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## THE SWEDISH-PALESTINIAN ALLIANCE

January 14, 2016



When I heard that some high-level European politicians were fighting to defend the rights of the poor Palestinians who try to stab Israeli citizens, I felt the need to make some comments. I won't take long. There's no reason to waste too much time, because all the Islamic universe, details and different viewpoints can be easily found on newspapers or in the websites of the major news networks. In addition, it would be out of place to insist on the policy/attitude of a Country, which took its decisions many years ago, as I will try to show at the end of this post, and never changed its course. I am talking about Sweden—and no doubt, whenever the *Palestinian question* was involved, a certain *political leaning* has always been a part of its DNA.

As reported, for instance, in the *Russia Today* website, Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallström clearly stated that Israeli army and security forces might have carried out extrajudicial killings in the clashes with Palestinians: “The response cannot be ... so that there are extrajudicial executions, or that it becomes disproportionate so the numbers of dead on the other side is greater than the original death toll by several factors.” [<https://www.rt.com/news/328900-israel-sweden-wallstrom-ban/>].

I assume that the Swedish police and security forces are instructed to be more careful. Namely, if some fanatic militants went around Stockholm or Uppsala carrying knives and killing bystanders, I am sure that any responsible officer would accurately check that at least one person has been slaughtered before attempting to shoot a terrorist.

In the meantime, I read something about the response of the Turkish army to the Istanbul blast that occurred last Tuesday, on January 12. According to the *Al-Jazeera* website, PM Ahmet Davutoclu gave interesting information about an important military operation: “After the incident on Tuesday close to 500 artillery and tank shells were fired on Daesh positions in Syria and Iraq,” he said, using an Arabic name for ISIS. He also spoke about the casualties: “Close to 200 Daesh members, including so-called regional leaders, were neutralised in the last 48 hours. After this, every threat directed at Turkey will be punished in kind.”

[<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/01/turkish-army-shells-isil-response-istanbul-blast-160114133329415.html>]

Frankly speaking, I was quite impressed. However, I also wondered why Turkey (and France and the UK and Iraq and Russia and Syria and the US) took so long to fire “artillery and tank shells” and why no one had ever done something similar before, even though it was so easy to neutralize “200 Daesh members” in a couple of days. Was it really necessary to wait for the terrorist attack in Istanbul? Before that, wasn't it possible to fire some “500 artillery and tank shells”, maybe *every 48 hours*? This was my reaction, but, of course, I am a kind of barbaric, vengeful fanatic. I bet that the approach of Mrs. Margot Wallström would have been much more progressive.

Surely, she cannot approve a military action which is so “disproportionate”. Definitely, the consequences are not acceptable, since “the numbers of dead on the other side is greater than the original death toll by several factors” (don't forget that the Istanbul attack caused the death of ten people and everybody knows that 10 is much less than 200). So, I expect that Sweden will officially complain in the strongest terms about the cruel show of force exhibited by the Turkish army.

In any case, the progressive policy of the Swedish Government is not surprising, as already explained in *Jihad Al-Kuffar* (Chapter 7) several years ago. According to the story, a radical militant is speaking to a fellow fighter whose name is Saad. It is January 2001 and they happen to talk about former US President Jimmy Carter...

*“By the grace of Allah, the West is often attracted by noble ideals that fit the needs of our struggle. Entire nations are continually influenced by media hype and are seduced by opinion makers who are regularly rewarded with top honors when they enchant the planet with antiwar propaganda. And Carter should be no exception. I think he deserves much more than words of praise. Let me see... what about a Nobel Prize for peace? Isn't it a smashing idea?”* asked Saad. *“I can't imagine anything better to celebrate the pacifism that put America at the mercy of Ruhollah Khomeini's pasdaran and to implicitly condemn the warmongers who defeated Saddam Hussein's republican guards in the Gulf War. You know how easily a Nobel Prize award ceremony can evolve into a powerful brainwashing machine, suitable to deliver a strong message to the world, suitable to fight against the principle of preventive war, suitable to demand that Western nations surrender*

