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From the Qur'an:

"He (Allah) is the One Who has revealed to you [O Prophet] the Book, of which some verses are precisethey are the foundation of the Book-while others are elusive. Those with deviant hearts follow the elusive verses seeking [to spread] doubt through their [false] interpretations—but none grasps their [full] meaning except Allah. As for those well-grounded ın knowledge, they say, "We believe in this [Quran]—it is all from our Lord." But none will be mindful [of this] except people of reason.

(Surah A'li-Imran: Ayat 7)

Hadith

Mother of the faithful Hazrat Aisha Siddiqa (نون الله عنيا) reported:

The Holy Prophet (繼) recited the verse, "It is He who revealed the Book to you in which are decisive verses that are the foundation of the Book, while others are ambiguous. As for those in whose hearts is deviance, follow thev what is ambiguous from it, seeking discord and its interpretation, but none knows its interpretation but Allah, and those grounded in knowledge say: We have faith in them, all of it is from our Lord. Yet none will take but heed those understanding." (3:7) Then, the Prophet (8) said, "If you see those who seek the ambiguous verses in it, they are those whom Allah has named. Beware of them!

(Bukhari and Muslim; agreed upon)

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 (SAAW).

The 'final call' for protest by PTI has not only shaken the current government and the establishment but has also deeply unsettled the people of the country. For three days, the entire nation was in a state of turmoil. The truth is that any political party calling for a strike or protest is not a new phenomenon in Pakistan's politics, nor was it something unfamiliar or unprecedented for those sitting in the corridors of power. There is no doubt that when the current opposition was in power, all of today's government allies frequently protested in Islamabad. Leaders from the Pakistan Muslim League (N) and the Pakistan Peoples Party, along with their voters and supporters from Punjab and Sindh, traveled across the country to Islamabad, sometimes protesting against inflation, and other times against the "selected Prime Minister."

While the then government did take some measures to disrupt these protests and those participating in them, it never imposed a ban on protests in the federal capital. One religious political party even brought a batonwielding force dressed in military fatigues from its province and continued their protest in Islamabad for almost a month, but the state exercised restraint, and the country was spared from turmoil. There is no doubt that during all such past political protests, the general public had to face significant hardships. Perhaps it has become part of our political nature that all political parties, regardless of their affiliation, try to strike hard when the iron is hot, and the prevailing political system also holds that any means can be justified in bringing down a government and seizing power, much like the English proverb, "Everything is fair in love and war." However, we have severe reservations about this proverb, as our religion commands that we always act according to moral principles, regardless of the circumstances. It seems that this English proverb was designed to promote both chaos and immorality.

In any case, the recent PTI protest, dubbed the "Final Call," was met with an inappropriate response from the state machinery in Islamabad. Although there was damage on both sides, and no definitive statement can be made regarding the exact numbers, the state's role is to show patience and restraint. Furthermore, it is unbecoming for the federal interior minister to label the workers, voters, and supporters of a political party, which had won almost twenty million votes in the February 2024 elections as "disruptive elements," "troublemakers," or "terrorist mobs." Nonetheless, the protesters were citizens of the country, and even though more people came from one particular province (continued on page 2)

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—partly because PTI governs there—connecting them to terrorists and treating them in the same way was completely inappropriate. In our view, if the opposition party's workers had gathered in Islamabad and blocked a specific area to protest, the negative effects would certainly have been less than the chaos created by the government's decision to shut down educational institutions, hostels, markets, motorways, bus terminals, trains, metros, and the internet, thereby plunging the entire country into a state of panic.

On the other hand, PTI's founder, Imran Khan, who is still the de facto chairman of the party, deliberately chose a time for the protest when the President of Belarus was visiting Pakistan. Handing over the reins of the protest to his wife, the former First Lady, Khan played a cunning political move, and she, in her first statement, accused an Islamic brotherly country of orchestrating her husband's removal from office. Although claims of peacefulness were made about the protest, there is no denying that elements seeking to exploit the situation and create further instability, like those responsible for the tragic events of 9 May 2023, were present among the protesters.

Moreover, the demands of the protestors were also such that they were directly related to matters in the court and under no circumstances it could be demanded from the government to provide relief in subjudice matters.

In any civilized state, judicial matters are meant to be dealt with by the courts, not through protests. Estimating the economic damage, the Federal Finance Minister stated that the daily loss due to the opposition's call for protests was 190 billion rupees. Tax revenues dropped due to the lockdown and protests, and exports were affected due to disruptions in business. Furthermore, there were additional security costs to maintain law and order, and there were losses in the IT and telecom sectors. The social impact of shutting down these services was also detrimental. The provinces too faced significant losses. According to government statistics, the agricultural sector in the provinces suffered a daily loss of 26 billion rupees, and the industrial sector suffered losses exceeding 20 billion rupees.

Notwithstanding, we believe that the role of the state is to bring the disgruntled public together. For some reason, whenever December arrives, our hearts sink, and the tragic events of 16 December 1971, still haunt us. PTI's protest in Islamabad may have ended, but in our opinion, the issue has not been resolved. In our view, the solution lies in sincere dialogue between the parties involved to resolve the issues according to the law of the land. History bears witness that even countries that have fought wars for decades ultimately resolve their issues through negotiations.

