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"Kuntu Kanzan Makhfiyan Fa Ahbibtu An U'rafa Fakhalaqtul Khalq"

I was a Hidden Treasure (and) I wanted to be known, so I created Creation.



لَوْلَاكَ لَمَا خَلَقْتُ الْأَفْلَاكَ

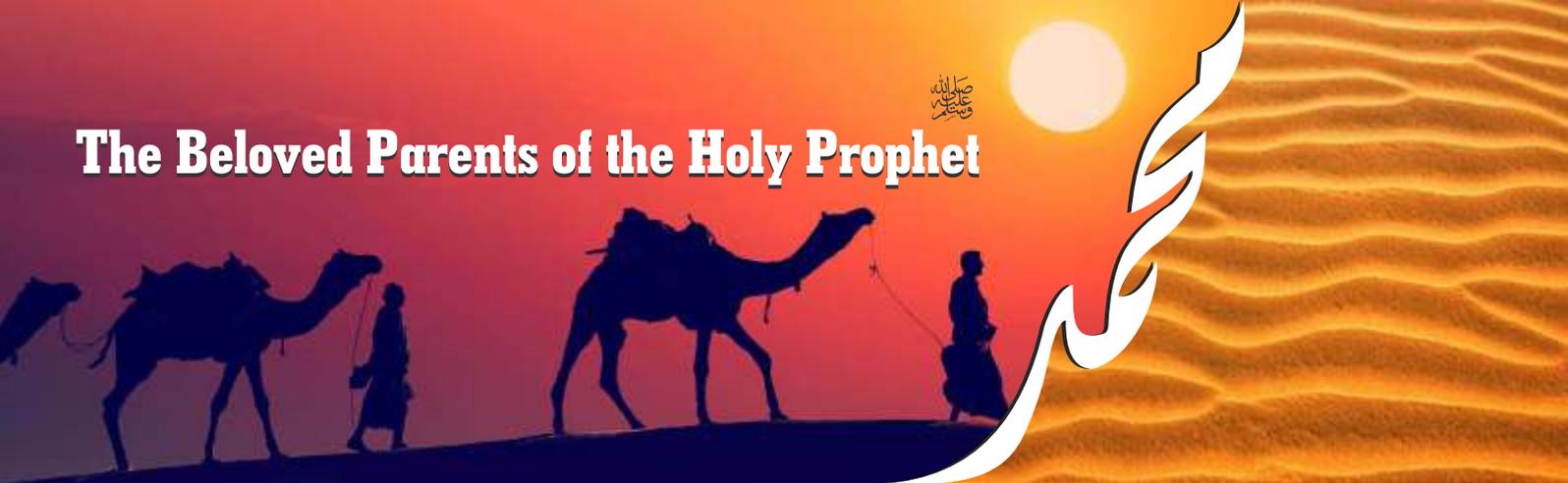
"Lo Laaka LaMaa Khalaqtul Aflaak"

If not for you (O Muhammad!) I would not have created Creation

عید میلاد انبیا ﷺ مبارک

Eid Meelad-un-Nabi ﷺ Greetings

# The Beloved Parents of the Holy Prophet



Abdul Muttalib and his beloved sons were coming to the city. Abdullah (ﷺ) was far behind his father as they were passing by the Kaba, and it was then that a woman approached him. This woman was named Ruqiyyah. She was Waraqa bin Nawfal's sister and one of the many admirers of Abdullah's (ﷺ) legendary beauty.

Like her sibling, Waraqa, she read the old Holy Books and in those books, she saw and learned about the characteristics of the Prophet that would appear during the end of time. When she faced Abdullah (ﷺ), she established a connection in her mind between the characteristics that she read about and the immense brightness that was on Abdullah's (ﷺ) face as she had never seen such brightness on anyone's face till then. Forgetting her grace and chastity, Ruqiyya approached Abdullah (ﷺ) so that nobody else could obtain this glory and whispered:

"Young man, wait a moment." Abdullah (ﷺ) stopped. She asked, "Where are you going?" With the innocence of the noor (light) that shone on his face, he answered: "We are going with my father". The woman did not dwell long upon this innocent answer and expressed her true intention. She offered to have illicit relations with him. In an instant, Abdullah's (ﷺ) face turned crimson red. He did not pay attention to this illicit offer.