*to the charm of unconditional peace.”*

*That really was a stroke of political genius: a Nobel Prize. And Stockholm, the home to the Nobel Foundation, seemed to be a proper place for the West to sign treaties of surrender, as I found out some months ago, in England, when I met a mujahid who used to study in Uppsala. He had excellent news, reliable information, about the current trend in Sweden. In his view, many citizens understand our struggle and want to help us in our efforts, starting with the Palestinian intifada. The word is that the time is ripe for the Swedes to pay tribute to our martyrs. Bewitched by the most progressive frontiers of modern art, Stockholm museums might soon display a new generation of exhibits—artworks which are specifically designed to acknowledge and reward the tireless efforts of the suicide bombers who continue to blow themselves up with the aim of killing as many Jews as possible.” [1]*

[1] Paragraph based on an episode reported by the media

[cf., e.g., <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2004/jan/18/israel.artsnews>]

## SWEDEN: THE U-TURN



February 1, 2016

By pure chance, I made some comments about the progressive policies of the Swedish Government a couple of weeks ago [cf. [The Swedish-Palestinian alliance – ARCHIVE: Posts published in 2016](#)]. I mainly focused on the angry complaints of Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallström about the ferocious attitude of the Israeli security forces, who dare to shoot the poor Palestinian youths, when they innocently go around, trying to stab Jewish people. Mrs. Wallström spoke very clearly, without mincing her words: an inquiry was absolutely needed to establish whether the Israelis had carried out “extrajudicial executions”.

In view of her remarks, I assumed that the Stockholm Government would not mind if some lunatics went around Swedish towns with knives, ready to stab bystanders. Strange enough, the Swedish authorities gave the impression that they were really tolerant—extremely tolerant. In actual fact, the rumor is that several women were harassed by asylum seekers, but no one seemed to worry about that issue. Then, a young lady, an employee at a center for young asylum seekers, was stabbed to death, but that murder was downplayed: after all, it was not an act of terrorism. It simply happened that a boy had gone crazy and killed an innocent victim. Later, some Swedish policemen were forced to flee when they tried to enter another center for asylum seekers.

Truly speaking, I thought that those Swedish officers had provided clear proof of how the security forces of a progressive, advanced democracy should behave. Instead of reacting, instead of firing guns, instead of running the risk of killing poor delinquents, those wise policemen had preferred to disappear in thin air. That’s what I thought, at first. Yet, suddenly, unexpectedly, surprisingly... something happened: a U-TURN. The Swedish Government decided that it was high time to expel some eighty thousand immigrants.

This is what the media have reported, but... relax! Take it easy! I have no doubt that Sweden will continue to teach Israel how it should behave. Sweden (a land of some ten million people) is unable to deal with a bunch of immigrants, but will certainly be proud to give lessons to Israel—a land where the Arab citizens make up 20 percent of the population and the Jewish majority has never tried to expel enemies or potential enemies, despite the huge number of Jews who were forced to leave Arab countries during the last decades (Egypt, Libya, Iraq, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen, just to name a few).

In *Jihad Al-Kuffar* (especially in Chapter 11) several pages deal with those enlightened leaders and political pundits, who are always ready to condemn wars and call for peace, when their interests are not affected (and when Israel or the US, maybe under a Republican president, try to defend themselves)—but do not hesitate to resort to any means, including the military option, to secure their ends.

Chapter 11 is essentially concerned with religious organizations which made any possible effort to oppose the Israeli policy, were heavily involved in anti-American campaigns when the US launched the *Desert Storm* operation in 1991, took a stand against President George W. Bush when Afghanistan and Iraq were attacked, used to claim that war is always a defeat for humanity, systematically condemned the use of force by the Israelis and the Americans, insisted that the war on Iraq in 2003 would irritate a huge number of Muslims—but did not ask the leaders of Croatia and East Timor to put down their weapons when they wanted to fight and defend their independence.

In what follows we report the comments of a radical militant who is supposed to be born in Saudi Arabia. He talks about some relatives who, according to the story, fought together with the Islamic militias that opposed the independence of East Timor. The outcome of the war was not what they had hoped for—and the militant has a lot to complain about...

