**Lessons from the disputes Conflict resolution Modalities in Syria, Iraq, Mali, Egypt, CAR, Yemen and Libya**

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 Conflicts are raging here and there. There are Fighting and killings as well as regimes and groups –both Shiite and Sunni. Muslims are killing Christians, and Christians killing Muslims. All these are taking place, at times, in the name of religion and/or persuasion, and in the name of nationalism at others. They also occur under jihadist mottos and in response to patriotic calls. The result is martyrs from all parties, all of whom are allegedly going to the paradise that anxiously awaits them.

Internal disputes are simmering everywhere, such as Syria, Iraq, Mali, Egypt, CAR, Yemen and Libya. In the past, the dispute was between Arabs and Zionists viz. between the aggressor and victim, between indigenes and occupiers. There were also conflicts among countries.

The dispute has long been dragging on, as a host of initiatives for resolutions were envisioned by several countries. Yet, military might reigns supreme. It has been simmering for 60 years. Again, the result was the displacement of an Arab people at the hands of groups that came from the East and West to occupy the land in the name of religion, faith and ideology, and to build a cancerous Zionist state into the Arab body, a state that receives international aid in order to put down roots and assert itself on the Arab lands.

In early 2011, some Arab countries revolted against their regimes to get rid of injustice, thus triggering the so-called Arab spring revolutions. Some Nations rose up, others wanted to revolt. This prompted organizations, individuals and figures to attempt their hands at reaping the fruits of such revolutions (in otherwise they tried to hijack the revolutions).

Such entities adopted the precept of end justifies means, thereby clearing the way for foreign colonial powers to use such groups to achieve their interests and redeploy their troops to the region. These groups also fueled such conflicts, using sects, organizations and aid requests as a smokescreen. Consequently, international conflicts have become of religious, sectarian, ideological nature, conflicts among groups all bearing arms, fighting one another, and receiving weapons and funds in order for killings, displacement and destruction to sustain.

 Killings and torture are taking place among the people of a nation, and amongst Muslims under the motto of Allahuakbar (God is Great).

Muslims are assaulting Christians, as happened to the Assyrians in Northern Iraq. The same goes for Christians who are assaulting and torturing Muslims as was the case in Burma (Myanmar) , Mali and Central Africa Republic (CAR). Sunnis are killing Shiites and vice versa as happened in Syria and Iraq. Egyptians are killing each other for faith and power.

There are conflicts among sects and persuasions feeding out of past enemy’s hand. All conflicting parties are receiving weapons and sustained support in order for them to continue killings and destruction: hit and run attacks, thousands of deaths on each side. Every party is receiving moral support via media outlets that are geared towards boosting the enthusiasm and determination of the warring parties. This caused Arab countries to lose touch, and Arab people are largely polarized. Also citizens are standing up to their brothers, moved by exposure to media messages intended to feed such disputes. Thus, international disputes mutated into sectarian, religious and or regional conflicts fueled by the powers with ambitions to dominate the region.

To add insult to injury, some of the region’s countries are forced to pay for the wars and disputes. In this case, the past enemy found new markets to sell its partisan formulas.

**What is going on, and what happened?**

What is taking place is killing on identity, displacement, torture and flagrant human rights abuses in an unprecedented way not matched in history. There is too much of analysis and interpretations, and answers, with the resultant more misguidance, uncertainty and floundering, woes and calamities, and a more stay in the dark tunnel at the end of which the light of the hissing hellfire is looming large, but towards which all running. This catastrophe is just a phase of the grand adversity that took place almost two centuries ago.

Arabs’ grand Nakba (catastrophe) started with the victory of the western colonial masters during the two world wars, which resulted in them dominating the Arab world. Colonial powers established entities later called states, which were run by native proxies and collaborators who are obliged to steer their countries based on a consummate plan meant to keep the region stuck in backwardness and dependence.

All the events taking place in the aftermath of the two world wars were created by foreign colonial powers with an aim to tighten their grips on Arab nations for many considerations, most important of which are the massive natural resources.

To this end, such powers set out schemes to achieve the following:

-Blocking Arab unity, even if Arabs were to unite on an idol.