He wanted to continue on his way. Yet Ruqiyyah wanted him all for herself. She rendered her desire into a more enticing offer: "I have as many camels as the ones that were sacrificed on your behalf, so if you accept my offer then I will give them all to you". Abdullah (ﷺ) did not heed this offer and provided an answer that promoted his innocence: "Haram is so painful that the pain of death is lighter in comparison to it whereas halaal is so sweet. Oh, woman, go and openly seek what is halaal!

Those who possess honor and chastity protect their faith scrupulously. How can they attempt and dare to commit an action that is deemed dishonorable?" After his dignified answer, Abdullah (ﷺ) continued on his way in front the beautiful Ruqiyyah, whose eyes were combined with looks of admiration and sadness.

Hazrat Abdullah (ﷺ) was growing up day by day and the girls started

to turn round him like a moth. However, he did not turn and look at any

of them, preserving his chastity and honor. When Abdul Muttalib saw that his beloved son reached the age of marriage, he wanted him to have a happy family. However, it was necessary to find someone equal to him in every aspect. Abdul Muttalib soon found what he wanted. He went to Wahb b. Abdi Manaf, the chief of Bani Zuhra tribe, and told him that he wanted his son, Abdullah to marry Wahb's daughter, Amina. Wahb accepted the proposal and said:

"O my cousin! We received this proposal before you. Amina's mother had a dream a few days ago. According to what she narrated, a light entered our house and it illuminated the earth and the sky. Last night, I saw our grandfather, Ibrahim (ﷺ), in my dream.

He said to me, 'I married Abdullah, Abdul Muttalib's son, off to your daughter, Amina. When he comes, accept it.' I have been under the influence of this dream since this morning. I constantly asked myself, 'When will they come?' When Abdu Muttalib heard this, he shouted, "ALLAHU Akbar! ALLAHU Akbar!" joyfully.

Days later, Abdullah (ﷺ) was married and came across the same woman on the streets of Makkah. The same Ruqiyyah did not exhibit the slightest signs of desire. On the contrary, she was very apathetic and dull. Abdullah (ﷺ) asked, "What happened to you? Your condition has changed". Ruqiyyah answered, "That day a noor (light) was shining on your forehead.

I lost myself in the face of that noor, but now I cannot see it". Yes, the noor that shone on Hazrat Abdullah's forehead was no longer there. Because it had been transferred to the greatest mother, Hazrat Amina (ﷺ), who was carrying the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) in her womb.

Amina (ﷺ), Wahb's daughter had a high rank among the girls of the Qurayshis in terms of beauty, ethics and nobility. She was equal to Hazrat Abdullah (ﷺ); she was only 14 then. Abdullah (ﷺ) was twenty-four years old. They soon had a wedding and got married; the family that would bring the Master of the Universe into the world was set up.

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# THE MEELAD OF MUHAMMAD ﷺ

Once upon a time, many many years ago, far away in the land of Arabia, there lived a man named 'Abdul Muttalib. As this story begins, 'Abdul Muttalib was about 70 years old, and was the foremost leader of the city of Makkah. His son 'Abdullah was then 24 years old, a young man renowned for the beautiful light shining in his face. 'Abdul Muttalib took his son 'Abdullah to some distant relatives, and gave him in marriage to Amina, the daughter of Wahb. Amina was said to be pure in her thoughts and deeds.

The wedding took place at the home of the bride, as was the custom. After they were married, Hazrat Abdullah (ﷺ) stayed with Hazrat Amina (ﷺ) for several days. Soon Amina (ﷺ) was pregnant, but Abdullah (ﷺ) had to set forth on a journey with a caravan of merchants traveling to the distant city of Ghazza. As the caravan returned to Makkah, while in the city of Medina, Abdullah (ﷺ) became ill. He stayed there with cousins on his father's side.

When the caravan finally got back to Makkah, they went to Hazrat Abdul Muttalib to tell him that his son was ill, and had stayed in Medina. Hazrat Abdul Muttalib sent Harith, another of his sons, to go and take care of Abdullah (ﷺ). But when Harith arrived in Medina, he learned that 'Abdullah (ﷺ) had passed away a month after the caravan left, and was now buried in the Bani Adi quarter of the city. Harith returned to Makkah, and 'Abdul Muttalib and all the family mourned Hazrat Abdullah's death.

