

## **A Rare Cry**

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The courage and honesty with which Shah Abdullah has expressed his views in a recently held Arab League Summit, is a gesture that is rare to find among Arab leaders in recent past. While, going hard on the foreign powers – especially America, he has also accepted the mistakes and carelessness of the Arabs. The reality is that it has been 60 years since the Arab League was developed, and in all these years it has miserably failed to bridge the gaps among Arabs and to unite them against their collective enemies. In fact, it will be very right to say that in all these years their conflicts have escalated and at the moment these differences are on all time high.

During the Cold War, they were divided among American and Russian camps, and hence, were agitating against each other, without considering the fact that their real friends and well wishers are not Americans or Russians. During 1967-1973 Arab-Israel War they realized the fact that Russians, despite all their friendship claims, will never involve in the war against America in their support, but still, when Afghan War resulted in Russia's demise, these Arabs decided to prostrate in front of the resulting Supreme Power: America, and hence, their slogan of 'Destroy Israel' buried well under. Afterwards, a few Arab countries even accepted Israel, while others started to develop backdoor relations. Even the champion of Palestinian Cause: Yasir Arafat agreed on the Oslo Contract. Arab leadership set all their expectations with Americans, despite being the fact that these Americans never hesitated to declare their open support for Israel. Anyhow, Arab-American relations always remained over their own concerns. Americans needed Arabs' oil and the Arab leaders – who didn't enjoy much people support – needed Americans' support to remain in power. This personal greed of Arab leaders allowed Americans to spread their influence in the Middle -East, and situation today is such that they have established their bases all across the Middle East and hence, enjoy military presence in Arab countries without any opposition.

In these difficult times, the Shah Abdullah's statement that Iraq war is illegitimate and America is trying to spread sectarian violence there and that we will never allow any foreign power to decide the fate of the Middle-East, seems a rare cry. His address was also well-balanced as well, as he repeated his 5 year old plan and invited Israel for peace talks. He clearly stressed that the establishment of Palestinian State is only possible through unity and reconciliation of the Arab world. We think that these brave words will only mean something if Shah Abdullah will practically try to expel Americans and Israelites out of the Middle-East, otherwise, these words will not bother them that much. We also think that at the moment Allah is providing Arabs a great opportunity to free themselves from America's hold. Iran has now become a hot potato which is hard for them to swallow, Afghanistan situation is getting out of their control as well and the so called 'War on Terror' has made America a common enemy of 1 billion Muslims. On the other hand, Russia is ready to take its revenge, and China as well has realized that it is necessary to challenge the current supreme power to take its position. Whether, the terrorist activities and suicide bombings are legal or not is a separate matter, but world

has realized that America is not invincible, and now, even American people – who have a major impact on American Politics – are clearly expressing their discontent over America's such imperialistic foreign policy. Now American economy as well does not seem to support these wars anymore, hence, if Muslim Leadership and especially Arab leadership could not exploit this situation then they will vanish as well and the Whole Ummah can face a big tragedy in near future. We, thereby, request our Muslim Brothers and our leaders, though, it has never been easy to get out of the state of slavery, we can still sit together and ponder how 10 Million Jews have their feet on the necks of 1 billion Muslims? The only difference, of course, is their determination, hard work and commitment. Muslim Ummah at the moment is no doubt an ailing Ummah, suffering both in its Body and soul. Hence, it needs both the remedy and the Prayer. So, our suggestion is that we should decide not to rely on America from now on, and should attach ourselves with the Power of Iman on Allah (S.W.T), make HIS book our leader, hold on to HIS Prophet's (SAW) Sunnah, reject the Western Way of Living and establish our mutual relations on love and brotherhood and finally we all should decide to 'Live and Die for Islam' and make this slogan our ultimate goal. Then assurance is for us that – Inshallah –we will achieve the honor and dignity in this life and the ultimate success in the Hereafter.