-Prevention of development and progress, and possession of the tricks of the technological trade.

-Prevention of the genuine and undistorted Islam from coming back to life.

-Preservation of the advanced western military base (Israel).

To achieve these objectives, the colonial powers were keen to set up collaborative regimes that are secretly charged with safeguarding the interests of their masters, regimes that deceive their peoples under the pretexts of liberation and independence.

To further aggravate the situation, the colonial powers created a raunchy ambiance of collaborators within the inner circles of those rulers in order to prevent them from even thinking of emancipation. They even adopt collaborative opposition parties and personalities to replace or deter the rulers in case they tried to rebel against their masters.

This brutality is exacerbated when colonial masters unleash their dummy rulers to mete out the worst suppression, humiliation and injustice to their nations, let alone deceiving and conspiring against their compatriots in order to turn them into a tit-bit and prey to their mentors.

Throughout the old history, we had known rulers and kings installed or supported by major powers to achieve interests and wield influence such Manazereh in Heerah, Ghasasineh in Levant and some Yemeni kings. However, those rulers were acting based on mutual and intersected interests, and had been keen not to do any harm to their people.

The contemporary rulers’ dependency is based on the destruction of their people in favor of colonial enemies who try to control the affairs of these communities through stooge rulers. Hence, the entities ruling the countries reeling from disputes are the alternative to colonizers, yet those rulers are indigenous and speaking the same language, the harm they do to their countries is more pernicious than that of the colonizers.

Therefore, what was achieved during the twentieth century up till now was meant to directly or indirectly serve the interests of the colonizers. Whosoever claims struggle and calls for emancipation, but not based on these home truths, is considered as buffoon.

The Ummah should be put in the picture of this bitter reality, otherwise such claims would amount to deception and misguidance aimed to plunge the Ummah into labyrinth where it just continues to be strictly ruled by colonizers, stooges and agents.

So, how long should we continue calling agents patriotic , honest and straightforward. colonial powers are not oblivious of the Arab reality, including the reactions from the downtrodden nations suffering from repression and poverty despite that they are endowed with massive natural resources as well as a civlizational heritage enough to delight humanity.

When such powers realized that the revolutionary forces have taken up the responsibility of undertaking the renaissance projects in the Arab Ummah , they renounce such rulers in order that revolutions cannot mature into full-fledged uprisings. Also, the colonizers sought to redraw the map of the region in a bid to usher in a new era of colonization. This trend constitutes a historic opportunity for the US that strives to completely dominate the entire region to the exclusion of Europe.

In view of the fact that the Americans are attempting to impose their hegemony on the Arab and Islamic world since the collapse of the formerly Soviet Union as well as the announcement by the US of the emergence of the new unipolar world order that aims to boost the American hegemony, I believe that the world has entered the third world war involving regional and international powers that raise conflicts under the pretexts of sects, persuasions, beliefs and nationalities.

It is regrettable that the soldiers of this war come from this same region, meaning that they are the instruments, the victims and the booties. For instance, the conflict raging in Syria now is between the Americans, the Russians, and Iranians on the one hand, and the Europeans on the other. The same goes for Iraq and Libya.

In other words, America is doing its utmost to reshape the region in such a way that guarantees its dominance on the region, while the Europeans are trying to maintain their influence. This terrible conflict is designed to re-demarcate the region with an aim to serve the US interests. The same applies to the European countries, namely Britain and France.

**Solutions to the conflict**

1-avoiding ideological differences.

2-Shunning violence, laying down arms and coming to the negotiating table.

3-Upholding common destiny.

4-Formulating a strategically political resistance project with socio-economic, political and cultural dimensions in order to put an end to dependency.

5-Setting up national liberation movements in such countries based on peacefulness and real democratic channels.

6-Liberating resources.

7-Liberating the political will from foreign predominance.

8-Laying down genuine national development plans.

9-Enhancing Islamic integration and re-embracing the divine mission, as Quran was sent down in Arabic. Indeed, No Arabism without Islam and vice versa.

10-Arabs, including Muslims and Christians, should unite ranks in the face of colonial powers.

11-Putting a stop to some regional powers' intervention into Arab countries' affairs.