Hazrat Amina (ﷺ) had not yet given birth. Hazrat Abdullah (ﷺ) had left the house in which he had lived, five camels fed on wild shrubs, a flock of goats, and a slave girl called Umm Ayman. He left nothing more than this; but Hazrat Amina's simple habits required no more; and indeed in that time and place, all those goats, and that many camels, and a slave to help care for the new baby provided a measure of prosperity and comfort to Amina (ﷺ).

One day when Hazrat Amina was pregnant with her baby, she fell into a dream. A voice said to her, "The child you bear is the best of all humankind, and he will be a leader of his people. When he is born, give him the name of Muhammed, which means 'Highly Praised'." This voice said that her baby's name is Ahmad in the Torah and in the Gospels, but in the Qu'ran his name will be Muhammed. Some people say that this voice that Hazrat Amina heard was the voice of the angel Jibraeel (ﷺ). They go on to say that unlike most pregnant

women, Hazrat Amina felt no discomfort during her pregnancy.

Now many legends have been passed down about the time when Hazrat Amina was giving birth. One scholar says that as Hazrat Amina was in labor, a white bird came and lay its wing across her, helping her to keep her confidence; later came Birds of Paradise, with their ruby-red bills and emerald-green wings to sing to her. Some people say heavenly music came from out of the air, and a sheet of cloth came down from heaven to give Hazrat Amina privacy; Hazrat Amina grew thirsty, and a hand appeared, presenting her with a cup filled with a delicious drink that was white as milk and sweet as honey; beings from the heavens scattered beautiful aromas around Hazrat Amina.

Another scholar says that at the moment that Hazrat Amina gave birth, a light came from her and her baby, a light which was so bright that it lit up distant palaces, so that Hazrat Amina could see the necks of the camels in Bosra. Then the baby raised himself up, saying, "There is no God but Allah, and I am his Prophet." His aunt Safia, who was there with Hazrat Amina, said that she did not have to cut the baby's umbilical cord. Three personages, as bright as the sun, appeared: one presented a silver goblet to the child, one an emerald tray, and the third a silken towel; these three personages washed the baby seven times, then blessed him, calling him the Prince of Humanity.

After the baby was born, Hazrat Amina sent to Hazrat Abdul Muttalib, who rejoiced upon hearing that he had a grandchild. The grandfather took the baby in his arms, and carried him to the Ka'bah, the holiest place in Makkah. Hazrat Abdul Muttalib walked around the Ka'bah seven times with the baby, and on the last time around he announced that the baby would be called Muhammed ﷺ, just as Hazrat Amina had wanted.

And indeed, this little baby did grow up to be the great prophet Muhammad ﷺ, who founded the religion of Islam. He taught the importance of doing right, of giving alms to those who were poor, and of praying each day so that we may keep our minds on that which is best in the world. Today billions of people try to emulate every Sunnah of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. He (ﷺ) is as the Quraan states "We have not sent O Muhammed but a Mercy to the worlds.

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# Qasida Burda Shareef

The reason for writing this poem: The writer HAZRAT IMAAM SAALIH SHARA-FUD-DEEN ABU ABDULIAH MUHAMMAD BIN HASAN AL-BUSAIRI R.A had become paralysed. His doctors and physicians gave up all hope of his recovery. Eventually in this state of complete helplessness and despair he composed this poem expressing the grandeur and excellence of Sayyidina Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. Using this as his sole means of asking Allah Ta'ala to cure him from his illness. He isolated himself in a quiet place one Thursday night and with complete devotion, concentration and sincerity/ began reciting this poem. While reciting it sleep overcame him. He had a vision of Sayyidina. Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. He told Sayyidina Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam of his illness whereupon Sayyidina Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam passed his blessed hand over Imam Busairi's body. Through the barakat and blessing of Sayyidina, Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam Allah Ta'ala granted him complete cure from his paralysis. When he awoke he found a scarf or shawl on his body which he had seen Sayyidina Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam place on his paralysed limbs. This resulted in the poem being named "Qasidah Burdah" (The Poem of the Scarf).

In the morning when due to some necessity, he went to the bazaar, a pious dervish greeted him with salaam and requested him to recite the qasidah which he had composed in praise of Sayyidina Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam The poet said that I have composed many poems in praise of Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam, which one do you wish to hear? The dervish replied: "The one which begins with, A-min Tazak-kurin (i.e. Qasidah Burdah)". Upon this request the poet became wonder struck and said, "I take an oath that no one knows about this poem. Tell me the truth, from whom did you hear about it?" The dervish replied, "I take an oath by Allah that I heard it from you last night when in a dream you had recited it to Sayyidina Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam, whereupon Sayyidina Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam became attentive towards you and because of its blessings Allah Ta'ala granted you complete cure from your ailment".

