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Muslim Brotherhood, necessity of recalibrating its compass



The Muslim Brotherhood, a movement with deep historical roots and ideological ambitions, has become a controversial entity in West Asia's geopolitical landscape. While its rhetoric often emphasizes resistance to imperialism and the liberation of Palestine, its actions, whether intentional or not, frequently align with the strategic objectives of the Zionist regime. This paradox has raised serious questions about the Brotherhood's role, intentions, and internal contradictions.

Impact of Muslim Brotherhood on regional stability

A clear example of this phenomenon can be observed in Turkey's policies under the leadership of the Justice and Development Party (AKP), which operates within a framework heavily influenced by the ideology of the Muslim Brotherhood. Turkey's involvement in the Syrian conflict, under the guise of supporting democracy and protecting human rights, has ultimately weakened Syria — a country historically regarded as a stronghold of resistance against the Zionist regime. The Zionist entity directly benefited from the disintegration of Syrian state structures and the paralysis of its military capabilities, eliminating a major adversary on its borders. Enemy aircraft conducted hundreds of strikes on Syria's strategic military stockpiles to neutralize any future threats all while Turkey and Syria's new rulers watched.

The parallels between Turkey's maneuvers in Syria and the emerging strategies of the Brotherhood in Egypt are striking. In both cases, the rhetoric of reform and liberation masked policies leading to fragmentation and instability. If this trajectory continues, Egypt, like Syria, risks becoming a theater of chaos, internal conflict, and the erosion of its military capabilities — a scenario that troublingly aligns with the long-term goals of the Zionist regime.

Zionist strategy of regional fragmentation

The Zionist entity has long pursued a strategy of regional fragmentation to secure its dominance. By systematically weakening neighboring states, often referred to as the "ring



states," it ensures the absence of any credible military threats. This strategy began with Syria, a state whose strong military once posed a significant challenge to Israeli ambitions. The collapse of Syria's military capabilities due to prolonged conflict has been a major victory for the Zionist regime.

Egypt now stands as the next critical target. With its rich history, strategic location, and one of the strongest armies in the Arab world, Egypt's stability is of paramount importance. However, the activities of the Muslim Brotherhood threaten to undermine this stability. If Egypt's military and governmental structures falter, the Zionist regime will find itself even more secure from potential threats.

On the heels of Egypt, Jordan and Iraq appear to be the next candidates for destabilization. Jordan's strategic location and Iraq's vast resources make them primary targets. The Zionist regime's blueprint for the region is clear: dismantling the armies and governmental structures of neighboring states to ensure unchallenged dominance. The actions of the Muslim Brotherhood, whether driven by ideological misguidedness, external manipulation, or internal failures, inadvertently align with this blueprint.

Internal crisis of Muslim Brotherhood To understand this trajectory.

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internal dynamics of the Muslim Brotherhood. Once a movement focused on the liberation of Al-Quds (Jerusalem) and the restoration of Islamic dignity, it is now plagued by strategic drift and ideological contradictions. The disconnect between its founding principles and the actions of its current leadership is stark. While grassroots members of the Brotherhood may remain committed to the cause of liberation, the leadership has often adopted policies that contradict this goal.

This internal crisis is exacerbated by the presence of compromised or infiltrated leaders within the Brotherhood. These individuals, whether influenced by external forces or driven by personal am-

bitions, have successfully steered the movement away from its original course. Their decisions have not only undermined the Brotherhood's credibility but also made it vulnerable to manipulation by external powers, including the Zionist regime and its allies.

Strategic deception, future

The Muslim Brotherhood's failure to recognize and confront the strategic deception it faces has been a catastrophic misstep. The rhetoric of democracy and reform has been weaponized against it, creating divisions and fostering alliances that serve external agendas. The Brotherhood's leadership must confront the uncomfortable reality that Local commanders and members of one of Aleppo's most important rebel units, the Liwa al-Tawhid brigade, regarded as the "armed wing of the Syrian Muslim Brotherhood," gather for a daily meeting in their headquarters in Izaa neighborhood of Aleppo on September 25, 2012. MIGUEL MEDINA/AFP

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For the original members of the Muslim Brotherhood, those who genuinely aspire to liberate Al-Quds(Jerusalem) and resist occupation, this is a critical moment of reckoning. They must rise above complacency and inaction, challenging the strategic errors of their leadership. Failure to do so will not only erode their credibility but also implicate them in advancing the Zionist agenda.



The photo shows the mass trial of prominent members and affiliates of the Muslim Brotherhood including 739 people, charged after the violent dispersal of a protest camp in support of former Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi in 2013, in Cairo in September 2018. MOHAMED EL-SHAHED/AFP



A drone view shows damage at Latakia port after the Israeli military said it struck Syrian defense facilities, Syria, on December 11, 2024. SALAAH JEAAR/REUTERS.