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A TRIBUTE TO FORMER US PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

January 20, 2017



When foreign policy comes into play,

I think it is fair to acknowledge (first of all) that former US President Barack Obama gave the green light for the raid that put an end to the bin-Laden era. It was May 1st, 2011.

Next, in my opinion, there were two more days that brought tremendous prestige to the White House during the last eight years: January 11, 2015 and March 29, 2015. I am sure that some will ask: "What the hell did happen back then?" It happened that statesmen like François Hollande and Abu Mazen marched together after the Charlie Hebdo attack (Paris March) and the Bardo massacre (Tunis March). Yet, despite the enthusiastic participation of many heads of state, Barack Obama did not show up. He had the merit to snub ridiculous events, which could not harm any terrorist organization in any way and could only serve to give the impression that rogue states have never existed. In other words, those parades were nothing but a trick to suggest that the most fanatic criminals essentially belong to isolated groups—with no connections to any government, any religious movement, any legacy left by Yasser Arafat (a major pioneer in the terrorism business).

They were three magic moments, indeed... but what about the remaining 2,919 days? We must probably remember the highly coveted Nobel Prize for Peace. That really was an astonishing achievement, since Barack Obama (at that time) had done absolutely nothing, apart from wonderful flattering speeches. So, it is reasonable to believe that the 2009 Nobel Prize for Peace was not intended to be a reward for the new US President, but a political initiative of an anti-Bush organization, which had already shown off its anti-Bush platform by awarding the same prize to Jimmy Carter (in 2002, after his stance against preemptive wars) and Al Gore (in 2007, for his politically correct dissertations on global climate catastrophe or, more likely, for his attempt to defeat George W. Bush in 2000).

Anyway, let's have a look at the great contribution that was given to global peace by Barack Obama as a Nobel Laureate. I would start with Libya. In principle, the air raids and the idea of toppling Colonel Gaddafi were not too bad, but I would have expected that a skilled strategist had (at the very least) a vague idea about the mining field where he was moving and about the people (the so-called *moderate rebels*) who were destined to take the place of the former dictator. Everyone knows what happened and is still happening in terms of casualties, safe havens for the Islamic State, proliferation of radical groups, devastation for the Libyans, migrant flows.

Next, there was Iraq, where former President George W. Bush had already made serious mistakes: after the fall of Baghdad, the Iraqi borders were not sealed, a politician like Nouri Maliki became prime minister, Shia militias were allowed to do whatever they wanted and no attempt was made to come to a compromise with the Sunni military, which was the only efficient component of the Iraqi Army and later became the backbone of the Islamic State in Iraq. Well, President Barack Obama succeeded in worsening an already critical situation, when he made the great decision to abandon Iraq. Again, everybody knows what happened and is still happening in terms of casualties, safe havens for fanatic militants, devastation for the Iraqis, migrant flows.

Moving from Iraq to neighboring Syria, how could we downplay Barack Obama's historical contribution to an apparently perpetual state of war? When he decided to get rid of al-Assad, did he have a hint about the *moderate rebels* who were supposed to take control of the country? Or was he simply moved by his anti-Russian policy, which (in turn) was probably due to his strong personal feelings against Vladimir Putin?

We should not forget some embarrassing events of the past, either. First, Kosovo had been stolen from Serbia, a major Russian ally (while Crimea had been stolen from Russia in 1954 thanks to Nikita Khrushchev). Second, Libya had been attacked without taking care of the Russian stance on that controversial issue. I assume that Barack Obama was not happy enough: he had to meddle in Syria's affairs and disregard the Kremlin's interests in that country, without realizing that Russia had well recovered from the aftermath of the Soviet Union collapse, Afghan War and Chechen War.

In addition, his anti-Putin rage did not allow President Obama to understand that Russia could rather be

a key ally in the war on terror—a far better and much more reliable ally than any country in Western Europe, as proven in Chechnya and, more recently, in Syria itself. Of course, there is no denying that innocent civilians were often killed in consequence of the Russian military operations. However, human losses are inevitable when terrorist organizations set foot in highly-populated areas. After all, lots of civilians were killed during World War 2 or, more recently, in the Gaza Strip: in order to defeat an enemy, it must be attacked where he is looking for shelter—maybe with the complicity of allegedly innocent civilians, who are ready to complain when they are turned into human shields. By the way, the situation in Mosul and al-Raqqa is not very different: if the Iraqi Army and the so-called *moderate rebels* want to conquer Mosul and al-Raqqa, significant losses of civilians must be taken into account. Naturally, this is something that the former US President and his European allies pretend to ignore. Their priority is to blame Putin and discredit Russia.

Something similar probably happened in the case of Israel. Barack Obama's anti-Netanyahu feelings eventually prevailed. In full agreement with a progressive Western world driven by anti-Semitic sentiments, the White House began to side with the politically correct governments, which regularly forget that wars have always had serious consequences: just think of the German and Italian refugees. If it were so obvious that the *two-state solution* should restore the 1967 borders, there is no reason why the pre-war German and Italian borders should not be on the negotiating table in UN talks. More importantly, it is not surprising that Israel is not willing to accept a state where textbooks used in UN-sponsored schools ignore the existence of Israel itself and where Hamas is a leading party, supported by a significant part of the Palestinian people—Hamas, whose *Covenant* explicitly states: "The Hamas has been looking forward to implement Allah's promise whatever time it might take. The prophet, prayer and peace be upon him, said: The time will not come until Muslims will fight the Jews (and kill them); until the Jews hide behind rocks and trees, which will cry: O Muslim! there is a Jew hiding behind me, come on and kill him!"

I guess that the Americans or the Britons or the Germans or the French or the Italians or the Russians or the Chinese would not be happy if the United Nations unconditionally supported a neighboring Palestinian State characterized by a *Hamas agenda* of this kind: "The Hamas has been looking forward to implement Allah's promise whatever time it might take. The prophet, prayer and peace be upon him, said: The time will not come until Muslims will fight the Americans/Britons/Germans/French/Italians/Russians/Chinese (and kill them); until the Americans/Britons/Germans/French/Italians/Russians/Chinese hide behind rocks and trees, which will cry: O Muslim! there is an American/British/German/French/Italian/Russian/Chinese guy behind me, come on and kill him!"

Not to talk about the rockets launched from the Gaza Strip against Israel...

As for Israel and the UN approach to the Palestinian question, the topic has been very well known for decades. For instance, in Chapter 6 of Jihad Al-Kuffar (which was published in 2010) the maniacal obsession with anti-Israel UN resolutions is addressed, while the main character of the novel is travelling across the West Bank. According to the story, he is talking to a fellow-fighter, Nassim, in October 2000. Suddenly, they start discussing possible anti-terrorism measures that might be imposed by the Israeli authorities. In the end, however, they come to the conclusion that Israel must be very careful and should be prepared to give a free hand to any terrorist group, in order to avoid boycott, contempt and retaliation from the so-called *international community*:

It was easy to conclude that the Zionists would never resort to severe measures to stop martyrs. The misuse of force would be too dangerous. Effects would be catastrophic. In less than no time, Western governments would start massive campaigns to make them pay the earth for any stupid attempt to defend themselves. I definitely agreed with Nassim. We did not need to worry. Our militants would continue to promote jihad, attack the Jews, and receive messages of solidarity from the civil world, always ready to issue a tough United Nations resolution against Israel. Jews as possible."



Finally, on this *deplorable* day, I would like to mention an article published in the *deplorable* website of the *deplorable* RT news network [https://www.rt.com/usa/374280-cnn-trump-inauguration-survivor/]. It is concerned with the "wishful thinking" of the *non-deplorable* voters, citizens, artists, billionaires, journalists, political pundits who do not like Donald Trump. As reported in the article, an American well-known *non-deplorable* television channel has "envisioned a scenario in which Speaker of the House Paul Ryan as well as President pro tempore of the US Senate, Orrin Hatch, perished along with Trump and Vice President-elect Mike Pence, pushing the

chain of succession to the cabinet." In consequence, "because none of Trump's Cabinet picks have been confirmed by the Senate yet, the above scenario would result in acting Secretary of State Thomas Shannon becoming the new president." Incidentally, "Shannon was among some 50 Obama administration officials who will not be replaced right away, in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the US government during the transition."

While we are here, let me make a final remark. According to some polls, Barack Obama has an extremely favorable rating. Frankly speaking, it is quite strange that the passionate support of so many Americans did not materialize into a sound defeat of Donald Trump, whose campaign was clearly based on an openly anti-Obama agenda! There is no doubt, however, that the (obviously *non-deplorable*) left has a great capability to yell and shout and make noise all over the world, with the aim of transforming each protester into fictitious dozens of demonstrators. And these fictitious dozens, always supported by the politically correct media, arrogate to themselves the right to blame and rebuke the *deplorable* people who have different political views—especially when the *deplorables* become a majority. The funny thing is that it all happens in the name of democracy...

COMMENTS

Remark by Julie, UK on 01/22/2017 at 08:10:31 AM

Subject: Roosevelt vs. Trump

Content: I have just read an amazing anti-Trump editorial in The Guardian's website. Here are a couple of statements: "In 1933, Roosevelt challenged the world to overcome fear. In 2017, Mr Trump told the world to be very afraid." Has the author of this remark ever heard about World War 2, which broke out in 1939? Does the name Pearl Harbor ring any bells to him? Did anyone tell him that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared war on Japan in 1941 even though he had encouraged "the world to overcome fear"? The moral is clear: maybe President Trump is quite right when he tells "the world to be very afraid". For instance, ISIS was not invented by Donald Trump.

Remark by Aleksandar, SRB on 01/21/2017 at 10:15:12 AM

Subject: Kosovo

Content: Thanks for your remarks on Kosovo, which actually was the cradle of Serbian civilization. However, Serbia became a victim of Tito, who was a Croat, hated Serbia and always did his best to lay the foundations for an independent Kosovo.