When the poet gave this poem to the dervish his secret became known to all the people and its barakat and blessings too became general for all.

When this poem reached Baha-ud-deen the governor of the country named Tahir, he so highly regarded and respected it that he would stand while listening to it.

It is also narrated that Sa'aadud-deen Faruqi, who was a viceroy of Baha-ud-deen, had become blind. In a dream he saw a pious person who told him to take the Qasidah Burdah from Baha-ud-deen and place it on his eyes. In the morning he told Baha-ud-deen about this dream. The Qasidah Burdah was brought and with full sincerity and conviction Sa'aadud-deen placed it on his eyes. Through its barakat



Allah Ta'ala granted him complete cure and restored his eyesight.

## Chapter - 1

Concerning the love of Sayyidina Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam

In this chapter Allamah Busairi R.A. speaks of his love for Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. He tries to conceal this love and who his beloved is. For this reason he has not mentioned the name of Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam, directly in the whole chapter. By mentioning places and things close to Madinah, he alludes to Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam. Due to this excessive love and devotion for Rasuluallah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam, he has become completely restless, thus exposing this love to everyone.

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# Qasida Burda Shareef

Mawla ya salli wa sallim daa'iman, abadann  
'Ala habeebika khayri khalqi kullihimi.

O Mawla (Protector, speaking to Allah),  
send prayers and peace always and forever  
Upon Your beloved, the best out of all of Creation.

Muhammadun sayyidul kawnayni wath-thaqalayn,  
Wal fareeqayni min 'urbuw-wa min 'ajami.

Muhammad is the Sayyid (Master) of the two worlds  
and the two groups (men and jinn),  
And the Guide of both the Arabs and the non-Arabs.

Nabiyyunal amirun-nahi fala ahadun,  
Abarra fi qawli la minhu wa la na'ami.

He is our Prophet, commanding the right and  
forbidding the wrong, and there is none,  
More true in word, saying "Yes"  
(meaning this is permitted)  
or "No" (meaning) this is haram).

Huwal habeebul-ladhee turja shafaa'atuhu  
Li kulli hawlim-minal ahwali muqutahimi.

He is the Habib (beloved) of the One, from whom  
we have hopes of intercession (shafa)  
In (from) all the woes that have descended upon the humans.

Da'a ilallahi fal mustamsi koonu bihi  
Mustamsi koonu bi hablin ghayri munfasimi.

He called us to the path of Allah, and those who cling to him  
Have held the rope of Allah so tight, that it would never break.

Faqan nabiyyina fi khalqiw-wa fi khuluqin  
Wa lam yudaanuhu fi 'ilmuw-wa la karami.

He surpasses all the Prophets in khalq  
(creation/external appearance) and in khuluq  
(characters/internal appearance)  
None could reach his rank in knowledge (ilm)  
and in generosity (karam).

Famablaghul 'ilmi feehee annahu basharun  
Wa annahu khayru khalqillahi kullihimi.

Our utmost knowledge about him says  
that he is a bashar (human being)  
He is the most distinguished and  
the best, out of all of Creation.



## NAAT SHAREEF

MOULANA ABDUL ALEEM SIDDIQI

Zara Chehre se kamli ko hata dow Yaa Rasoolullah  
Hamay bhee apna deewaana banaa do Yaa Rasoolullah

Muhabbat ghair se meri chura do Yaa Rasoolullah  
Meri sohee huwi qismat, jagaa do Yaa Rasoolullah

Ba rozay hashr daykhayn gay waseela aap ka Hazrat  
Har ik aasi kahay ga bakshwaado Yaa Rasoolullah

Bari qismat hamaari hai ke ummat mei tumhaari hai  
Bharosa deen-o-dunya mai tumhaara Yaa Rasoolullah

Andhari qabr mei mujhko akela chowr jaayen gay  
Wahan ho fazi se tera ujaala Yaa Rasoolullah

Khuda mujk ko Madinah mei jo poncha-ay to behtar hai  
Kay Rowze par hi de doo jaan jaa kar Yaa Rasoolullah

Translation

O Prophet of Allah, please look towards my direction  
And accept me as your devoted follower.

