

Islamic Unity is the Need of the Hour

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Unity, cohesion, convergence, and integration among the Muslims of the world are among the most important needs of Islamic societies in present times. Considering that the Islamic world is in the most sensitive stages of its social life, strengthening the foundations of unity is one of the most basic ideas and suggested solutions to face the challenges facing the Islamic world.

Islamic unity is an important issue that has always been raised in the history of political and social thinking of Muslim thinkers as a basic and vital issue or strategy against the widespread and comprehensive invasion of colonialism. Basically, one of the ways to achieve material and spiritual goals in the fields of international relations is convergence and, therefore, many societies and countries of the world spend a part of their interests to achieve their main goals and perspectives in the process of forming convergence; based on their desired values.

Therefore, it is necessary to pay attention to and examine

the platforms, capacities, potential and actual capabilities, and other factors in the Islamic world that precede convergence.

It is an undeniable truth that Islamic societies have special capacities and capabilities and they have been granted many privileges in terms of population, the richness of Islamic culture, underground resources, strategic locations, and many other things. Thus, if Islamic countries join hands, they can be victorious and proud in front of the strongest enemies.

Effective confrontation of the dangers that threaten Islam as a result of division and divergence calls for cohesion and solidarity in Islamic Ummah vis-à-vis powerful, hegemonic, and colonial, which have united together to prevent the spread of Islamic teachings among the nations of the world. In other words, if complete and ideal unity and integration are formed in Islamic societies, no power in the world will be able to mistreat Islamic countries either socially or economically. Therefore, today the need for unity and alignment in



all fields is quite evident.

If the leaders of Islamic countries are literally looking for the honor of Islam and Muslims, they can pursue their economic and social goals through the formation of common markets. The duty of all Islamic scholars and thinkers throughout the Islamic world is to strengthen the foundations of unity in Islamic societies on the basis of proximity views and establish unity and brotherhood in the true sense of the word by creating solidarity among Muslims. This is because without a doubt, only with unity and integration can we take fundamental steps on the path of excellence and evolution in various fields of scientific, industrial, civil, technical, and specialized issues and walk the paths of advancement and excellence well, and introduce and spread the religious culture of Islamic in the world.

Keeping in view the current existing situation, it is necessary

on the part of the scholars of the Islamic world as well as the intellectuals, experts, and personalities sympathetic to Islam and Muslims - from all Islamic denominations and schools of thought - to sit together, to form a joint and international Islamic council, to actually direct the public opinion of the Islamic world and do not allow the people who are biased, misguided, ignorant and bigoted who have wrong and petrifying religious concepts and beliefs, to easily excommunicate many communities of Muslims or accuse them of being apostates. It seems the formation of a council of broad-minded Islamic scholars can prove to be an important move in fostering convergence among Islamic societies. It goes without saying that in the absence of Islamic unity, our future generations will easily fall prey to the plots and conspiracies of the enemies of Islam. This is because their efforts to destroy the Islamic identity and create differences among Muslims are quite noticeable and evident.

The recent incidents following the death of Mahsa Amini reflect upon the false propaganda against the Islamic Republic of Iran on the part of western media exaggerating the extent and spread of protests and making it look as if the majority of Iranian women are unjustly treated and have no role in the affairs of the country. However, the truth of the matter is that besides having a decisive and unifying role in the victory of the Islamic Revolution, Iranian women have



always had a constructive role in the development and progress of their country over the past four decades. For instance, in the course of the 8-year imposed war on Iran the Iranian women were constantly active in providing different forms of support to the Islamic combatants of Iran both morally and in the form of attending to those injured and wounded in the battlefronts and materially by providing them with necessary supplies, food, and clothing. Interestingly, these services were performed spontaneously and voluntarily by their presence in public centers such as mosques, schools, etc. One such Iranian

woman was Ms. Farangis Heidarpour who, with her unique bravery, killed an invading Baathist officer and captured another One when she was only 18 years of age and became an icon of resistance to our Islamic land.

In the post-war era and with the availability of required infrastructures Iranian women have had outstanding achievements in different areas including, higher education, medicine, entrepreneurship, science and technology, sports, the film industry, etc. ¹

1. For further information see the last article in this issue.