UNCONDITIONALLY WELCOME?

February 1, 2017

By pure Places like NYC and Philly are thousands of miles away from Berlin, Germany, and Nice, France. However, it may well be that the anti-Trump protesters in New York City, Philadelphia and other US towns have heard of a terrorist attack in Berlin that occurred on December 19, 2016. The perpetrator was a gentleman



from Tunisia, who had been arrested a few times and condemned in absentia in his homeland. In 2011, he arrived in the *unwalled Island of Lampedusa*, Italy. Later, he was held in an Italian jail and graciously allowed to go free in 2015 because the Tunisian authorities (very wisely) refused to get him back. Then, this jolly good fellow moved to Germany (from where, again, it was impossible to send him to Tunisia) and, in full agreement with the socially advanced European regulations, he could fly around as free as a bird.

Similarly, even the Clinton supporters who live in New York and Philadelphia might have knowledge of the terrorist attack in Nice (July 14, 2016). Interestingly enough, also the gentleman who killed almost a hundred people in Nice was a Tunisian national, but with a French residency permit.

Although I am fully aware that any comment about the potential threat posed by asylum seekers or alleged asylum seekers is not in accordance with any politically correct agenda, I firmly believe that some caution should be exercised and I fully agree with the metaphor used by Donald Trump Jr some time ago: "If I had a bowl of skittles and I told you just three would kill you. Would you take a handful?" And let me say it clearly: I totally reject the politically correct idea that immigrants should not be compared to Skittles. After all, it's just a metaphor! More importantly, if Donald Trump Jr is to be chastised for his metaphor, we should tear the pages of the Gospels, in which human beings are compared to sheep and, even worse, God is downgraded to a shepherd! Actually, I don't think that the progressive world would be happy if refugees were labeled as sheep—therefore, if the progressive establishment does not accept metaphors, it should definitely condemn the Gospels!

That said, it's a pity that the concept of conditional terrorist attack does not exist. Indeed, it would be fair if the *non-populist* citizens and politicians were allowed to take their responsibility—it would be fair if terrorist attacks like the ones that took place in New York or Boston or Paris or London or Madrid or Istanbul or Mumbai or many more cities only hit people who would not mind taking a handful of *potentially lethal skittles...*

Next, there's the problem of the wall. Of course, the politically correct people and institutions are against a barrier between Mexico and the US. For instance, an enlightened statesman like Hassan Rohani (president of a country where religious minorities are often persecuted) was quick to react—and it's quite natural: he wants his would-be martyrs and Hezbollah friends to freely move all over the world. And don't forget: they already have the nuisance of the Israeli barrier. So, it goes without saying that they are against any wall in any part of the world. Incidentally, a learned politician like Rohani could not miss the opportunity to make an analogy with the *Berlin Wall*. Of course, he forgot to point out that the *Berlin Wall* was built to cage people, while the wall planned by Trump (as well as the Israeli West Bank barrier) is aimed at defending/protecting people.

To put it in a different way, note that *Trump's Wall* would be an obstacle for illegal immigrants. Therefore, all the charlatans who oppose that wall in the name of supreme values should openly state that, in their opinion, illegal immigration is not a crime. In consequence they should, first of all, make an effort to change the law. More specifically, they should fight to abolish all immigration controls, because there is no reason to bother passengers disembarking at JFK or LAX, while the people coming from Mexico should be allowed to cross the border through the Sonora Desert instead of going through customs—again, in the name of *supreme values* and with the noble purpose of avoiding discrimination. [NOTICE: the last comment is probably very naive, since *immigrants first* is the slogan of the most progressive nations, as proved by an European country where some 1,000 euros were allocated each month to house each immigrant, while 200 euros (with a maximum allowance of 600 euros per family) were allocated each month to help each resident whose home had been damaged or destroyed by an earthquake which had struck that country].

While talking about the most progressive sentiments toward immigrants, refugees and asylum seeker, I would like to mention another open minded statesman: François Hollande. In the name of the *highest ideals* (*i.e.*, *European ideals*), he urged Europe to provide a firm response to US President Donald Trump

after his immigration ban. According to President Hollande, it is necessary to promote *European standards* and safeguard the *European way of life*. Apparently, he even dared to say: "When he [President Trump] refuses the arrival of refugees, while Europe has done its duty, we have to respond." Note that France is a country that did not allow immigrants to cross the southern part of the French-Italian border, when hundreds of asylum seekers were forced to camp in the Italian town of Ventimiglia and never saw their dreams come true.

Similar remarks apply when we consider the reaction of the politically correct British establishment and non-populist population. Isn't it true that the *Leave Campaign* was fueled by the failure of the United Kingdom to deal with an overwhelming number of refugees? Isn't it true that the United Kingdom made use of the Channel as if it were a kind of *Trump's Wall*, creating well-known problems in the so-called *Calais Jungle* in France? Isn't it true that the United Kingdom is not happy with the fate of the famed *ISIS' British brides* in Syria, especially after the death of Kadiza Sultana? Isn't this a perfect example of discrimination? Would the Britons make all that fuss if some women decided to marry Danish or Saudi or German or Pakistani citizens and live in their countries?

Some have also claimed that President Trump intentionally chose to ban citizens from seven countries where he had no business. Frankly speaking, I think he really chose those countries by taking into account the warnings issued by the previous Administration. Actually, if he had embraced the slogan business first, he should have never attempted any act against any Muslim country, because it was quite obvious that the Islamic world would react. Instead, what he did clearly shows that he believed in the slogan America first, and his priority was not to sell cars or coffee or computers. Thanks to his executive order, President Trump has also sent a message to Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries, which might come to the conclusion that it is high time to stop financing Salafi mosques and self-proclaimed cultural centers.

Finally, I would like to quote a few sentences from Jihad Al-Kuffar (Chapter 6). According to the story, a radical militant is talking to a fellow fighter in October 2000 and appreciates the sympathetic attitude of the Western world:

Third-worldists are so eager to gather new voters or new converts that they don't even think about the side effects of their guidelines. They don't mind that many immigrants are in perfect harmony with the mujahideen and will always be hard-line followers of ancient traditions. Allah willing, there are plenty of militants who move to Western countries, aspire to establish a new caliphate, are blessed with high birthrates, and are prepared to impose our laws at every available opportunity, as soon as a region is filled with a good number of believers. The history of Kosovo, Chechnya, Lebanon, and Zamfara, in Northern Nigeria, will be repeated; the future is ours. And we already walk toward dazzling horizons of glory in the Darfur Region of Sudan.

COMMENTS

Remark by Jeremy S.H., NC on 02/19/2017 at 10:53:22 PM

Subject: Sweden and Donald Trump

Content: By now, it is more than clear that Sweden is facing huge problems due to the immigrants. "No-go zones" do exist. Recently, Siv Jensen, Finance Minister of Norway, has even stated: "We won't end up like no-go zone Sweden". Of course, no one cares. Although Siv Jensen is a conservative, the politically correct populist media do not want to make a case for her statement. It is far better to pretend that the Great Satan (=Donald Trump) is a lone fanatic who believes that something is rotten in the State of Sweden. They prefer to ignore the opinions of other politically incorrect politicians. The stakes are high: if newspapers and news networks talk too much about politicians and leaders who agree with Trump, it may well be that some politically correct citizens and voters start to believe that the US President might have some reason to focus on immigrants (and Sweden and other issues). So, there is a serious risk that they eventually become politically incorrect.

Remark by Jan S., CZ on 02/02/2017 at 08:51:27 AM

Subject: Conditional Human Rights

Content: It's amazing how the United Nations and Muslim countries always take a stand to defend the so-called human rights when Israel or a non-Obama US administration is involved, but have never cared about freedom of religion in Iran or Saudi Arabia, indiscriminate attacks on the Kurds, terrorist activities in Lebanon or Pakistan, state-sponsored terrorism in Iran or Syria (since the time of Hafiz al-Assad).

WHAT ABOUT MAMMOTHS? BLAME TRUMP!

Trump to planet: Drop dead

Trump to planet: Drop dead

June 3, 2017

It is quite obvious that the world is living an age of continuous terror attacks, from London to Kabul, from Istanbul to Manila. Nonetheless, just a few people would like to wage a serious war on terrorist organizations, which are systematically killing Planet Earth by murdering its people and destroying its cultural heritage (see, e.g., Palmyra). Similarly, just a few people believe that the White House should develop a strong alliance with Russia (which could provide valuable help in fighting that war). There are different interests: the vast majority of world leaders, the most politically-correct citizens and their friendly news outlets continue to present Donald Trump as major threat to the planet. An example is given by the terrifying headline in the picture above

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[cf. http://edition.cnn.com/2017/06/01/opinions/america-loses-credibility-opinion-andelman/index.html]

The message is really scaring... and I suddenly had a thought I'd never had before: what about mammoths?, or dinosaurs?, or pterodactyls?, or the Neanderthal Man? The most natural answer was obvious: blame Trump! No matter that climate changes are relatively frequent and hardly related to Trump's policies! Forget the Great Lakes! Pretend to ignore that they began to form at the end of the last glacial age, some 14,000 years ago! Don't you dare to say that ice melting was much worse and much more impressive at that time than it is today!

Well, I probably went a little bit too far. In actual fact, I must acknowledge that no scientist has ever blamed Trump for killing mammoths or dinosaurs. Nonetheless, if we really believe that the point of view of certain scientists is absolute truth, we often come to funny conclusions. For instance, this happens in the case of the deep analysis of an expert in the fields of "climate change and social justice", who recently wrote at least a couple of articles about the current climate drama. The first one starts with the following optimistic statement: "Donald Trump's decision on Thursday to abandon the Paris Agreement is apocalyptic" [cf. http://edition.cnn.com/2017/06/01/politics/sutter-paris-trump-ignore-facts/index.html]; as for the second one, it is optimistically titled "We have 20 years — at the very most — to prevent mass extinction" [cf. http://edition.cnn.com/2016/10/27/opinions/sutter-wwf-sixth-extinction/]. And here comes the trouble...