O Prophet of Allah, save me from the love of the world  
And help me to awake from my slumber.

O Prophet of Allah, let me on the Day of Judgement  
Be amongst the fortunate ones so that  
I can receive thy intercession

O Prophet of Allah, how fortunate am I  
to be born into your ummah

And on thee I depend for guidance in this world, so help me.

O Prophet of Allah, when I die dark and  
lonely will be my grave,

But with thy Light my abode will be filled with nur.

O Prophet of Allah, I pray to Allah that  
He takes me to Madinah

And cause me to die besides thy blessed City.

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# A PICTURE OF MUHAMMAD THROUGH THE EYES OF ALI



The lion of Allah, the venerable Ali Ibn Abi Talib (علي بن أبي طالب), and fifteen of the companions have handed down the description of the Chosen Messenger, Muhammed Mustapha (Allah bless Him and give Him peace): In character and in conduct he was the most perfect of human beings.

All the great Prophets were physically complete and beautiful of face, but the Beloved of Allah was the most beautiful of them all. His chaste body was beautiful, his limbs were proportioned, his figure most comely, his forehead was wide and his chest broad, as were his palms and the space between his shoulders. His neck which was long and graceful, was like pure silver.

His shoulders and arms, as well as the calves of legs, were sturdy and solid, while he was long in the wrists. His fingers were fairly long, and fingers and hands alike were rather thick. His blessed stomach was not fat, and did not protrude below his chest. His insteps were arched, not flat. Medium tall in height, he was well built, powerful and strong.

He was neither too thin nor overweight, but a good medium. As for his blessed skin, this was softer than silk. The large head, arched brows and straight nose were in perfect balance. His face was more oval than circular, neither too fat nor too round in the cheeks.

His eyebrows were close, but did not meet in the middle. He was not beetle-browed. There was a vein between his two eyebrows that used to swell and show up when he was angry. His eyelashes were long and the eyes themselves were black and beautiful and quite large.

There was a touch of red in the whites of his eyes. His colouring was white, neither as white as chalk nor dark enough to be swarthy. The radiance that glowed in this blessed face was of a gentle rosy whiteness, bright and gleaming. His teeth were as lustrous as pearls; his front teeth sparkled as he talked, and when he smiled his blessed mouth beamed flashes as of exquisite lightning. When he let his hair grow, it came down past the lobes of his ears. His beard was thick and full, but more than just enough for him to grasp. When he departed for the world of Eternity, his hair and beard had only just begun to turn grey; he had about twenty grey hairs on his head, a few in his beard. His

body was clean and sweet smelling. Whether he perfumed himself or not, his skin smelled better than the finest perfumes. Anyone who shook hands with him could smell his pleasant fragrance all day long. If he stroked a child's head with his blessed hand, that child could be distinguished from other children by his delightful fragrance.

At the moment of his birth he was clean and neat and naturally circumcised. He was born with his umbilical cord already cut, his senses were unusually acute.

He could hear from a great distance, and could see further than anyone else. All his movements were gentle. When he set out to go somewhere, he would make his way calmly and unhurriedly, deviating neither to go right nor to left, but he walked briskly and smoothly. He might appear to be strolling along, yet those who approached him would find themselves falling behind, even though they were walking fast.

There was light and sweetness in his blessed face, fluency and charm in his speech. His language was articulate and eloquent, and he expressed himself with extraordinary lucidity. He never spoke unnecessary and there was wisdom and good counsel in all that he did say. He always addressed people at the level of their understanding. His face was smiling, his words were sweet.

He never said a bad word to anyone, nor treated anyone badly. He would never cut a person short. He was affable and humble. Bad-tempered and coarse he was not. But he was also serious and dignified. His laugh was also a smile. A person who suddenly happened to see him would be struck with awe.



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# YAA NABI SALAAM ALAY KA

يَا نَبِيَّ سَلَامٍ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ سَلَامٍ عَلَيْكَ يَا حَبِيبَ سَلَامٍ عَلَيْكَ صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ

The reciters love to add to the qiyam these verses of the qasida that the children of Madina recited on daf in greeting the beloved Prophet Muhammad Sallallahu 'alaihi wa Sallam and his noble companions when they entered that blessed city, as narrated by Imam al-Ghazali Rahmatullahi 'alaih in his Ihya 'Ulum al-Deen (Revival of the Religious Sciences).



