

Taskforce, Transit, TIFA, Joint Training with US and Indian Military

Treaties with the neo-crusaders are treaties of surrender and violate the Islamic Shari'ah

Successive governments in Bangladesh have been submissive towards the imperialists and serving their interests. Recently after coming to power the government of Sheikh Hasina is treading the same path. They are not making secrets of their intention to sign this or that deal to serve the polytheists and disbelieving neo-crusaders and participate in the war against Islam in the name of fighting militancy. Here is the list of agreements and policies the government is pursuing - all at once - even though they are yet to show the same vigour and enthusiasm in addressing people's needs such as curbing price hike:

1. Forming the South Asian Taskforce with the crusader America and the polytheist enemy India;
2. Signing transit deal with India;
3. Signing TIFA with America;
4. Continue increasing military ties with the US; and
5. Conducting joint training with the Indian army.

We need to have complete awareness about these treaties and policies so that we understand their implications and dangers and so that we may resist them. To start with, we need to be clear that in order to understand the implications of these treaties and policies and their dangers it is wrong to judge them just from the narrow viewpoint of national interests. Rather a comprehensive perspective on these treaties requires:

Firstly: these treaties must be viewed from a global perspective i.e. within the context of events taking place in the world, since major world powers as well as regional players are involved; and

Secondly: these treaties must be viewed from the Islamic angle. Bangladesh is a Muslim country and countries around the world including major players view us as such. In addition to this, as Muslims we are obliged to judge matters from the viewpoint of Islam. In other words Islam is very much linked to the issues here and cannot be ignored. Therefore the Islamic angle is crucial for understanding and forming a viewpoint towards these treaties.

The Global Context

Throughout the various regions in the world the imperialists have launched a new crusade and a violent war machine in order to subjugate the Muslim Ummah, loot our resources and prevent the return of Islam in the political realm of life. Bangladesh as a part of the global Muslim Ummah with a population of 150 million is in the list of countries targeted by the neo-crusaders. Therefore before we even contemplate signing any treaty with these crusaders we must understand their objectives and designs.

We all are witnessing how the disbelievers and polytheists are opening multiple fronts in their crusade against Islam and Muslims on a regular basis. Yet it is the same crusaders whom the government is bent on serving. Why so? Did they not see the death and destruction in Gaza not so long ago which happened with full American backing? How can they welcome US generals whose hands are soaked with the blood of our brothers and sisters in Iraq and Afghanistan? Why are they considering a South Asian Taskforce with India who has been killing the Muslims of Kashmir for decades, not to mention the killings in the border regions?

It is amidst these aggressive policies of the neo-crusaders against Islam and Muslims that we need to study the reality and the implications of the proposed treaties:

South Asian Task Force

Conducting the war against Islam in the name of 'war against terror' is one of the main pillars of the foreign policy of US and India. The idea of the taskforce is a part of that plan. It is designed to create a pretext for aggressive acts against Bangladesh in the name of fighting terror just like what they did in Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon and Gaza based on flimsy excuses. As well as this the taskforce will be used by the Americans to legalize their military presence on our soil. India will also utilize the taskforce in any campaign against her rebel forces who will then become a security threat for Bangladesh.

Transit

Put in simple terms, India wants a corridor through Bangladesh in the name of transit. In other words she wants to freely travel from one part of her territory to another part through Bangladesh. In addition India

wants to use Chittagong port as a transit point in the name of the so-called 'connectivity'. Whatever words are used and despite the attempts by agents of India to portray transit as a mere economic issue, we need to realize the security threats:

Firstly, India will use transit to transport her military personnel and weapons through Bangladesh to fight her rebel forces in the North-East; and

Secondly, this will in turn make Bangladesh as a target of these rebel forces.

TIFA

This treaty with the US will establish a Joint Business Council which will provide the legal framework for them to put direct pressure on Bangladesh and increase control over our trade and business policies. Furthermore the treaty will secure permanent business opportunities for US companies in the name of removing trade barriers, protecting intellectual property rights etc.

Joint Military Training

Taskforce, transit and TIFA are at present at the negotiation stage. However increased relationship with US and Indian military is going full steam ahead while the people are being kept in the dark. As a result:

- The presence of US military personnel in Bangladesh is steadily increasing;
- US and Indian generals are making frequent visits;
- The enemies are carrying out surveys of the country's border, terrain, maritime boundary, and strategic locations etc;
- They are acquiring first hand information of the country's military and
- Increasing their presence in the Bay of Bengal in the name of providing assistance in protecting our maritime boundary

In summary the Bangladesh military is being forced into accepting the presence of the armies of crusader enemies on our soil, and as well this US and India are steadily increasing their control over our military.

It is clear as daylight that these treaties are nothing but treaties of surrender. They are another form of the global crusade and a ploy to enslave Bangladesh in order to achieve the neo-crusader's strategic and material interests. US, India and Britain will never be allies to us. Allah (SWT) says,

"O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as friends and helpers, they are but friends and helpers of each other" (Al-Ma'idah: 51)

"Verily you will find the strongest among men in enmity to the believers the Jews and those who are Al-Mushrikun" (Al-Ma'idah: 82)

Shari'ah Ruling on International Treaties

As well as being treaties of surrender, these treaties are forbidden by the Islamic Shari'ah. According to the Shari'ah, treaties have to satisfy specific legal conditions for them to be considered valid which these treaties violate and are therefore null and void:

1. Treaties which subdue the Muslims, establish the disbeliever's authority over the Muslims or grant the disbelievers sovereignty and authority over the Islamic lands - all these treaties are invalid (Haram) according to Islam due to the saying of Allah (SWT),

"And never will Allah grant to the disbelievers a way (to triumph) over the believers" (An-Nisa: 141)

Treaties such as the South Asian Taskforce and transit etc are illegal because they grant ways for disbelievers to subdue Muslims.

2. Military pacts with disbelieving countries are forbidden by the Shari'ah. These include seeking military assistance from them, joint military training, mutual security pacts, and provision of military facilities, bases, airports and naval ports. These pacts are prohibited by Islam because it is not permitted for Muslims to fight under a *Kafir* flag, or in the way of disbelief or for a disbelieving country or that a *Kafir* army be allowed to have influence on Muslims or the land of Islam. Joint military training and manoeuvres fall under this rule.
3. With non-belligerent disbelieving countries it is allowed to enter into treaties of commerce, trade, science, agriculture or similar matters with these countries on condition that these treaties are according to the interests of Muslims; serve the needs of Muslims; and do not strengthen the power of these countries.

O Muslims,

This is the correct way to view these treaties i.e. they are a danger from the global perspective and Haram according to the Islamic shari'ah. If we accept these treaties we will be accounted for this along with the traitor rulers and face the Wrath of Allah (SWT) in the Hereafter. We have to reject these treaties and resist them if the government goes ahead with them. Furthermore we must work to re-establish the Khilafah which will secure our interests and adopt policies to face the challenges and aggression from the neo-crusaders. The Khilafah state will have a strong economy, foreign and security policy. The Khilafah will have vision, determination and a strong leadership; unite the Muslims; and possess a strong army - thus protect Muslims' life and honour and establish the Ummah as a leading state.

Allah (SWT) says,

"You are the best of peoples raised up for mankind; you enjoin Al-Ma'ruf and forbid al-Munkar and you believe in Allah" (Al-Imran: 110)

"He it is Who has sent His messenger with guidance and the deen of truth to make it victorious over all (other) religions even though the Mushrikun hate (it). (As-Saff: 9)

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