Even though the CNN expert clarifies that the "next mass extinction" will be "the first caused by people" (so that Donald Trump is not really responsible for the fate of Neanderthals), he certainly fails to achieve the desired effect when he claims that "we have 20 years -- at the very most". Indeed, if he is right, he is definitely talking about a problem which is already out of control—and, mind you, NOT because of Trump, BUT because of the naive leaders (including forward-looking former President Barack Obama) who signed the Paris Deal. As a matter of fact, the *Paris Climate Agreement* is expected to come into force in 2020 and the dire consequence is obvious: even if President Trump had not withdrawn the United States from the Paris accord, the fate of Planet Earth would have been sealed anyway. There's no doubt, because RIGHT NOW "we have 20 years -- at the very most", but in 2020 (AFTER WASTING THREE MORE YEARS) we won't have 17 years left: just think of the domino effect of THREE MORE FRIGHTENING YEARS without enforcing the Paris accords and the negative impact due to the increment of the world population!

Incidentally, does anybody think that the worst problem in the world is likely to be the extremely high birth rate, especially in poor countries? Does anybody think that the Earth resources are limited—*i.e.*, unsuitable for a population whose number tends to infinity? Does anybody think that a most dramatic difference between today and the past is that nowadays the entire world population exceeds seven billion people? Does anybody think that the most dangerous killers of the planet (apart from terrorists) are millions/billions of people who drop garbage wherever they want, instead of behaving like the average inhabitants of Singapore or Zurich or Kyoto?

Coming back to the article concerned with the "next mass extinction", I fully agree that we should not fill the oceans with plastic, and I was quite impressed when I came across a sentence about "researchers", who turned out to be the authors of a report published by a nonprofit foundation. Their bone-chilling analysis is definitely frightening, since they "expect the ocean to be equal parts fish and plastic, by weight, as soon as 2050". In a sense, I felt a bit confused and I started wondering if the *Paris Deal* would eventually succeed in cleaning a good number of beaches in India, Indonesia, Senegal and other countries within a reasonable time. A few moments later, however, I was left completely puzzled. You see, I went on reading and (WOW!) a few lines below I found the harrowing conclusions of a report from an "environmental advocacy group": apparently, there have been "58% declines in certain

vertebrate animal populations since 1970" and the ecosystem is so compromised that "if trends continue, then two-thirds of all these individual birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals will be gone by 2020." It is not very clear who those "certain vertebrate animal populations" are exactly and I do not know if the authors of this report are Paris enthusiasts, but it is crystal clear that they are talking about a problem which is beyond remedy, because even the Paris Agreement does not plan to give any significant contribution before 2020! Therefore, things can only get worse and worse, while we are waiting for something to happen one day or another.

Perhaps, it might be wiser to accept the idea that climate changes do happen, but it is not necessary to predict the end of the world and blame mankind as the main cause of those changes. After all, according to data from NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, climate Our Dishonest President

PART I

Los Angeles Times

By THE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD

t was no secret during the campaign that Donald Trump was a narcissist and a demagogue who used fear and dishonesty to appeal to the worst in American voters. The Times called him unprepared and unsuited for the job he was seeking, and said his election would be a catastrophe.

change is happening even on Trump-free "Mars, where an ice age is coming to an end" [cf. http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-climate-change-on-mars-20160523-snap-story.html]. I am not joking! This is not fake news from a White House press official: you can find some details even on the website of a well-known politically-correct daily newspaper, whose Editorial Board did not hesitate (April 2, 2017) to give clear evidence of its politically-correct sentiments (as shown in the picture on the right, which refers to an honest dissertation on President Trump).

[cf. http://www.latimes.com/projects/la-ed-our-dishonest-president/]

And while we are here, let's dive into some more specifics. I assume that institutions like the Los Angeles Times do hail creative statesmen like the Chinese President or the French President or the Indian Prime Minister: brilliant politicians, who either signed the Paris Agreement or gave their unconditional support to the promises that were made in that document. What a difference between Donald Trump and these new Saviors of the World, who are certainly prepared to take the reins of an ailing planet and fix its problems! Of course, it goes without saying that their credentials are well known and well founded, as often pointed out by the most politically-correct, honest news outlets.

This is no kidding matter: we are talking about caring leaders whose major cities are often mentioned for their valuable contribution to the health of Planet Earth. Again, I am not talking about fake news from a White House press official. Once more, I am proud to quote articles that can be found in the website of an honest, politically-correct daily newspaper:

- http://www.latimes.com/world/asia/la-fg-beijing-smog-off-charts-20151202-story.html
- http://www.latimes.com/world/asia/la-fq-india-pollution-new-delhi-cars-20160104-story.html
- http://www.latimes.com/world/europe/la-fg-france-paris-smog-20150323-story.html

Right now, however, I do not want to bore you with too many words and details. After all, pictures are better than words. Their message is much more immediate. So, let's have a look at the headlines below, just in case you missed something about Beijing or Delhi or Paris—just in case you missed the subtle difference between the concept of climate change (which might also be caused by human activity, despite the examples of Mars and the Great Lakes) and the concept of tangible pollution (which is certainly caused by man and should be harshly punished at all levels and in all places: oceans, rivers, mountains, prairies, urban areas and so on).



No doubt, billions of people and scores of scientists are ready to blast me for suggesting that mankind may not be "the main cause" of climate changes. For instance, the article about the "apocalyptic" decision to step away from the *Paris Agreement* states that "more than 97% of climate scientists agree. It's peer-reviewed science." What can I say? Okay, we've got to talk about science. Let's go ahead. *Science* is the keyword and I must focus on this subject. I will try my best. Just for a change, after doing propaganda for a politically-correct news channel and a politically-correct newspaper, I will make some remarks with the help of the website of a politically-correct magazine, which (*surprise*!, *surprise*!) appears to be scared by Donald Trump's nightmarish initiatives. This is actually proven by a recent article whose headline goes straight to the point: "Trump's Anti-Climate Crusade Can Still Be Stopped" [cf. http://time.com/4713767/trump-climate-clean-power/].

Here, however, I do not intend to discuss Trump's crusade. I will deal with a different topic, which was recently addressed on the Time website (and drew the attention of many more news outlets from around the world). I am referring to the gripping statement by an eminent and distinguished scientist. The Time article, dated May 4, 2017 [cf. http://time.com/4767595/stephen-hawking-100-years-new-planet/] is quite interesting and here is the headline: "Stephen Hawking Says Humans Have 100 Years to Move to Another Planet". To tell the truth, Stephen Hawking already discussed this issue some time before. However, as reported in the article, the initial theory was a bit more optimistic: "the chance of a disaster on Earth adds up over time, so that it's a 'near certainty' in the next 1,000 or 10,000 years, but the human race will survive if it expands into outer space." At this stage, given the fact that Stephen Hawking certainly is a more prominent and renown scientist than the (unidentified) individuals who represent "more than 97% of climate scientists", I am inclined to stand my ground: our authorities should crack down on people who drop garbage wherever they want and we've got to hope that the forthcoming natural events are less catastrophic than expected, because the situation is already out of control, if certain scientists are right. By now, nothing can be done. It's too late. On one side, even the Paris Agreement is doomed to fail since "we have 20 years — at the very most", RIGHT NOW, and the Earth's conditions are deteriorating by the minute, while the most enlightened world leaders have just made promises that might be (partially) implemented in 2020. On the other side, we should colonize a new planet within 100 years, but the only planet within reach seems to be Mars—and Mars, alas!, is another place shaken up by the plague of global warming and climate change, since "an ice age is coming to an end"!

Even though the topic of *climate change* is not explicitly discussed in Jihad Al-Kuffar, there are some paragraphs which somehow deal with this theme. An example can be found in Chapter 12, when a farleft activist gives vent to his feelings about the future of the planet:

We've got to destroy the errors of the past in order to create the culture of the future. Our mission is to form a third-worldist conscience against the weapons of the West, against its toxic substances, against global warming. Few corporations can't be allowed to exploit the Earth resources. We need to cut their profits. They must give their money to the state, and the state must give it to popular masses, as happens in Cuba and North Korea, where all citizens feel like living in an earthly paradise.

COMMENTS

Remark by M. A. Rome on 06/07/2017

Subject: Jeremy Corbyn

Content: Thanks for your comment, Nick. Believe me, that passage is mine. By the way, when I wrote it, I did not know anything about Jeremy Corbyn. And I would have never imagined that a politician like this would become the leader of a British party some day in the future!

Remark by Nick H.N., UK on 06/06/2017 at 09:21:41 PM

Subject: Jeremy Corbyn

Content: Is the passage from your book really yours? To me, it looks like a cluster of sentences that can be

Remark by Samuel, MN on 06/04/2017 at 11:13:18 AM

Subject: Climate change and SARS

Content: I think this post missed a point. Long before the article that gives a 20-year deadline, there were floods of catastrophic forecasts. Had they been correct, no one would be discussing about the Paris deal today: the "last chance" would have already been lost several times. In the end, the climate issue reminds me of SARS, the horrific syndrome that allowed many scientists to gain fame and win research funds, but suddenly disappeared from news pages. Now, the time is ripe to push the climate card, which can also give fame and research funds. Of course, more media hype means more publicity and better chances of success. So far, climate change seems to hold more attraction than SARS: global warming is a global problem, while SARS was a sort of local nuisance, concerned with a few areas. Remember, more attraction can turn into more fame and more money.

JUST A SENSE OF HUMOR? WHY?