Tala'al Badru 'Alayna Min Thaniyyaatil Wadaa'  
Wajabah Shukru 'Alayna Maada'a Lillahi Daa'  
The full moon rises on us. From Thaniyyatil Wadaa'  
And it is obligatory on us to express thanks  
Whenever called upon by a summoner for the sake of Allah



Muslims never tire of sending salaams on the beloved Prophet Sallallahu 'alaihi wa Sallam and they keep on finding novel and more interesting ways of sending salaams. An alternative resounding chorus for this salaam is:

Yaa Nabi Salaam Alayka, Yaa Rasool Salaam Alayka  
Yaa Habib Salaam Alayka, Salawa tulla Alayka  
Salutations on you, O Prophet Salutations on you, O Messenger of Allah  
Salutations on you, O Beloved, Blessings of Allah be upon you.

Marhaba Yaa Nural 'Ainee , Marhaba Jaddal Husaini  
Marhaba Ahlan wa Sahlan Ahlan wa Sahlan, Marhaban Yaa Khaira Daa'ee  
Welcome! O the light of my eyes, Welcome! The grandfather of Imam Husain  
Welcome! Greetings! Greetings! Welcome! O the best caller and inviter to Islam.

Yaa Nabi Salaam Alayka Yaa Rasool Salaam Alayka  
Yaa Habib Salaam Alayka Salawa tulla Alayka

From Madina receive divine light the sun & moon reflects it oh so bright  
You are the light and soul of creation Of your Lord you are His reflection

Yaa Nabi Salaam Alayka Yaa Rasool Salaam Alayka  
Yaa Habib Salaam Alayka Salawa tulla Alayka

With love and hope my heart is waiting With your light its saturating  
With your name I'm safe from falling Muhammad I'll keep on calling

Yaa Nabi Salaam Alayka Yaa Rasool Salaam Alayka  
Yaa Habib Salaam Alayka Salawa tulla Alayka

Your companions show us compassion, Saving us from worldly fashion  
Too much joy sometimes melancholy Aboo Bakar, Umar, Uthmaan, Ali

Ya Nabi Salaam Alayka Ya Rasool Salaam Alayka  
Ya Habib Salaam Alayka Salawa tulla Alayka

Every friend of yours a shining star Guiding all who seek from near & far  
So many shine both seen and unseen So let us greet Saabir Ala'uddin

Yaa Nabi Salaam Alayka Yaa Rasool Salaam Alayka  
Yaa Habib Salaam Alayka Salawa tulla Alayka

# ARE OUR LEADERS MEN OR MICE?



The current US president has grown so arrogant to the point of dictating to other leaders who they should befriend, especially Arab and African leaders. Riding on his recent successes in the Gulf, Trump has reached a point of actually using blackmail to coerce world leaders as if they were his wives. In an effort to boost his chances of winning a second term in the coming elections, Trump has resorted to bullying other leaders as if they were small children. For the leader of the number 1 nation to lecturer a sovereign nation to exempt taxing his country on things like e-books, and music, really boggles the mind. The guy goes as far as categorically telling the Kenyan President to exempt firms from USA operating in Kenya from storing data in the country which is totally disgusting to say the least. I mean who does that?

Donald Trump should know that Kenya is an independent and sovereign state that will make its own laws and has the choice of choosing its own friends as it deems fit. No one should dictate to it, no matter how powerful they can be. Relenting to this kind of bullying is tantamount to surrendering a country's sovereignty to a foreign power. The people of Kenya should dismiss this kind of bullying with the contempt it deserves.

The leaders of a sovereign Kenya should not fall for this scheme being perpetrated by Trump as it is demeaning to their pride as leaders and as a nation. He should be told in no uncertain terms will Kenya be dictated to by anyone on who to befriend or not. The people of Kenya will choose who their friends shall be.

The leadership of Kenya should certainly be wary of this kind of move by the US President. It could be designed in such a way as exposing them to appear to their people as mice and not leaders worth their salt. In our African culture, it is a taboo for a man of the house to allow another man to come into his house and tell him how to run his affairs. By prescribing to President Kenyatta, Trump is actually demeaning him indirectly which is unacceptable.

President Kenyatta should not fall for this nonsense and threatening approach. He should instead, refuse to negotiate the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on these terms. Business is business. It should not have any strings attached to it. Besides, the USA will not sign any agreement with anyone unless it favors them. That is the bottom line. Let it be that, if the people of Kenya choose to restore diplomatic or business relations with Israel, let them choose the terms and conditions when doing so.

