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Operation Al-Aqsa Storm and the resilience of Gaza shattered the deceptive prestige and false authority of the US, shaking the foundations of the current global order.



Rockets are fired from Gaza City toward Israel on October 7, 2023.
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Conflict narrative: Tale of hegemony, subjugation, and resilience

The soft origin and the hard land are the sources of power for nations. The secret of aggression against the identity and lands of free and independent nations lies in the essence of the hegemonic order, which maintains its stability by weakening others. Identity and land are the two fundamental components introduced by nation-states. However, hegemonic powers are only satisfied with a nation-state that accepts their soft and hard relations; otherwise, they not only do not recognize the right to the identity of nations but also have no qualms about their oppression and occupation. The hegemonic agenda over the past century has been soaked in blood as it sought to weaken the identity and lands of the region. Thus, World War I not only ended with the disintegration of the multi-part Islamic lands but also laid the foundation for the imposition of the fabricated identity of Zionism on the region.

World War II handed over the legacy of colonization in the region to American hegemony. The Zionist regime, along with its relations that monopolized arms and nuclear weapons, declared its existence. What America sought in Iran after World War II ranged from coups against national movements to economic dependency and widespread corruption in culture—a series of long-term plans aimed at stabilizing Zionist hegemony by weakening the foundations of identity and territorial power. In the cold of suppression of movements and the warmth of servitude to puppet rulers, amid the decline of internal movements succumbing to collusion with the relations of superpowers, the echo of the awakening cries of Imam Khomeini swept the Islamic world out of its wanderings, revealing the designs of the global order planners and sowing the seeds of resistance across the region.

What the US wanted in establishing Zionist dominance over the Islamic world was, on one hand, a liberal Islam to give in to its relations, and on the other hand, an isolated Islam to suppress. Imam Khomeini challenged both forms of American Islam with pure Islam.

The post-Soviet American era is a close experience for us, wherewith the face of a liberating force of freedom, the US was determined to repeat its military and political gains in Eastern Europe in West Asia.

However, against its escalating arrogance, which became bolder with the weakness of nations, the resistance mentality not only did not retreat with fears and temptations but advanced steadily towards the forefront of the decisive battle against the declining superpowers.

The high spirit of resistance led the dreams of American superiority from the wicked laughs in Afghanistan and Iraq to the broken cries of defeats in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, and Gaza. Despite sanctions, scientific and technological advancements tarnished the tale of the “knowledge gap” and forced the acknowledgment of the “economic superpower” to the humiliating failure of the sanctions tool. Standing firm on the principles of the people and the independence of regional nations contradicted the American democracy’s contradictions in coups against popular rule and collusion with dictators, and support for the formation of ISIS was exposed. Thus, unlike the good times when America accepted division and retreat with deviance and withdrawal from the struggle and progress, the logic of resistance neither trembled with fears nor deviated with temptations, and with resilience in the path of continuous progress, it shifted the balance of power towards the destiny-making battle.

Resistance is an active response to the ambitions of those who, to sustain their hegemonic order, accept fear or temptation towards others while maintaining a weak distance. This succinct narrative is the story of resistance against the hegemony of the ruling power and the subjugation of the dominated. Operation Al-Aqsa Storm must be seen as the latest radiance in the extension of this century-old conflict. What today takes the arrogance of Western superiority, the determination of the region’s achievements, which rises from Gaza one time and then from Yemen, Lebanon, Iraq, and Syria another time, exposes the reality of force and deceit of the superior pretenders. The high determination and belief in the power of faith of the people are two soft forces of pure Islam that never fit into the foundations of submissive fear and the troubled mindset of terrorism. Resistance, with the efforts of the youth eager for martyrdom over these years, gradually overturned the balance of hard powers and transformed its soft power into the backbone of global developments.

Opportunities for future in proactive architecture

The transformation of the global order is not something to merely observe; rather, the order is shaped through proactive architectural actions, and every one of our behaviors contributes to a part of it. While gradual trends bring about the global order, pivotal moments define its face, much like how Zionists and Americans imposed current relations on the next hundred years of the world after World Wars I and II. What determines future relations in pivotal moments is a clear and robust logic beyond events that guides tough pinpoint actions. For the proactive architecture of the global order, there needs to be a recognition of principles, goals, and interests with a dedicated intellectual foundation and a literary discourse. This enables the harmonization of synergistic forces and the promotion of a new perspective among the nations of the world, preparing minds and hearts for an order without the presence of the arrogant, and ultimately directing timely pinpoint actions towards the course of transformative developments.

Minds must be prepared. This foundation gives meaning to principles, goals, and interests, shaping the literature of the future order. Soft forces in the Islamic world must, along with hard forces of resistance, “prepare the hearts and minds of the people worldwide,” as Imam Khomeini

stated, “to reach a peaceful life accompanied by peace and freedom without the dominance of the arrogant powers.” This is the duty of the soft forces of the Islamic Revolution, demonstrating the possibility of a world without American and hegemonic domination and without a security order supportive of oppressors. However, soft warfare is not without substance. The soft forces of the revolution must enhance their foundation and skills for effective participation in this pivotal era. The foundation of soft warfare is “awareness, narrative, and insight,” and the skill of soft warfare is the “art of expression and language.” The futures shaped by pure Islam must be expressed artistically with comprehensive awareness of the narrative of the global order and in the language of each region’s people.

Perspectives must be aligned. Synergistic forces must be recognized and enhanced. The current change in the order benefits all independent and free republics and must be directed towards the foundations of a just global order with faith in the power of free nations. The soft forces of the Islamic Revolution must take advantage of unprecedented opportunities to connect with the hearts of restless people, enabling Islamic nations to actively strive for independence and freedom from the shackles of political tyranny that passively align with global injustice. The soft forces of

the Islamic Revolution must take the initiative and, with an understanding of the historical narrative of the global order and regional dynamics, convey the inspiring vision of pure Islamic thought tailored to the conditions of each group of people worldwide, shaping innovative architecture for the future.

This pivotal moment demands timely pinpoint actions. Operation Al-Aqsa Storm was a momentous pinpoint strike at the crossroads of the world, drawing attention to a reassessment of the global order by scattering the chessboard of old and new plans. Although Operation Al-Aqsa Storm unraveled the schemes, a moment of hesitation, weakness, doubt, or complacency is sufficient for the arrogant powers to once again impose a new order on the next hundred years. History has shown that even amid the ruins of previous orders, the arrogant powers do not shy away from designing a new order for their benefit. The active enemy, witnessing the decline of its former prestige and dignity, will embark on more secure actions toward its explicit goals with the same intellectual foundation but with a new discourse and renewed dignity. The mistake is to remain within the outdated imported literature and become engrossed in short-sighted goals and fleeting interests with a confused intellectual foundation, missing out on profound and extensive developments.

Soft victory of Operation Al-Aqsa Storm

The soft victory of Operation Al-Aqsa Storm is more historically significant than its hard conquest. Apart from blatant crimes and endless indecencies, there is nothing left for the swaggering display of false glory and the pretense of dignity by the claimants of civilization and global order. The courage of resistance and vigilant pa-

tience have permanently nullified appeasement and suppressibility, marking a new era in the demise of the oppressive order. Now, without hesitation and with proactive measures, historical oversights must be rectified, or else the active enemy and the passive friend will, at will, construct a new order from the ruins of the previous

order using more astute forces. This is an instructive story that “it is a peace that blows away all peace.” It serves as a beacon for the repetition of a burst of light that, contrary to the aspirations of the arrogant, steers the course of developments toward the future of Islam, confounding the perplexed eyes of the global populace.