*Allah willing, all family members behaved like good mujahideen. It was spring 1999. Those heroic militants were eager to fight and we suffered with dignity, haunted by the sobering thought that our Timorese brothers might be cruelly deprived of their lands. “How many mothers, how many sisters, how many widows must sacrifice their beloved because of this tough reaction against our blessed communities?” I used to repeat to myself. “How many innocent children shall mourn the death of their parents because the enemy has resorted to weapons, instead of turning the other cheek? Instead of reflecting whether it is opportune to irritate a billion followers of Islam, instead of thinking that bombs are useless, instead of shouting to the world that military actions are unable to solve international problems, instead of peacefully accepting that East Timor becomes a province of Indonesia.”*

*For a long time, the unbelievers tried to present themselves as victims of repression, but violence was only due to their arrogance because we profess a religion of peace, and our militias had always proposed solutions of peace. The cause of violence was the policy of the insurgents who had not allowed our brothers to join Indonesia. No one had any intention of denying the supreme good of peace to the unbelievers. The infidels only needed to behave like the people of Kuwait, when they happily lived in peace for five months, together with the Iraqi military, without unwise reactions. Weapons started to thunder, and the ghost of death made its appearance after the intervention of the Jewish-Christian crusaders, when the Americans, who do not know any other means to solve international disputes, dropped their bombs on Iraq. Instead, from August 1990 until January 1991, the population of Kuwait enjoyed a lush period of peace, living an exemplary, respectable life. A similar opportunity had been offered to the people of East Timor for many years. Since 1975, and forever, they could have been living the same exemplary, respectable life without guns and without casualties. Coexistence between believers of different creeds could have been delightful and enjoyable, as it was between the people of Kuwait and the troops of Iraq during those five months, full of peace, prosperity, and mutual, friendly cooperation, before the Great Satan attacked with his usual brutality. In East Timor, all we needed was a bit of wisdom from the enemy, and all inhabitants, also the misbelievers, could have experienced the incomparable gift of peace. They only had to accept the fair proposals of our militants.*

## THE IRANIAN GENEROSITY AND DONALD TRUMP'S "HATE-FILLED RETHORIC"

March 1, 2016



Last week, I read a couple of interesting articles posted in the websites of Israeli newspapers. I really liked them and I thought it would be nice to draw everyone's attention to the issues raised by those articles.

The first story was about a brilliant plan presented by the Iranian ambassador to Lebanon, Mohammad Fathali. As reported in the *Jerusalem Post* website, he said: "Continuing Iran's support for the oppressed Palestinian people, Iran announces the provision of financial aid to families of Palestinian martyrs who were killed in the *Jerusalem intifada*." The article explained that "every family of a martyr will receive \$7,000, while a family whose home was demolished by the IDF will receive \$30,000. The aid will be conveyed through the Palestinian branch of the *Shahid Institution*, which was established in Iran in 1992."

[cf. <http://www.jpost.com/Arab-Israeli-Conflict/Iran-offers-financial-reward-for-families-of-potential-Palestinian-intifada-martyrs-445966>]

The other report was about the nightmare scenario that is facing the poor politically correct gurus, pundits, journalists who have been desperately attacking Donald Trump for several months and (perhaps even more aggressively) continue to stigmatize the silly, foolish, stupid, idiot, sick minded fanatics who cast ballots in favor of that damn candidate. The words in the *Haaretz* website were extremely clear and straightforward: "The combination of frustrated and angry whites who are convinced that the world is exploiting them and minorities are sucking them dry and liberals are imposing their values and the system is throwing them in the gutter, together with a charismatic leader who is hypnotizing them with hate-filled rhetoric and promises of making their nation great again has started to scare people, even if the relevant historical precedents haven't made it into the mainstream media yet. Some American Jews, especially older ones, are feeling some shivers."

[cf. <http://www.haaretz.com/opinion/1.705204>]

I do not know how "some American Jews" tend to react, but it is worth noting that they live thousands of miles away from the areas where Hamas, Hezbollah and other terrorist organizations are fully active 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Instead, I am absolutely sure that the Israeli Jews who are not obsessed with the fear of being politically incorrect (and care for their Country instead of pleasing Hamas, Hezbollah, the Iranian ayatollahs and their friends) should rather feel "some shivers" when they think that Hillary Clinton or Bernie Sanders might be the next US president and inherit Obama's legacy.