July 14, 2017

As reported by the media, Pope Francis has recently posted a *No whining* sign on the door of his residence. Apparently, the sign was a gift from a psychologist. Written in Italian, it was meant to be a lesson for life: "Violators are subject to a syndrome of always feeling like a victim and the consequent reduction of your sense



l trasgressori sono soggetti ad una sindrome da vittimismo con conseguente abbassamento del tono dell'umore e della capacità di risolvere i problemi.

La misura della sanzione è raddoppiata qualora la violazione sia commessa in presenza di bambini. Per diventare il meglio di sé bisogna concentrarsi sulle proprie potenzialità e non sui propri limiti quindi: Smettila di lamentarti e agisci per cambiare in meglio la tua vita.

of humor and capacity to solve problems." The sign also explained that "the penalty is doubled if the violation takes place in the presence of children."

What's the moral of the story? "To get the best out of yourself, concentrate on your potential and not on your limitations. Stop complaining and take steps to improve your life." As pointed out by the Pope himself on a previous occasion, he likes people who do not complain all the time: "A sense of humor is a gift I ask for every day."

[cf. https://www.rt.com/news/396328-pope-no-complaining-sign/]

The whole thing looks nice, but I doubt it is really appropriate to talk just about *A SENSE OF HUMOR*. In my opinion, we should take that warning more seriously.

Actually, the words of wisdom in the sign appear to be an excellent lesson for so many countries in which a different way of life would give an enormous boost to their economy, health sector, education and development. In a word, it would completely change their living standards—at last. Perhaps more importantly, those countries would stop being part of an underdeveloped world, and their citizens would finally understand that there is no point in blaming adverse conditions and malignant third parties. Given the fact that every nation must have the right to choose its fate, I think it is high time that a good number of people decide if they prefer to change their society or wait for something to happen (something that probably will never happen). No one will ever be able to solve their problems—and it is high time that so many politicians, preachers and utopians in the West stop expecting/claiming that their countries can solve all the problems of mankind.

While talking of this issue, I usually like to make a comparison between the Palestinians (who are still sitting along the borders of the country they have been claiming as their national homeland for nearly seventy years) and the people of Silesia or East Prussia or Istria or Dalmatia or the Sudetenland at the end of World War II. Similarly, there is a huge difference between some countries (especially in Africa) and so many states that came out of a medieval system in spite of the plague of colonization (from Europe to America to Asia, perhaps with the notable exception of Venezuela, whose people, however, are actively fighting for a change).

Incidentally, it should also be noted that the entire African continent is fortunately free from the horrors of colonization, after centuries of pain and suffering. So, why the hell do so many Africans strive to reach the lands of the colonizers of the past?

Fortunately, there are still political leaders who have the guts to tell the plain truth and are not simply guided by the fear of losing votes in countries where everything must be politically correct. An excellent example has just been given by President Emmanuel Macron, who dared to say that there is no reason to spend "billions of euros" without "a more rigorous governance, a fight against corruption, a fight for good governance, a successful demographic transition". What to do in regions which "have seven or eight children per woman"? Money alone can "stabilize nothing". Instead, it is far better to follow a different approach: "the transformation plan that we have to conduct together must be developed according to African interests by and with African leaders."

[cf. http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/emmanuel-macron-africa-development-civilisation-problems-women-seven-eight-children-colonialism-a7835586.html]

Well done, *Monsieur le Président*! I would just like to mention a couple of further issues, which traditionally tend to make backward countries even more underdeveloped: working practices and armed militias.

Just to give a rough idea, we can focus on Zimbabwe, which used to be the *breadbasket of Africa*. Of course, I am glad it is an independent country with an apartheid-free society, but I would not blame the richest countries for its miserable conditions and the gangs of criminals, who have systematically destroyed their homeland under the leadership of a (democratically elected) unfit president, who was not happy enough with the failure of the communist doctrine all over the world (as shown, e.g., by the

collapse of former Soviet Union and the earthly paradise in North Korea).

Next, as I said, there's the problem caused by armed militias. Just think what would happen in France or the United Kingdom or the United States if their political parties had paramilitary organizations (by the way, the United Kingdom was not immune to this phenomenon, when the IRA was active in Northern Ireland, but there was a reaction, thanks goodness). So, it is not surprising that countries like Afghanistan or Iraq or Lebanon or Nigeria are engaged in a perpetual state of war—and, again, I would not blame the richest countries for the crimes committed by the Taliban or the Mahdi Army and its heirs or the Kataeb Regulatory Forces or Hezbollah or Boko Haram.

Therefore, as suggested by President Macron, let's start with a change (yes, we can!) before wasting billions of dollars in useless projects!

Even though the book was published several years ago, in Jihad Al-Kuffar there are some remarks that are quite similar to President Macron's comments. For instance, in Chapter 11, a radical militant is making fun of the political approach of so many naive Western leaders, who get excited whenever they can launch a new do-good campaign in favor of Third-World countries. Here are his words:

If aid programs are not based on a two-way commitment, they cannot be sustained for long, especially in regions with high birthrates. Can you imagine what would happen if the West accepted taking care of one billion poor people for one year? Twelve months later, it should face a similar problem, with more indigents to help, say thirty million, and so on. After some fifteen years, rich countries, which in the meantime are likely to be less wealthy, should assist one and a half billion persons instead of one billion.

COMMENTS

Remark by Jack S. M., NE on 07/17/2017 at 09:32:28 AM

Subject: Armed militias

Content: Indeed, after the invasion of Iraq, the United States (or, better, its friend Nuri al-Maliki) should have got rid of Muqtada al-Sadr's militias. In addition, they should have taken care of Saddam Hussein's Sunni army, either trying to recruit reliable soldiers and officers, as part of a reconciliation process, or making an effort to keep them under strict control. As everybody knows, those soldiers and those officers eventually became the backbone of the self-proclaimed Islamic State in Iraq.

THE RAKHINE AFFAIR

September 19, 2017

One of the most iconic Nobel laureates, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, has been under attack for quite a time because of the Rohingya crisis. In consequence of recent events, someone openly claims that she did not deserve that honor. However, no matter the reasons behind today's systematic attacks, it should be acknowledged that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was granted the Nobel Prize for Peace in view of long



years of struggle and continuous, indisputable efforts devoted to the fight against oppression. And that fight was really successful, since Myanmar has changed a lot during the last decade.

To put it straight, there is quite a difference between Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (who won the Nobel Prize thanks to what she had done) and several Nobel laureates who got that prize because of what other people had done or were doing. Just to give a few examples, I will mention Jimmy Carter, Barack Obama and Malala Yousafzai. I might oversimplify much more intriguing situations, but I have a feeling that Jimmy Carter was essentially chosen with the aim of launching an attack on the preventive war that the Bush Administration was going to wage against Saddam Hussein (meanwhile, no one cares that he gave the green light to the establishment of an oppressive theocratic regime in Iran that immediately led to a perpetual state of war between Shia and Sunni Muslims). As for Barack Obama, I think he was rewarded because the majority of the Americans had not voted for a Republican candidate—but no one seems to regret that President Obama bombed Libya without any plan for the post-Gaddafi era and gave a significant contribution to the civil war in Syria, without succeeding in toppling Bashar al-Assad (the alleged target of the US Administration at that time). Finally, Malala Yousafzai became a Nobel laureate because she was victim of criminals who had been allowed to take control of tribal areas in Pakistan with the support of huge raging crowds of fanatics that live in that country.

Well, let's go back to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the *Rohingya affair*. No doubt, thousands of innocent civilians are suffering. Nonetheless, I am not so sure that the Myanmar authorities should be unconditionally blamed—as well as I do not think that the Russian authorities should be unconditionally blamed for what they did in Chechnya. More specifically, I do not know if the words ethnic cleansing are used properly by some UN bureaucrats and other gurus who keep talking about Myanmar, but... sure enough, the military operations of the Russians in Chechnya caused far worse collateral damage and definitely took place without international observers or news networks. No one was free to move around and give evidence of mass graves.

What I really believe is that, in Chechnya as well as in Myanmar, critical situations may occur in which the choice is between national security (in a peaceful environment) and gangs of criminals/terrorists who can get more and more organized with every passing day, as it happened in the Swat District of Pakistan (where the Taliban de facto became the leading force, with well known consequences for girls like Malala Yousafzai and other citizens) or in Lebanon (where Hezbollah is probably more efficient and better equipped than the Lebanese Army).

In my opinion, it is not so obvious that armed militias should not be crushed by any means necessary—even at the cost of the lives of the so-called innocent civilians, who are often not completely innocent (since they often help, hide and protect criminals). Instead, it is quite clear that the constant fear of violating alleged human rights proved to be lethal for true human rights (including freedom, democracy, security and peace) in countries where armed militias were able to proliferate, especially with the pretext of religious freedom and with the aim of fighting for the sake of a god.

I already mentioned the case of Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Taliban in Pakistan (as well as Afghanistan), but the list is pretty endless. For example, in Pakistan we also have the fundamentalist organization Lashkar-e-Omar, while we find terrorist groups like Jamaatul Mujahideen Bangladesh or Jamaat-e-Islami in Bangladesh. Not far away, there were/are the Gerakan Mujahideen Islam Pattani insurgent movement in Thailand, together with their fellow-fighters in Malaysia (Barisan Revolusi Nasional and Kumpulan Mujahidin Malaysia). Next, there is Indonesia: apart from several terrorist groups, it features an interesting province (Banda Aceh), which enjoys strict adherence to Shariah law, so that girls get caned for kissing boys outside of marriage, while men are punished in a similar way for engaging in gay sex. Again in the Far East, we should not forget Abu Sayyaf (a militant group in the Philippines), while the Middle East is home to world-famous organizations like al-Nusra in Syria, Ansar

al-Islam or Ansar al-Sunna or Mahdi Army in Iraq, Turkish Islamic Jihad in Turkey, Hamas in Palestine, Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, the Houthis in Yemen and, of course, the transnational Islamic State in several countries. Finally, it is definitely fair to remember some honorable organizations that were/are active in Africa: Groupe Islamique Armé (or Armed Islamic Group) in Algeria, Boko Haram in Nigeria, al-Shabaab in Somalia, Janjaweed in Sudan.