According to the article, the USA goes on to prescribe to Kenya what it should do like the "elimination of politically motivated, not tariff barriers on "Israeli goods, services or other commerce" imposed on Israel. It goes on to lecture Kenya that it "should eliminate what it calls "state sponsored, unsanctioned foreign boycotts of Israel, or compliance with the Arab League Boycott of Israel. Why include a third party in bilateral negotiations between two sovereign states?"

Does Trump consider the independence and sovereignty of African countries as being of lesser stature than that of Western European countries? His arrogant approach certainly suggests that that is the case.

We call upon the African Union to stand with Kenya and stop such kind of deals happening to any of its members. This could be far from reality, given the kind of leadership currently at the helm of the AU. Unfortunately, it will be very difficult to find an African leader who is willing to speak truth to power. I wonder how such people find themselves in such high positions at the continental body. To say the least, I have never been impressed by the kind of leaders who came from the francophone countries.

They seem to be willing tools of imperialism and neocolonialism. A good example is, immediately they took over the leadership of the AU, France forced them to lift Morocco's suspension from the mother body before it had even complied with withdrawing from Western Sahara. Today Morocco with money given to it by the imperial west is busy playing the benefactor of black African countries without any shame.

My advice to other African countries is that they should be wary of such kind of machinations by the imperial west. They will never treat us as equals no matter what until we find a formula that cleans us of our dark skins and replace it with the white one. To our leadership on the continent, refrain from being used to run errands for the slave masters by rounding up your own just to be given sugar and a mirror like it happened in the past. Consult your people before signing these deals and do not impose on them bad deals. Remember, the imperialist will use the same system that they have been using from time and again. Today its Kenya, tomorrow it's another country. Aluta continua!

By: Dr Mustafa Mheta

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# MANQABAT

SAYED GHULAAM MOHAY-UD-DIN SHAH SAHEB

**Paikare lutf-o-Mohabbat,  
Pyare Mohayuddin Shah  
Ik Gul-e-ser sabde-Jannat,  
Pyare Mohayuddin Shah**

**Golre ke Mehr ne aisa nawaaza tha unhe  
Aaftaab-e-ilm-o-hikmat,  
Pyare Mohayuddin Shah**

**Unki Surat Saadgi thi, Unki Seerat Moahni  
Surat-o-Seerat ki daulat,  
Pyare Mohayuddin Shah**

**Mazhare Noor-e-Nabi the, aur the Aale-Nabi  
Jalwa-e-Rifa't ki surat,  
Pyare Mohayuddin Sha**

**Masnad-e-dars-e-Hadeeth-  
o-Mantiq-o-Fiqh-o-Kalaam  
Sab ki Rawnak, sab ki Zeenat,  
Pyare Mohayuddin Shah**

**Un ke Husn-o-Noor ka patau Haseenudin Sha  
Husn-e- Jeelan ki Malaahat,  
Pyare Mohiyuddin Shah**

**Din tha choti Eid ka, aur maah Eid-ul-Eid ka  
Jab soodare soo-e-Jannat,  
Pyare Mohayuddin Shah**

**Manqabat maqbool ho gi Qaadri Faisal teri  
Lik raha hai jin ki nisbat,  
Pyare Mohayuddin Shah**

**Beloved Mohiyuddin Shah is an embodied  
of love and grace  
He is an evergreen flower of paradise.**

**The shining sun of Golra has graced him in such  
a way That Qibla Mohiyuddin Shah  
became a shining sun of knowledge and wisdom.**

**His exterior was simple, his interior character  
was attractive  
He was a treasure of outer and inner beauty.**

**He was manifestation of the Noor of Nabi,  
he was progeny of Nabi  
He was a figure of loftiness and highness.**

**He was the beauty of different fields of  
Islamic Sciences  
I.e. logic, theology, debates and jurisprudence.**

**One of the manifestations of his beauty  
and glu is Qibla Haseenudin Sha  
He is the attraction of the beauty  
of Jeelan (Gous Paak).**

**When he passed away the day was small Eid (Friday)  
And the month was Eid of all Eids (Rabi-ul-Awwal).**

**O Faisal Qaadri! Your manqabat  
(tribute to Shah Saheb) will be surely accepted  
Because you have penned down in the glory  
of Qibla Mohiyuddin Shah,  
(who is one of the intimates of Almighty).**



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# CONTINUOUS CONFLICTS



BY FAIZEL KHAMKER



Before the breaking up of the former USSR two regions today named as Armenia and Azerbaijan was mapped out for independence. The norm of all colonisers has been that in such exercises scant regard is given to detail and the whole process is dealt with little or no thought given irrespective of the consequences. A typical problem lies with the Kashmiri question. The end result is that continuous conflicts occur in those instances.