The reality is that Pakistan is going through extremely critical times. On one hand, inflation has made life unbearable for the people, and on the other, the menace of terrorism is looming large. The situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan provinces is especially precarious, with terrorists, aided by internal facilitators and external backers, engaging in bloody attacks on the security forces and ordinary citizens. Efforts are also underway to stir sectarian and provincial tensions. Sectarian violence between Shia and Sunni Muslims is a major tool of global imperialism to weaken the Muslims. The United States is still targeting this region, and internationally, Israel is aggressively pursuing its expansionist plans, with the support of the U.S. and our perennial adversary, India. We must not forget that, in Israel's view, Pakistan is the greatest obstacle to the creation of Greater Israel. As Allama Igbal once said:

"Think of the homeland, O ignorant one! Hard times are coming, Conspiracies for your destruction are afoot in the skies."

The need of the hour is for all stakeholders in the country to remember why we created this state: to present the example of Islam to the world. Our prayer is that may Allah (SWT) grant guidance to the rulers, the opposition, the establishment, and all the people of Pakistan, filling our hearts with the light of faith. May our disputes end, and may we all unite to transform Pakistan into a genuine Islamic welfare state. In this lies our salvation, and success in both this world and the Hereafter.

Signing off... Raza ul Haq (Editor)

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The ceasefire in Lebanon will not last long

By: Belén Fernández

Israel has a long track record of violating ceasefires, agreements and resolutions meant to keep peace in the region

And so it has come to pass. Late on Tuesday night, Israel agreed to a ceasefire in Lebanon, which came into effect at 4am (02:00 GMT) on Wednesday. The deal, in theory, puts an end to a nearly 14-month war that has killed thousands of Lebanese and dozens of Israelis. Over a period of 60 days, Israel will withdraw its forces from Lebanon, and Hezbollah will pull back from the border area. The Israeli genocide in the Gaza Strip will meanwhile carry on undeterred.

Those familiar with Israel's modus operandi could sense the imminence of a ceasefire in Lebanon, given the recent surge in manic bombardment by the Israeli military, which has a habit of stepping up its acts of lethal barbarism whenever there is a looming danger of temporary peace.

True to form, Israel spent much of the day prior to the ceasefire announcement bombing the living daylights out of various parts of Lebanon, including the capital, Beirut, where its sadistic pounding of residential areas – pardon, "Hezbollah infrastructure" – sent much of the population fleeing in terrorized panic.

After all, there is nothing like an impending ceasefire to empty your arsenal and make room for new goodies. All the better if you go ahead and pulverise as much territory as possible before the referee says – time's up.

During Israel's last major war on Lebanon in 2006, which killed approximately 1,200 people over a span of 34 days, the Israeli military geared up for the inevitable ceasefire by launching millions of cluster bombs at the southern part of the country. As is par for the course with such weaponry, a large percentage of bombs failed to explode on impact and instead functioned as de facto landmines for years to come.

Indeed, one could argue that this quite literally illustrated Israel's intention not to attain a lasting peace but rather to prepare the ground for future conflict. Now, almost two decades later, the game is hardly over — as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu all but confirmed on Tuesday with his pledge to "strike decisively" in the event that Hezbollah violates the ceasefire: "In full coordination with the United States, we retain complete military freedom of action."

Given Israel's track record of violating regional ceasefires and then blaming the violation on the opposing party to justify bouts of mass bloodshed, we can safely assume that Israel will decide to "strike decisively" whenever it decides it is up for another round in Lebanon.

The gist of the current ceasefire agreement is basically the same as United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701, which served as the basis for the ceasefire in 2006. Israel must withdraw from Lebanon, the Lebanese army must deploy to the south of the country as the only armed outfit aside from UNIFIL – the UN's supposedly "interim" force that has been in place since 1978 – and both Israel and Hezbollah must abstain from cross-border violations.

But since we have already had 18-plus years to ponder the effectiveness of Resolution 1701, it is a bit difficult to share US President Joe Biden's optimism regarding the newly repackaged ceasefire: "This is designed to be a permanent cessation of hostilities."

For starters, the Lebanese army is a force that is entirely incapable of defending the country against Israel's predatory designs — and the US will continue to ensure that it remains so. As for respecting the mutual border, consider that, even prior to the onset of outright hostilities in 2023, the Israeli military continuously violated Lebanese airspace, including by breaking the sound barrier over Beirut and other cities — a nerve-annihilating little trick that not only constitutes a blatant violation of Resolution 1701 but also amounts to a form of terrorism in itself.

At the end of the day, Israel accuses Hezbollah of "terrorism" in order to distract from the fact that its military has been terrorising Lebanon for decades. And what do you know: the whole arrangement has been directly enabled by the very country that is now presiding over the "permanent cessation of hostilities", with Biden additionally promising: "What is left of Hezbollah and other terrorist organisations will not be allowed, I emphasise, will not be allowed, to threaten the security of Israel again."

