high intensity conflict, this doctrine foresees conflict as a more drawn-out process involving political, economic and social subversion which seeks to degrade the ability of the state to function. More importantly, no longer are 'powers' limited to nation states. Any organized group, using the resources and technologies created by post-World War Two industrialization, can now engage in this global battleground.

It was this changing view of military conflict which led the major military powers: to focus far more on intelligence and surveillance – because that is what's required to monitor the activities of decentralized or 'insurgent' forces; and to focus far more on small-scale offensive or policing actions – because the large-scale conflict of whole armies is no longer viable. From this perspective, it is possible to see the rationale for both the evolution of today's mass surveillance networks, and also the development of systems such as pilot-less drone aircraft.

Rather than the low capacity high-frequency radio links of the Cold War, these new systems utilize many more satellite-based systems (the USA launched over 200 military satellites between 1984 and 2013) – in





effect militarizing the control of space in accordance with the full-spectrum dominance doctrine. Microwave satellite communications only work by line of sight, and to span the globe satellite ground-stations have to be set up to supervise the flow of information from one region to another. Britain, strategically placed between the USA, Europe and the Middle East, acts as a way-station for US military/security networks. In addition, US agencies can access the European microwave and fibre-optic communications networks directly from the UK's telecommunications infrastructure to carry out surveillance of digital information traffic on the European continent. Once again, within this new post-Cold War strategy, Britain is a key link in the chain of command and control – between the analytical capabilities of USA's foreign and domestic security agencies, and the peripheral information collection gathering capabilities of the global network. The US bases at Menwith Hill, Croughton and Alconbury provide not just a conduit for phone calls and emails, but also the command systems for drones, and the information generated by the various global monitoring and surveillance systems. The cooperation agreement between the UK and US intelligence agencies also means the resources of British security agencies, such as GCHQ in Cheltenham, supply a valuable back-up to the USA's own systems.

The roll-out of new digital networks by military and civil agencies during the 1990s revolutionized communications and intelligence. When all communications – be it your telephone, email, credit card transactions or Internet browsing – are reduced to binary data, then all forms of economic and social activity in society are potentially available for surveillance. Also, because this is digital information, rather than having to engage many expensive human operators, banks of computers can quickly and cheaply sift these large quantities of information looking for patterns of activity which are deemed 'valuable'. Using digital technological rather than human-based systems, individuals can be tracked and their activity monitored to assess their potential threat to the state – enabling far larger scales of surveillance to be carried out than were possible before.

In the final instance, when individuals are considered a 'threat', they can be geographically located and then eliminated using the weapons systems linked into these networks. It is these 'targeted killings' which have recently caused some of the greatest civilian casualties, and created some of the greatest enmity to the use of remote-controlled war machines.

A significant 'milestone' in the development of these systems was the false-flag attack on the World Trade Centre in September 2001. That not only legitimated the military's previous focus on non-state-based or 'insurgent' groups, it also created an environment where the states could justify the introduction of new surveillance laws (such as the Patriot Act in the USA; or the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000, Terrorism Act 2000 and Serious Organized Crime and Police Act 2005 in the UK) and spending ever greater amounts on security and surveillance. These updated the ideas of 'full spectrum dominance' to take advantage of the new computer networks and mobile telecommunications and usher in the dawn of the real-time cyber-warfare age.

Additionally, whilst we might use the term 'drone' to identify the infamous Predator or Reaper unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) there are in fact over 500 land, air and on/under-water 'drones' in production or development by the five leading manufacturing states (USA, UK, Israel, Russia and China) – and many countries are now buying these technologies as these states develop an export market for their products.

The Edward Snowden affair has been a very public example of the close relationship between the civil corporate IT sector and the use of 'big data' by the security services. Snowden worked for the civilian IT contractor Booz Allen Hamilton, working as a private analyst for the CIA and NSA. Following 9/11, the US Department for Homeland Security conceived a project called Total Information Awareness, intended to collect data from across the USA on the activities of every citizen. In 2003 the US Congress withdrew funding for that project, precisely because of concerns about the implications for civil liberties. Snowden saw that the objectives of that project were instead carried out by a covert NSA project codenamed PRISM, and blew the whistle on it.

Unfortunately, due to the speed and complexity of technology, the principal method of countering insurgent drones is with more drones – and then we enter a wholly different world. The problem, from the evidence of a decade or so of this practice, is that these systems are inherently unstable and prone to sudden, unexpected and aberrant behavior, just like the market crash of 2008 triggered by the high volume of algorithmic-based financial transactions in stock markets around the world. Basically, we let the machines loose and unsurprisingly, they don't behave like people!

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