Therefore, in principle, I do not think that the Myanmar Army is necessarily to be blamed for the suffering of innocent civilians. After all, that suffering might be a dire consequence of the attitude of those civilians or self-proclaimed civilians. More importantly, it might be a necessary step to save the country from more dramatic consequences. Of course, no one can say that the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army will eventually create a caliphate in the Rakhine State and beyond, if the Yangon Government does not take proper actions, but there is no denying that the lesson from recent history is not encouraging. Too many armed groups and fanatic fundamentalists have destroyed freedom, democracy, security and peace all over the world—for instance, in Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Nigeria, Somalia, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Sudan, Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines.

It may well be that the media and international observers should be granted free access to the Rakhine region and allowed to make independent assessments, as suggested on the website of *The Myanmar Times* (https://www.mmtimes.com/news/rakhine-state-and-raging-information-war.html): "In a world of interconnectivity and instant information, it is better to come clean at the first opportunity. That way, truthful information will prevail and help all stakeholders in the country have a thorough knowledge and appreciation of the government's efforts to deploy preventive measure to provide public security." Nonetheless, the politically-correct world should refrain from stigmatizing the Myanmar Army, responsible for killing a negligible percentage of the people who were massacred in Chechnya by the Red Army. And even though the prevailing narrative is that the military operations in Rakhine are disproportionate, I would not rule out the possibility that they represent a reasonable "preventive measure to provide public security".

So, I would stress that there are countries (probably including Myanmar) which try their best (before it gets to late!!) to stop militants/armies that might follow in the footsteps of fanatics like Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi or Muqtada al-Sadr or Osama Bin Laden or Hassan Nasrallah. Similarly, there are countries which do not care about freedom, democracy, security and peace (or, maybe, are glad to encourage or support or celebrate radical preachers and fighters). For instance, this is the case of a country that plays a key role in the second Chapter of Jihad Al-Kuffar. According to the story in this book, a radical militant happens to be in Pakistan in January 2000, when Maulana Masood Azhar (founder and leader of the terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammed) has just been released by the Delhi Government in exchange for the freedom of the passengers of a hijacked Indian flight. As reported by the media, Masood Azhar could easily move around Pakistant, whip up his supporters and promote the armed struggle against the infidels.

In Jihad Al-Kuffar, the radical militant is fascinated by the teachings of Masood Azhar and gets excited by his passionate address to fervent crowds of jihadists and would-be fighters. The statements of the Maulana are copied from an article concerned with his "first speech after gaining his freedom" (cf. https://www.mail-archive.com/hizb@hizbi.net/msg29082.html). Needless to say, the Pakistani authorities have the right "to provide public security" in whatever way they want. However, when preachers like Maulana Masood Azhar are free to express their views and thousands (perhaps millions) of citizens/innocent civilians share his opinions, it is not surprising that a girl like Malala Yousafzai risks being killed in the name of a god and his alleged rules—and it is not surprising that she eventually prefers to study in Oxford, UK, instead of Karachi or Rawalpindi.

Anyway, here follow the comments of the radical militant, as reported in the second Chapter of Jihad Al-Kuffar (note that the enthusiastic words of this militant, too, are mostly copied from the article posted on the *mail-archive* website): countries:

The kuffar wanted to destroy Islam, and Islam had reached indestructible heights. This was the fundamental message of Muhammad Masood, whose words were as irresistible as a river in flood. Although he had just got out of prison after long years in detention, the maulana still retained his thunderous voice and clearly had total command over the language, perhaps much more than ever before. May Allah grant him more power and enable the Muslims to gain from him!

"Brothers, don't deceive yourselves! We're not in this world to lead comfortable lives, to marry, to beget children. If you do marry, marry for jihad! Have children, but for jihad! Earn wealth only for jihad! Bring up your sons for jihad and nothing but jihad! And you, servants of idols, you are looking with anger and despair for the heroes who hijacked your aircraft," he yelled at the Indian leaders during the rally in Karachi. "Search for them with thirst for revenge in your hearts, but you'll never find them. Instead, they'll find you in your lands, ready to slit your throats with the blades of their knives."

Remark by Anthony J., Oh on 09/21/2017 at 08:54:31 AM

Subject: Al-Sadr

Content: A top UN bureaucrat has just spoken of "brutal security operation" and "textbook example of ethnic cleansing", while referring to the Rohingya issue. Given the fact that he should have referred to Chechnya in order to make a more credible argument, a much better "textbook example" comes from Iraq, where al-Sadr and his gangs of Shiite militants wanted to get rid of the Americans, who had allowed the Shiites to escape Saddam Hussein's tyranny and take the reins of the country. Eventually, the Americans abandoned Iraq, both Sunni and Shiite militias were free to carry on their criminal activities and the most outstanding result (a real "textbook" achievement) was the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant. Notably, there was also a "textbook example" of mass killings or, better, a "textbook example" of inhuman slaughters of innocent Shiite civilians.

WHAT "PEACE PROCESS" ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT?

December 8, 2017

We are well aware that the Jerusalem Question is making headlines and



President Donald Trump is depicted as pure evil by an overwhelming majority of politicians, religious leaders, political pundits and common citizens. Similarly, there is an enormous effort to make it it clear that the US Administration has practically killed the "peace process" in the Middle East. A typical example is given by an article posted on the al-Jazeera website (http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/12/hamas-leader-jerusalem-decision-war-declaration-171207083427072.html). Under the dramatic headline "Hamas: US decision on Jerusalem is a war declaration", the article focuses on the latest breaking news: Hamas leader Ismail Haniya has said the US decision on recognising Jerusalem as the capital of Israel is a "war declaration against Palestinians", and called for a new "Intifada", or uprising. Haniya said in a speech in Gaza City on Thursday that US President Donald Trump's recognition "killed" the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Peace process!!! That's what "Hamas leader Ismail Haniya has said"!!!

So, let's investigate what "peace process" might mean according to Mr. Ismail Haniya. To do so, we can have a look at Article 7 of the 1988 Hamas Covenant: The Hamas has been looking forward to implement Allah's promise whatever time it might take. The prophet, prayer and peace be upon him, said: The time will not come until Muslims will fight the Jews (and kill them); until the Jews hide behind rocks and trees, which will cry: O Muslim! there is a Jew hiding behind me, come on and kill him!

Of course, the most attentive representatives of the most progressive societies on Earth might jump up and state that I am cheating: indeed, I have deceptively mentioned the 1988 Hamas Covenant, NOT the recent one (which was presented in Spring 2017 and is filled with words of peace and harmony). Right! I do apologize! So, let's have a look at the new document—let's have a bit of laugh while reading Article 19 and the beginning of Article 20: There shall be no recognition of the legitimacy of the Zionist entity. Whatever has befallen the land of Palestine in terms of occupation, settlement building, judaisation or changes to its features or falsification of facts is illegitimate. Rights never lapse. Hamas believes that no part of the land of Palestine shall be compromised or conceded, irrespective of the causes, the circumstances and the pressures and no matter how long the occupation lasts. Hamas rejects any alternative to the full and complete liberation of Palestine, from the river to the sea. [cf. http://www.middleeasteye.net/news/hamas-charter-1637794876]

Frankly speaking, I do not feel like blaming Donald Trump if he really killed this kind of "peace process", no matter what Hamas and its Palestinian enthusiasts think about Jerusalem. Instead, even though I do not share their views, I can understand the reasons behind the sickening attitude of the many world leaders who are looking forward to a new geopolitical order (maybe founded on new military alliances and/or new commercial exchanges) with countries like Turkey or Syria or terrorist sponsors like Iran—and, no doubt, I can understand the reasons behind the ravaging fury of the leader of the Iranian-backed terrorist organization Hezbollah, Hassan Nasrallah, who has just given his full support to a possible new *intifada*.

Probably most of all, I understand the reasons behind the sickening attitude of the wisest European leaders, who govern countries filled with migrants and might still be sensitive to the words of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, as reported in an article posted on the CNN website on October 6, 2006 (http://edition.cnn.com/2006/WORLD/meast/10/20/iran.europe/index.html): "We have advised the Europeans that the Americans are far away, but you are the neighbors of the nations in this region," he said. "We inform you that the nations are like an ocean that is welling up, and if a storm begins, the dimensions will not stay limited to Palestine, and you may get hurt."

Meanwhile, we have also heard that religious freedom is at risk in Israel: someone has dared to express the fear that freedom of religion might be denied to Christians and Muslims—and, as far as I know, the progressive world has not rejected these claims! Well, it is time for a wake-up call even for the people who pretend to forget that the Jews have been persecuted by Christians and Muslims for centuries (not viceversa). These people cannot ignore what currently happens in countries like Saudi Arabia or Iran. And they should not ignore that Israel has always guaranteed the right to freedom of religion, while Lebanon as well as Bethlehem and Nazareth (which used to be Christian enclaves) have Muslim majorities... for one reason or another...

Needless to say, the (traditional) words of shame toward Donald Trump are accompanied by a (traditional) rhetoric and hatred for Israel, as happens in the case of Jerusalem. No one seems to remember that the so-called *international community* approved a UN Resolution in 1947 with the aim of creating two states and establishing a *Special International Regime for the City of Jerusalem*, but the idea did not work because some Arab countries declared war on Israel. Next, since they were not happy enough with the outcome of that conflict, some Arab countries (instead of giving birth to a Palestinian State with East Jerusalem as capital) got ready for another war—and wars usually imply some consequences, as also happened in the case of European countries after the First and Second World Wars.