Israel, of course, will be allowed to proceed in its quest to eradicate the population of the Gaza Strip, while also "threatening the security" of everyone else in the region – and all with the assistance of billions upon billions of dollars in aid and weaponry from the US. Netanyahu himself has straight-up acknowledged that a ceasefire in Lebanon will permit the Israeli military to better focus its energy on Hamas and Iran.

An Al Jazeera dispatch outlining the details of the ceasefire specifies that "an international task force headed by the United States that includes French peacekeepers would also be deployed to oversee implementation of the truce". This may sound vaguely familiar. After the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon and siege of Beirut that killed tens of thousands of Lebanese and Palestinians in the country, a US-brokered agreement oversaw the evacuation from Beirut of officials and militants belonging to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). *(continued on page 4)*

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Under the terms of the deal, a multinational force involving – who else – the Americans and the French was meant to guarantee the safety of Palestinian refugees remaining in the city. And yet no sooner had the PLO leadership departed than it was time for the notorious Israeli-orchestrated Sabra and Shatila massacre of up to 3,500 Palestinian refugees and Lebanese civilians.

And as we watch to see how the latest ceasefire plays out, just remember that "permanent cessation of hostilities" is never on the US-Israeli agenda.

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23 November 2024

The indiscriminate firing on passenger buses in Kurram is a brutal and inhumane act of terrorism.

Lahore (PR): This was said by the Naib Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Ijaz Latif, in a statement. He stated that, in a carefully planned assault, the terrorists first attacked the police officers assigned to safeguard the convoy of passenger buses traveling from Parachinar to Peshawar, in Kurram district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Subsequently, they targeted the convoy of 200 passenger vehicles from both sides. As a result, at least 42 individuals, including women and children, lost their lives and dozens were injured. "Inna Lillahi wa Inna Ilahi Raji'oon" (Indeed, to Allah we belong and to Him we shall return). He further emphasized that the successive tragic terrorist incidents in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa demonstrate that the enemy is determined to further destabilize peace and order in Pakistan. He stressed the urgent need to bring to justice all those involved in these coldhearted acts of terrorism, including both their internal and external facilitators. The Naib Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami pointed out that we should not forget that the enemy is attempting to create conditions in Pakistan similar to those of Syria and Yemen. In this situation, instead of the 'pro' and 'anti' establishment rhetoric, everyone must come together to foster an atmosphere of unity and harmony in the country. He warned that if state institutions remain weak, the enemy will attack everyone's life, property, and honor without distinction, trampling all under the foot and any regret will be futile afterward. He further emphasized that the establishment must understand that defending the country's borders is not possible without establishing positive and stable relations with the public and all elected representatives. Therefore, both political leaders and the establishment must put aside past bitterness and work together in a constructive manner. The terrorists who are attempting to sow provincial biases and sectarianism must be unitedly defeated.

22 November 2024

The only way to ensure the stability of Pakistan is to enforce the Islamic Shariah. A strong and stable Islamic nuclear Pakistan is the true counter to Israel.

Lahore (PR): These thoughts were expressed by the Naib Ameer of Tanzeem e Islami, Ijaz Latif, in a statement. He stated that the history of the Israelites attests to the fact that this nation has made enmity with the Prophets (AS) its hallmark. From the advent of the final Prophet, Muhammad (SAAW), until today, the Jews' primary goal has been to annihilate Muslims and seize control of Al-Aqsa Mosque. The reality is that since 7 October 2023, Israel has demonstrated an unprecedented level of brutality, which has sparked widespread hatred of the Zionists even among the people of the West. Large-scale protests have been seen in Western universities and on the streets, condemning Israeli savagery and supporting the rights of Palestinian Muslims. However, at the governmental level, the United States and most Western European countries are fully supporting Israel in the genocide of Gaza's Muslims. A recent example of this is the U.S. vetoing another ceasefire resolution in the United Nations Security Council. He said that although the International Criminal Court has issued arrest warrants against Netanyahu and the former Defence Minister of Israel Yoav Gallant for war crimes, yet the real question is that who will execute them? The reality is that the illegitimate Zionist state is expanding the scope of war and rapidly advancing its plan for Greater Israel. While commenting on Israel's malicious intentions regarding Pakistan, he said that after the 1967 war victory, Israel's former Prime Minister David Ben Gurion had declared, in clear words, that Pakistan was Israel's most dangerous adversary. Therefore, when formulating both internal and foreign policies, special attention must be given to the prophecies contained in the Ahadith of the Holy Prophet (SAAW) regarding the coming times. The United States desires a confrontation between Pakistan and Afghanistan, preventing the formation of the region of Khurasan, as foretold in the Ahadith, from becoming a reality. This region has been prophesized to be the launching point for armies that will assist the Mahdi (RAA) and, from there, will raise the black flags of Islam which will march and conquer Jerusalem, establishing and enforcing Islam throughout the world. Therefore, we must make Pakistan truly an "Islamic Nuclear Pakistan."