Actually, it would be surprising if the Israeli Jews did not feel "some shivers" in the fear that a new "charismatic leader" in the *Oval Office* might implement more and more progressive policies with the aim of helping Iran with lots of rich contracts and huge amounts of money, which would allow the ayatollahs to be more generous than ever with the "families of Palestinian martyrs". Definitely, four more years of pro-Iranian initiatives do not seem to be the best foundation for a bright future for the State of Israel.

The support of the "families of Palestinian martyrs" is also discussed in *Jihad Al-Kuffar*. The book is concerned with events that occurred some fifteen years ago. Therefore, Saddam Hussein was often mentioned as a major sponsor of the would-be Palestinian martyrs at that time. Of course, today other players have taken the spotlight, while the former *rais* is harmless, since he was toppled by George W. Bush. It is a pity, however, that the Americans did not succeed in completing the job and getting rid of the armed factions in Iraq. In fact, President Bush, victim of the short-sighted policy of most Western countries (above all, France, Germany and Italy), was forced to abandon Iraq to its destiny, when military operations became too expensive in terms of money and political backlash—and it is no laughing matter that France, Germany and Italy eventually turned out to be the countries which suffered the worst consequences of the refusal to control the gangs of criminal who had been forged by Saddam Hussein and became the pillars of the Islamic State in Iraq.

Here, we quote a paragraph, which is taken from Chapter 11 of *Jihad Al-Kuffar*. In 2001, a radical fighter is talking about a fellow militant who lives in Jenin, West Bank. The name of this militant is Zaki. According to the story, he spends his life recruiting and training young people who are willing to blow themselves up in order to kill as many Israelis as possible by means of suicide attacks.

*The tone of his voice was firm and resolute, full of admiration for the young recruits who were voted to martyrdom and who were ready to obey his orders. He even pulled a bundle of snaps out of his pocket and*

*praised each mujahid, one by one, with the pride of a conscientious mentor. Going through the photos, we stared in awe at those smiling men of faith, well determined to blow themselves up. Sometimes, they had posed with their parents. And when the joyful, merry face of a mother appeared in a picture, Zaki insisted on the unique sentiments of so many women who were anxiously waiting for their children to become suicide bombers. They were sure that the day of martyrdom would change everyone's life—their families would get the money promised by Saddam Hussein (may Allah preserve him) and their sons would win the eternal prize, which is always granted to the believers who die killing our enemies. They would be rewarded with seventy-two virgins in Heaven. [\*]*

[\*] Paragraph based on facts reported by the media

[cf., e.g. <http://www.oocities.org/guiltypalestinianteachersparents/>, still available in March 2016]

## THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, TENANCINGO AND DONALD TRUMP

March 18, 2016



Most of The politically correct world (including a large number of politically correct Republicans) is scared to death of Donald Trump and his terrible statements about controversial issues—not to talk about the Great Wall he would like to build in order to secure the southern border of the United States.

Here, I will focus on his provocative remarks about Islam and Mexico. As reported by the media, Mr. Trump, while talking about Muslims, dared to say that “a lot of them” hate the United States. Earlier, he even complained with Mexicans: in his opinion, they continued to send their worst citizens. He expressed his sentiments very clearly: “Some are good and some are rapists and some are killers. We don’t even know what we’re getting.”

[cf. <http://edition.cnn.com/2015/06/25/politics/donald-trump-mexicans-terrorists-immigration-2016/>]

Let’s start with the (alleged???) threat posed by “a lot of” Muslims. If we have a look at the <[travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)> website (which, mind you, reflects the policy of the current wise, politically correct, impeccable U.S. Administration), we learn that “various elements in Iran remain hostile to the United States.” In actual fact, the *Iran Travel Warning*, which is published in that website and is dated March 14, 2016, reads: “This replaces the Travel Warning for Iran of January 29, 2016, to reiterate and highlight the risk of arrest and detention of U.S. citizens, particularly dual national Iranian-Americans, in Iran, and to note that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has advised U.S. civil aviation to exercise caution when flying into, out of, within, or over the airspace over Iran. All U.S. citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and carefully consider nonessential travel.”