Apart from the Arab/Islamic World, it frequently happens (especially in Europe) that important events of the past tend to be forgotten. This delicate issue is often discussed in Jihad Al-Kuffar and is also addressed in Chapter 10, when a Palestinian militant is speaking to another fighter about a dream. But, in actual fact, what he describes is not the fruit of a dream: he talks about an article which was actually published in an Italian newspaper (*Avvenire*, September 25, 2002). Anyway, here follow the comments of the militant:

[Note that the remarks about President Nasser are based on an article posted on the web page http://news.bbc.co.uk/onthisday/hi/dates/stories/may/30/newsid 2493000/2493177.stm

Remark by J.H.L., FI on 12/26/2017 at 03:45:32 PM

Subject: Guatemala: why is the UN so quiet?

Content: Shouldn't the UN Security Council call for the withdrawal of Guatemala's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital? Shouldn't the UN General Assembly vote by a huge majority to declare the (almost unilateral) Guatemala recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital null and void? What are the 128 pro-Hamas countries waiting for?

Remark by Karen J. G., Mo on 12/10/2017 at 07:38:42 AM

Subject: Barack Obama & Nazi Germany

Content: Wow! Former President Barack Obama has just given a lecture on the rise of Nazi Germany, the need for a free press and the risk of killing 60 million people. I guess he is somehow worried about the regimes of countries like Iran or North Korea, which indeed are a bit of a problem. Instead, he must be quite happy about the freedom of press, at least in the US: never in the past have the American media been so free and so active in blaming, castigating, chastizing, condemning, criticizing, lambasting their President! Above all, however, I am sure he is concerned about the killings in Syria and Libya, which were caused by the useless, tragic wars that he fought in, without really understanding what he was doing.

WHEN RACE DISCRIMINATION BECOMES POLITICALLY CORRECT

June 11, 2018

In view of the topic I am going to discuss, I think it is fair to point out,



first of all, that I am not an expert in the field of maritime law. Nonetheless I believe that some basic issues do not require any particular training or skills (as well as no one needs to be a well qualified mathematician to know that two plus two equals four).

For instance, it is quite obvious for everybody that the concept of *Safe Harbor* should be applied to anyone without regard to treaties, rules or law. Similarly, it should be quite obvious that this concept should be applicable when unexpected circumstances occur, such as mechanical breakdown or unsafe weather conditions or loss of essential equipment. Most importantly, it is extremely obvious that (in case of emergency) the permission to land has always been a fundamental part of the maritime tradition. Indeed, every civilized country has always felt the need to save the lives of people who happen to be near its coasts and are in danger, as a result of an accident (and are supposed to return home as soon as possible, when the sea is calm or when their boat has been repaired or when they find an alternative means of transportation).

Surely, the *Safe Harbor Provision* has never been an instrument to bypass immigration laws and/or assist people who deliberately put their lives in danger and want to be rescued with the aim of moving from one place to another. Just to give an example, no one has ever invented the concept of *Safe Hut Provision* with the objective of helping reckless daredevils who decide to walk on glaciers wearing plimsoles or try to reach a Himalayan summit without having ever climbed a hill before.

To put it in a different way, the expression *Safe Harbor* cannot be interpreted as *safe conduct* for people who openly look for a way to become illegal immigrants or behave like people smugglers/traffickers (no matter if they are African citizens who offer places on small boats or European citizens who roam the Libyan waters on large ships).

Now, if we reflect on recent news coverage from the Mediterranean Sea, the *Safe Harbor* concept has nothing to do with ships like *Aquarius*, the vessel that right now is looking for the *nearest safe harbor*. The reason is clear:

- ▶ Do weather conditions pose some hazard? No.
- ► Is there any mechanical breakdown? No.
- ▶ Is there any system failure? No.
- ► Is there any loss of essential equipment? No

Of course, progressive bureaucrats are free to allow this ship to dock in their harbors or even transform their lands into refugee camps—and some officials in the Island of Corsica are apparently ready to welcome the immigrants. However, the central government in Paris has (wisely) opposed the initiative from the start: after all, France already has plenty of problems with aliens, who did not integrate when it was fairly easy to find jobs. So, there is no reasonable reason to fill the country with people who can hardly be helped and controlled.

By the way, don't forget that Europe has already the outstanding example of Italy, where hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants are out of control and jobless (and forced to do what they do to survive). Please note that I am not joking when I insist that the situation is *out of control*: just think of the number of unaccompanied foreign minors, who have disappeared in Europe. According to different reports, some 5,000 or even 10,000 minors have vanished in thin air only in Italy (out of about 65,000 underage illegal immigrants in that country).

However, what is really funny in this dramatic context, is the continuous search for a *nearest safe harbor* when ships like Aquarius are just a few miles from Tripoli or Sidra or Benghazi or Misrata. No doubt, the concept of *Safe Harbor* should be intrinsically connected with the concept of *saving lives from the fury of the sea*. Therefore, in principle, Tripoli, Sidra, Benghazi and Misrata are the most natural destinations. In addition, if it were not enough, there are plenty of harbors (which should be considered *safe harbors*) in nearby countries: for instance, to the best of my knowledge, cities like Alexandria, Tunis, Sfax and Algiers have a harbor—and can be reached from the Libyan waters without crossing the sea.

In spite of these geographical realities, the people who operate on behalf of non-governmental organizations move to the north. Why? The answer is simple: even if these professional benefactors pretend to oppose race discrimination, they actually consider certain populations as packs of animals or monsters, completely unable to provide a safe haven to crews that eventually feel obliged to brave the fury of the sea rather than the fury of the monstrous beasts that infest the coast of North Africa.

Since I am talking of non-governmental organizations, which are certainly full of progressive staff inspired by moral perfection, I assume that I am absolutely entitled to introduce the concept of politically correct racism.

In Jihad Al-Kuffar it is possible to find a page that deals with the baffling and amusing consequences of the do-good, third-worldist, sometimes pro-terrorist policy, which is so popular all around the western world, always inclined to become more and more populistic (i.e., with lots of lovely, progressive feelings). So, in Chapter 9 we can read about a radical fighter, Anouar, who lives in Italy and is talking to a fellow militant, Shakir (in 2001, according to the story). In this case, Anouar is fascinated by the efforts of the judges who strive hard to find a reasonable way to let criminals escape any punishment in the name of the lovely sentiments inspired by the most progressive (do-good, third-worldist, sometimes pro-terrorist) ideals. Above all, he is quite happy that an immigrant might receive a reduced penalty because of his cultural backwardness.

Of course, it is not very nice to state that an immigrant is affected by a cultural handicap. Indeed, it sound like a blatant case of *race discrimination*, but... who cares? If the final goal is a *do-good*, *third-worldist*, maybe *pro-terrorist* mission, there's no problem. Definitely, this is the opinion of these characters of Jihad Al-Kuffar, Anouar and Shakir, as shown by their comments, which appear to be in perfect harmony with the feelings of the so-called humanitarian organizations that look for a *safe harbor* in Italy or Malta, while they are a few miles from the coast of Africa:

"You will hardly believe it, but progressive laws in this country are so progressive that one day, our immigrants might be legally allowed to kill in the name of solidarity and human rights," joked Anouar. "You want my opinion? Despite continuous appeals against racism and clash of civilizations, I wouldn't be surprised to discover that Third World killers may qualify for reduced penalty in view of their cultural backwardness [*]." "Why should you be surprised?" inquired Shakir. "In this country, any statement about cultural handicap is usually dismissed as fascist rubbish or Nazi trash, but no one will ever object if you compare an immigrant to a troglodyte or a chimpanzee with the aim of reducing the period of detention, no matter how brutal the killing."

[*] Sentence based on an article published in the Italian newspaper *Ia Repubblica* (January 17, 2007): the topic was a ruling of the Italian Supreme Court that had justified a reduced penalty on the basis of mitigating circumstances, including the "cultural backwardness" of the convict, an immigrant charged with murder

COMMENTS

Remark by Johan S., NL on 06/20/2018 at 07:31:18 PM

Subject: People traffickers and illegal immigrants

Content: Why do so many immigrants get stuck and often die in the Mediterranean Sea? Because they entrust their safety to human smugglers and make the journey in overcrowded, makeshift boats. Do world leaders appreciate, respect and admire human smugglers? No, they don't. In actual fact, even the most progressive leaders/governments have a strong desire to prosecute human smugglers [at least, this is what they claim].

What do the so-called rescue ships do? Do they simply aim to save people? No, they aim to do the job of human smugglers, with the complicity of the governments that allow them to dock. If the aim of these saviors of the world were to save people, they would simply take them back to their ports of origin. In view of these facts, I think we should appreciate the initiative of the Hungarian Government, which acknowledges that illegal immigration is a crime and intends to prosecute human smugglers, without the hypocrisy of the European establishment, which pretends to claim that people smugglers are criminals, but

welcomes the non-government organizations that do exactly the same thing (and the worst side of the European establishment comes with those leaders/governments that want immigrants in some European countries, but erect barriers to protect their lands).

What about the United States? Innocent, defenseless children, in principle, should not be held in cages, but (in turn) illegal immigration should be punished. It is up to their parents to avoid what is bad for these kids. After all, no one would think that a killer should not be jailed because he cannot be separated from his kids. Of course, everything changes when immigrants are involved. The current pro-immigration rhetoric does not make it easy to state that illegal immigration is a crime.

Moreover, given the emergency situation, are the children of illegal immigrants being treated so badly in the US? I think it is worse for a child to disappear and become a traditional slave or a sex slave, as regularly happened in Italy in spite of the progressive, open-minded governments that ruled this country until last May. Finally, a few words about the rescue ship that was allowed to dock in Spain: what an impressive task force to deal with the problem! I read that nearly two thousand people have been involved in the process of helping some six hundred (illegal) immigrants. However, what really puzzles me most of all is the different approach to the problem posed by these immigrants and the problem posed by poor, homeless Spaniards: I never heard of any action being taken to improve their living conditions. Nonetheless, I must admit that I have never been to Spain and I hardly know this country. Therefore, it may well be that there are no poor, homeless Spaniards, thank goodness. waiting for?