Following the demarcation of Armenia and Azerbaijan and the subsequent independence granted to these two states in 1918 there was an international acknowledgement in respect to the boundaries which separated these countries. With the redrawing of maps, it is inevitable that families and communities that were once regarded as being one would find themselves as different nations.

Russia was traditionally always a supporter of Armenia and supported Armenian aggression from the time when Armenia committed to aggression against the Ottoman empire in 1915. Russia are one of the co-chairs of the Minsk group and despite this position today supplies arms to both countries.

In 1992 the Armenians going against the internationally recognized territories illegally annexed part of Azerbaijan, a territory named the Nagorno-Karabakh. This small enclave then became the Kashmir of the Caucasian region. The Armenians justified their position firstly by making reference to violence (subsequently defined as a genocide) which took place in 1990 where Azerbaijan was the aggressor. Secondly Armenia claims the territory on the bases of unfair demarcation of boundaries which had led to their communities being forced to be citizens of Azerbaijan.

In 1992 after the conflict and the resultant illegal annexation of Nagorno-Karabakh an organization now called the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in an attempt to mediate a resolution set up the Minsk group consisting of a number of European countries and the United States of America. Typically, this organization like the United Nations were and are not only ineffectual but also toothless and showed no real interest in finding a solution. Furthermore, no will was displayed nor is it being displayed

up until today and accusations of biasness in favour of the Armenians had been made. There have been continuous flare ups between these two countries since 1990 despite the existence of Minsk. The latest flare up being more forceful and costing more lives has called for a renewing of the search for a lasting peace. However only a ceasefire seems to be on the cards. It is for this reason that it is called a frozen conflict.

From historical evidence we are aware that the Kashmir enclave has undergone this illegal occupation and no solution is in sight. Lives are being lost, human dignity trampled upon and livelihoods are endangered. This continuous conflict in these two mentioned regions as well as a number of other regions cannot go on if where there is a claim to be custodians of justice and civilization.

This claim of holding the moral high ground by the present day leaders in contrast to the past is in reality no different from bygone eras. History testifies to the fact that ongoing war and hatred was the norm not only in Europe but throughout the world. Arabia was no different as Islamic historians will testify. Until the blessed birth of our Beloved Prophet ? and the advent of Islam this was the norm. In this blessed month of his blessed birth we should not only embrace his personality but should also take heed of his practical teachings which removed the tribalism (read as nationalism of today) but bought about an everlasting and peaceful solution to these continuous conflicts. This is the time to reflect and act.



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# Death Anniversary Commemoration

BY IRSHAD AHMED SIDDIQI

He is the 2nd generation's successor of Hazrat Makhdoom Allahuddin Ali Ahmed Sabir Kalyari (RA). Hazrat Makhdoom Jalaaluddin was an ecstatic type of Sufi, much in the Qalandari mould, due perhaps to his association with the chief saint of Panipat, Hazrat Bu-Ali Sha Qalandar (RA).

However, destiny carried Hazrat Jalaaluddin to the court of Hazrat Khwaja Shamsuddin Turk (RA), the immediate Khalifa and Successor of Hazrat Sabir Paak (RA).

Here he pledged Bai'at and was soon awarded Khilaafat of the Sabri Silsila by Khwaja Shamsuddin (RA).

Under the majestic command of Makhdoom Jalaaluddin Kabeer-ul-Auliya (RA) the Sabri spiritual order grew by leaps and bounds, with distinguished Sufi's from far and wide clamouring to pay homage or to be enrolled as Mureeds.

Amongst his elite was his successor the famous Sheikh-ul-Aalam, Hazrat Makhdoom Ahmed Abdul Haq Radaulvi (RA) whose conversion from orthodoxy to Ishq (divine love) makes rather interesting discussion.



The Urs of Hazrat Jalaaluddin (RA) coincides with the Urs of Hazrat Sabir Paak (RA) on the 13th Rabbi-ul-Awwal.

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