Remark by Giuseppe, Naples, I on 06/15/2018 at 09:43:22 AM

Subject: People traffickers

Content: A few comments on your post:

- 1) Some bureaucrats want more migrants not only in the Island of Corsica, but also in Naples. Some days ago, the mayor of this city claimed that Naples was ready to accept the people on the rescue ship Aquarius. Probably, he wants more poor, jobless beggars in a city that is already full of poor, jobless people. Or maybe he even wants some more Amis Amris in a city, which is already full of murderers and baby gangs.
- 2) The Italian party that was in power until some months ago and was defeated at the last elections (because it continued to welcome migrants and also succeeded in creating a European naval force whose task essentially was to disembark more migrants in Italy than ever before) has dramatically stated that Italy is getting isolated because of the cruel attitude of its new government, which did not allow the Aquarius to dock—but in actual fact, bureaucrats from Belgium, France, Germany and Spain have just started to point out (for the first time) that Italy cannot be left alone.
- 3) The rescue team that is on board the Aquarius is complaining for the dangerous trip to Valencia, because the sea is pretty rough. Why did they decide to leave the coast of Africa? As you said, the safest safe harbour was right there, without any need to cross the sea.

UNRWA: UNDESIRABLE NEEDLESS REVANCHIST WEIRD ANOMALY

September 2, 2018

Of course, the picture on the right is intentionally provocative, but the underlying message is based on a seventy-year-long anomaly. Indeed, the world has often been plagued by the sufferings of refugees. Nonetheless, as only occasionally pointed out (cf., e.g., Jihad Al-Kuffar, Chapter 10), never ever had anyone conceived the idea of creating a relief organization like UNRWA, whose main objective has systematically been to allow millions of people to live without working or (more precisely) to allow military, paramilitary and terrorist organizations to wage wars, carry out terror attacks and export pain and destruction.



Do you think it is all nonsense?

If this is your opinion, do you genuinely feel it is nonsense to draw attention to the enormous difference between the Palestinian question that came to light at the end of the forties and the trauma suffered by the millions of outcasts who were forcefully expelled (when lucky enough not to be massacred) from East Prussia, Silesia, Istria and Dalmatia, again in the forties?

Is it nonsense to state that these outcasts had to cope by themselves (as had unfortunately, regularly happened to all refugees in the history of mankind), without the assistance of the United Nations?

Is it nonsense to remember that these outcasts became the victims of a war that their fellow countrymen had started (just like the Palestinians, who had tried to destroy the newly born State of Israel, together with their Arab brothers)? And don't forget that many Palestinians had abandoned their lands to make it easier for the Arab troops to slay the Jews...

Is it nonsense to focus on the skill and the efforts of the German and Italian refugees, who decided to work in Germany and Italy (instead of sitting in camps and waiting for the help of an aid agency)? Why has their example never been followed by the large majority of the Palestinians?

Is it nonsense to talk about the Jewish refugees (over 800,000 people), who were expelled from Arab countries and Iran in the 20th century, while the United Nations did not care a damn about their fate?

Is it nonsense to claim that a sort of Marshall Plan would have been reasonable after the 1949 truce with the aim of establishing a Palestinian State and negotiating the possible return of Palestinian refugees, while it was sheer madness to support the adventurers/warmongers who only wanted to wage a new war on Israel?

Is it nonsense to put the blame of the Palestinian question on those adventurers/warmongers who, after losing their war in 1967, decided that they wanted a Palestinian State (based on the 1967 pre-war borders) with East Jerusalem as capital, which is exactly what they could have done from 1949 to 1967 in lands that were completely under their control?

Is it nonsense to suggest that wars (alas!) have consequences (sometimes serious consequences) and that the above map shows borders that should be quietly accepted by the political pundits who continue to lambaste Israel and are desperate because the United States will provide no additional funding to a revanchist anomaly, which (in practice) has allowed millions of people to sit in camps and do nothing (apart from terror-related activities), while other refugees have been working hard all over the world?

Does anyone want to claim that the *Palestinian question* was the result of an *invasion* promoted by the Zionist Movement? In actual fact, it might be fair to observe that the State of Israel should have probably been established at the expenses of countries like Spain and/or Germany and/or Italy (where the Jews had been persecuted since medieval times), but it should also be noted that no Arabs were invited by the Byzantines to invade Palestine and other lands in the 7th century!

Does anyone believe that the Israeli governments have no right to insist on the concept of self-defense? Well, I would like to see the reaction of the citizens of Stockholm or Jakarta or Kuala Lumpur, if they were continually attacked with rockets and incendiary balloons (and if they had been attacked by foreign armies in 1948, 1967 and 1973).

Perhaps more importantly, it is not so obvious that a significant number of Palestinians in Israel would not create security problems. After all, even their Arab brothers have often been annoyed by the presence of Palestinian refugees: the most outstanding example is given by the Black September in Jordan (1970), but the attacks on Tel el-Zaatar or Shatila or Burj el-Barajneh in Lebanon by Shiite Amal

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so-called militias or Christian Phalangists (1976, 1982, 1985, 1987) are also quite impressive.

The moral of the story, however, is not that the Palestinian people are sheer evil. No doubt, most of them are poor victims. Above all, most of them are victims of a system in which a few armed militias impose their will—but they are also victims of aid agencies, whose principal mission is to give millions of dollars to warlords and politicians, who can grab a lot of money because there is a problem (in this case, the *refugee problem*) that they have created and that they want to exist forever, since it represents the foundation of their power and wealth (as long as some rich countries are willing to pay, maybe under the pressure of hatemongers like Jeremy Corbyn...)

That said, it might be of some interest to have a look at a few comments that can be found in Jihad Al-Kuffar (Chapter 12). According to the story which is told in this book, such comments are part of a dialogue that took place in 2001:

Nobody feels contempt for Third World leaders who live in the lap of luxury. When Iraqi children die of starvation, Western activists go wild about unfair United Nations sanctions but pretend to ignore the fortune amassed by Saddam Hussein and the gold taps that adorn his palaces. And it's not enough. Reactions are very similar in Palestine or Cuba. Lots of westerners cry bitter tears over refugee camps or rail against the American embargo, but no one dares to observe that Yasser Arafat and Fidel Castro are among the wealthiest people in the world.

[Note that the above remarks about Yasser Arafat and Fidel Castro are based on reports published by third parties; see, e.g., https://www.forbes.com/forbes/2003/0317/134.html#353c165655b0]

COMMENTS

Remark by Justine R., S on 09/05/2018 at 07:12:42 AM

Subject: Black September and migrants in Europe

Content: I do not fully agree with the ironic comments about the "Arab brothers". Surely, I condemn indiscriminate killings, but certain reactions do not come by chance. No matter what the politicians claim or hope (usually in view of their own interests), human nature cannot be changed: a critical mass of aliens inevitably creates problems, especially when these aliens cannot be controlled (because financial resources are not enough or because they are too violent or because it is hard to find jobs or because cultural differences are too large, even when residents and aliens speak the same language).

Something similar is happening in Europe, where (I am sure) most people are not racist, but more and more citizens are concerned about their jobs and security... and perhaps someone even wonders why he/she should take care of ten children born from immigrants, while he/she has one or two babies.

Again, many politicians pretend they do not see the truth, but frustration and rage are mounting not only in Austria or Hungary, but even in countries like Sweden.

LET'S (TRY TO) TALK STRAIGHT!



February 20, 2

the Palestinians When religious and political interests are at play, is it reasonably possible to talk straight and call things by their real name?

Perhaps, Masood Azhar can be a good starting point and an excellent teacher.

Masood Azhar?!? Some of you (especially if you have not read Jihad Al-Kuffar, yet) will probably ask: "Who the hell is he?"

Well, he is a gentleman from Pakistan and a leading figure of the so-called *Jaish-e-Mohammed* (*Army of Muhammad*), the terrorist organization that carried out and claimed responsibility for the suicide attack in Pulwama District in Kashmir last week. On that occasion, some forty Indian paramilitary personnel were killed. According to Indian news outlets, Masood Azhar is a guy who did talk straight, since he allegedly gave instructions for the attack from the Pakistan Army Hospital in Rawalpindi and later praised his fellow-terrorists for their successful operation.

Of course, the Pakistani Government insists that its Country has no connection to the Pulwama attack. However, this Government should know Mr. Masood Azhar's views very well, since this guy (as I said before) does not mince his words. Actually, the Pakistani Government should be well aware of what happened in January 2000, when Mr. Masood Azhar had just been released from jail by the Indian authorities, who had been blackmailed after a commercial aircraft was hijacked. Mr. Masood Azhar did not hesitate to whip up his fans in Karachi: "We haven't come to this world to lead comfortable lives; to marry, to beget children. If you do marry, marry for jihad; have children, but for jihad; earn wealth only for jihad, bring up your sons, for jihad only. Until the villainy of India comes to an end, pledge not to rest in peace."

[words partly reported in the Second Chapter of Jihad Al-Kuffar and still posted on the web page https://www.mail-archive.com/hizb@hizbi.net/msg29082.html, which is aimed at celebrating the Karachi performance of Masood Azhar, with a heartfelt prayer to Almighty God: "May Allah Ta'ala grant him more power, and enable the Muslim ummah to gain from him"]

Definitely, it would be nice if the Pakistani authorities talked straight, making it clear that they hate India because of the Kashmir issue and/or that they are glad to offer a safe haven to anti-India terrorists and/or that they cannot help it if a good number of their countrymen (and voters) are radical islamists, who often support and even join terrorist groups. After all, there are plenty of examples. Waziristan has always been a traditional Taliban stronghold, mass rallies were staged across Pakistan to condemn the Abbottabad raid (see, e.g., the web page https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/pakistan/8491011/Rally-in-Pakistan-for-Osama-bin-Laden.html) and the list of terrorist groups based in Pakistan is pretty long: Jaishe-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Omar (Army of Omar), Lashkar-e-Taiba (Army of the Good), Jamaat-ud-Dawa, al-Qaeda, ...

Obviously, there is no chance that Pakistan—oops, sorry, I meant *Jaish-e-Mohammed* and Masood Azhar—will be declared *terrorist* by the United Nations: no matter how funny it might look, but China has already blocked a US move to blacklist Masood Azhar—*China*, the country which has confined the Muslim Uighur minority to political "re-education camps"! In any case, the Chinese attitude is not surprising, since the Beijing Government has always been at odds (if not at war) with India.

No doubt, what happens in Pakistan is not much different from what happens in many other parts of the world, where armed militias act with impunity. Just think of Libya, Nigeria, Mali, Somalia, Syria, Iraq and, of course, Lebanon, which probably provides the most obvious example of *state-tolerated* and *state-sponsored* terrorism, since not only is Hezbollah tolerated by the Lebanese establishment and sponsored by the Iranian ayatollahs, but it is also free to combat abroad, as happens in Syria. Needless to say, there is no reason to believe that something will change in the near future, since Hezbollah is under the protective umbrella of Russia, which clearly prefers to see Hezbollah militants brought back from Syria in body bags rather than Russian soldiers.

Well, let's forget governments which officially have waged a war on terror but are ready to support terrorist organizations, whenever a bunch of criminals can give a hand or, at least, is supposed to be helpful. Instead, let's go back to Masood Azhar—and let's go back to January 2000, when a radical militant (according to Second Chapter of Jihad Al-Kuffar) is in Bahawalpur, Pakistan, enthusiastic of his fellow terrorist, who has just returned home, after spending almost six years in an Indian jail:

Yesterday, in Bahawalpur, as well as last week in Karachi, all his friends were impressed by the clarity of his thoughts. Nobody could be indifferent to the force of his dialectics and the wisdom of his speech. Thousands of people were assembled; thousands were hanging on his lips, for Muhammad Masood (may Allah be pleased with him) is a rousing preacher, always able to seduce his audience. On any occasion, our communities have a lot to learn from his stirring sermons; and his words in Karachi (his first words after gaining freedom) already have an incredible resonance across the country...

...and no one in Pakistan seemed to think that the local authorities were turning a blind eye to a terrorist...

COMMENTS

Remark by MRV, UK on 02/22/2019 at 02:51:37 PM

Subject: It's not just Pakistan...

Content: Many Remember Salman Ramadan Abedi? He was the bomber of the Manchester Arena on May 22nd, 2017... Remember Anis Amri? He was the terrorist of the Berlin truck attack on December 16th, 2016... Salman Ramadan Abedi was born to a Salafi family of Libyan refugees who had been welcomed to England. They were Salafis, but no one would bother with that: after all, they were escaping the regime of Muammar Gaddafi!

Anis Amri fled from Tunisia to escape imprisonment and was welcomed to Europe in 2011, when anyone could land in Italy and move freely across a progressive Europe: illegal immigration was/is not a crime and deportation was/is inhuman or impossible (we are talking of undocumented people, without any proof of their nationality). Terrorists do not really need to hide in Pakistan, if they are looking for a safe haven!.

THE PROGRESSIVE ART OF VESSEL-RAMMING AND THE CONCEPT OF JUSTICE IN SOCIALLY ADVANCED COUNTRIES

July 3, 2019



Last year, in Ireland, the lawyer of a man accused of rape mentioned the lacy underwear worn by a woman as a sign of her consent. The *man* was 27 and the *woman* was 17-year-old. "You have to look at the way she was dressed. She was wearing a thong with a lace front," claimed the lawyer. Eventually, the *man* was acquitted.

A couple of years ago, in Italy, the judges of the Court of Appeal (three women) acquitted a man charged with rape, because the victim (a 22-year-old girl) looked kind of *mannish* and was not *sexually attractive*.

Some months ago, again in Italy, the judges of the Court of Appeal reduced the sentence to a man who had killed his girlfriend: sixteen years of imprisonment instead of thirty, taking note of an *emotional* storm

Therefore, it was not surprising that (just yesterday) an Italian prosecutor released a skipper who had rammed a police speedboat (while carrying illegal immigrants on board). Of course, as clearly proved by other judges' sentences (related to rape and based on a *do-good* philosophy), there is no reason to believe that the decision of the Italian prosecutor was politically motivated. However, I humbly wonder how the prosecutor would feel if a resurrected Josef Kramer (a German commandant of Auschwitz-Birkenau and of the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, also known as *Beast of Belsen*) rammed into his car!

Incidentally, the quick, happy conclusion of the investigation on the skipper appears to be quite bizarre, since Italy is characterized by nearly-draconian rules when cars come into play (instead of ships). As a matter of fact, last year a bewildered tourist was fined because he had left his car window open and, in this way, he had practically invited theft! In other words, you commit a crime if you make a poor robber believe that an open window is a *sign of consent*, you do not commit a crime if you refuse to obey a military vessel and ram a police boat!

In any case, it is quite obvious that a court of justice cannot disregard all past jurisprudence and unfortunately Italy boasts a long list of criminals who were treated with kids gloves and were virtually untouchable—especially if they were somehow related to left-wing parties and organizations.

This issue was also discussed in Jihad Al-Kuffar (Chapter 12): according to the fictional story, in 2001 a radical fighter (who had been living in Italy for some time) started explaining to a fellow-militant what typically happened when left-wing protesters and/or hooligans and/or terrorists decided to come into action:

I'll go back to thirty years ago, to the time of the first attacks by armed groups who called themselves 'Red Brigades'. This color and the language of some statements openly explained their political views, but several newspapers, magazines, and television networks tried to minimize the problem. They used to speak of 'alleged red brigades' and 'children's tales,' insisting on dark reactionary maneuvers to oppose the Maoist, pro-communist, antiliberal policy that aroused so much enthusiasm during those formidable years. Of course, in the end, nobody could insist on absurd fabrications. The left-wing position of those red brigades became more than evident, but occasionally, we still read that they were fascist criminals who hoped to stir up anticommunist feelings. [... Some militants] were jailed, but you know how these things get going. For a few days, just after the arrest, most politicians tend to promise exemplary punishments and all that kind of nonsense. Then, prisoners find the way to solve their problems; any second-rate lawyer can fix things up. If the convicts don't ask for trouble, they inevitably get freedom because authoritative recommendations in favor of social harmony and peaceful coexistence are very popular. The period of detention is usually short, and there is a range of diverse options for those who serve a sentence. Reliable alternatives include socially useful jobs, temporary release from prison due to good conduct, house arrest, and participation in instructive debates to discuss the struggle of the past. You know, television networks are eager to get these talk shows on the air.

Needless to say, it is not so obvious that the victims and/or the relatives of the victims of those *Red Brigades* were happy to see brutal murderers turned into TV stars. However, there is a relatively small number of victims and, apparently, those who were not affected do not care too much. Indeed, there is a widespread philanthropic desire to provide social aid. Actually, lots of people endeavor to become saviors of the world. This spiritual trend, unfortunately, has serious potential for collateral effects: for

instance, the inevitable fear of killing civilians (*innocent* by definition) allows terrorist organizations to seize control of large areas and slaughter their enemies with minor consequences: Raqqa and Idlib are good examples—and no one has ever proved that civilians are necessarily *innocent*. For instance, I do not think that Raqqa and Idlib became ISIS strongholds by chance... as well as I do not think that Germany and the Soviet Union became prey to the Nazi and Communist machine by chance. Neither do I think that London is in the grip of a *stabbing epidemic* by chance: after all, both Ken Livingstone and Sadiq Khan were elected mayors of London because the majority of the Londoners did vote for them. To put it straight, I guess that life is much more relaxing in places like Campbell County, Wyoming, where most citizens certainly share a commitment to core values and do not like neither stabbers nor terrorists. Not for nothing did Donald Trump get 88 percent of the vote right there in the presidential elections... and it would be really surprising if an al-Baghdadi succeeded in establishing a caliphate in Campbell County, while he did it in Raqqa!

COMMENTS

Remark by Karl S, D on 07/10/2019 at 06:22:41 PM

Subject: People smuggling

Content: When Countries like France and Germany (two European heavyweights) do not want migrants: they already have enough problems. However, they seem to be happy if new migrants land in Italy. Surely, they do not do anything to stop human trafficking—especially Germany, a safe haven for organizations which (at the very least) promote people smuggling, as proved by the hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants who used to disembark in Italy when this country was at the mercy of the Vatican and the Democratic Party. There is no denying that so many asylum seekers did not hesitate to leave the coasts of Africa, because they were well aware of the help given by people smugglers. No doubt, if people smugglers had nothing to do with illegal immigration, hundreds of thousands of men and women and children would continue to cross (or try to cross) the Mediterranean Sea still today, even though a good number of so-called non-government organizations have stopped their business. Instead, there has been little traffic (with relatively few arrivals and a reduced number of casualties), since an Italian government finally decided to crack down on illegal immigration.

There is plenty of evidence of the close correlation between self-proclaimed "rescue teams" and human smuggling: an excellent example is a recent footage of smugglers, who leave people in the middle of the sea, ready to be "rescued"

[https://www.euronews.com/2019/06/22/caught-in-the-act-people-smugglers-filmed-transferring-migrants-at-sea] Another outstanding example is concerned with a rescue boat that left 65 migrant in Malta a few days ago. While the vessel was looking for a "safe port" (as usual near Italy or Malta) nothing happened in the Mediterranean Sea. However, as soon as the vessel returned to sea, 44 more migrants were found and "saved". Would you really believe that everything happened by chance?