[cf. <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/iran-travel-warning.html>]

For those of you who are not familiar with some facts, it is interesting to note that Iran officially defines itself as *Islamic Republic of Iran* and has some eighty million inhabitants, while the entire Muslim community consists of some 1.6 billion people. Therefore, if we consider “the risk of arrest and detention” just because a U.S. citizen happens to be in that *Islamic Republic*, whose Government represents some eighty million Muslims, I think it can be correctly claimed that “a lot of” Muslims actually hate the U.S.

However, the case of Iran is not isolated. If we keep looking at the information provided by the above mentioned wise, politically correct, impeccable Administration, there’s much more to learn. For instance, take Nigeria. We find an interesting *Nigeria Travel Warning* dated February 5, 2016: “The Department of State warns U.S. citizens of the risks of travel to Nigeria and recommends that U.S. citizens avoid all travel to Adamawa, Borno, and Yobe states because the security situation in northeast Nigeria remains fluid and unpredictable. The U.S. Department of State strongly urges U.S. citizens in Nigeria to consider their own personal security and to keep personal safety in the forefront of their travel planning. This Travel Warning replaces the Travel Warning for Nigeria dated July 27, 2015.”

[cf. <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/nigeria-travel-warning.html>]

Of course, in this case, there is nothing to suggest that the government of Nigeria is *officially* hostile to the United States. Nonetheless, the situation appears to be “unpredictable” in states like Adamawa, Borno, and Yobe, where Boko Haram (a self-proclaimed Muslim militia) is particularly active. In consequence, it seems reasonable to assume that “a lot of” (Islamic) people in Nigeria hate the U.S. and might pose a serious threat if they were welcomed with open arms at JFK or LAX airport.

Are you not happy enough? No problem. Take a bit more time and continue to browse through the <[travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)> website. Maybe you fancy Yemen and forgot the attack on the U.S. Embassy in Sana’a on September 17, 2008. Well, before you reserve your flight, it might be a good idea to have a look at the *Yemen Travel Warning* (December 14, 2015): “The U.S. Department of State warns U.S. citizens against all travel to Yemen because of the high security threat level in Yemen posed by the ongoing conflict and terrorist activities. On February 11, 2015 due to the deteriorating security situation in Sanaa, the Department of State suspended embassy operations and U.S. Embassy Sanaa American staff have been relocated out of the country. All consular services, routine and/or emergency, have been suspended until further notice. The Department urges U.S. citizens to defer travel to Yemen and those U.S. citizens currently living in Yemen to depart when they are able to safely do so. This supersedes the Travel Warning for Yemen issued on April 3, 2015.”

[cf. <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/yemen-travel-warning.html>]

Would you like Saudi Arabia? In principle, it should be a safe destination, since Saudi Arabia is a strategic ally of the U.S. in the Middle East, but... the Obama-Administration believes that you should be careful, as openly stated in the *Saudi Arabia Travel Warning* dated September 21, 2015: "The Department of State urges U.S. citizens to carefully consider the risks of traveling to Saudi Arabia. There have been attacks on U.S. citizens and other Western expatriates within the past year and there continue to be reports of threats against U.S. citizens and other Westerners, as well as sites frequented by them."

[cf. <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/saudi-arabia-travel-warning.html>]

As you certainly realize, I could easily continue by talking about Burkina Faso or Mali or Somalia or other destinations where Islam is the dominant religion. I rather prefer to remind you of the *World Trade Center bombing* in 1993, or the *September 11 attacks* in 2001, or the *Boston Marathon bombings* in 2013, or the *Chattanooga shootings* in 2015, or the *San Bernardino attack*, again in 2015—not to mention (Muslim) U.S. citizens like John the Taliban (an enemy combatant during the Afghan War in 2001) or Anwar al-Awlaki (an imam with al-Qaeda connections). The moral is obvious: if the Department of State gives evidence of (Islamic) countries that pose a threat to the United States, their reports are politically correct; if Donald Trump suggests that "a lot of" Muslims pose a threat (possibly because they hate the U.S., as happened in the case of all the terrorists who targeted U.S. citizens), his words are politically incorrect. To put it straight, he is a racist, a bigot, a fascist, a xenophobe, an extremist and so on.

Alternatively, I might say that a good President of the United States should beware of people coming from countries where U.S. citizens face "the risk of arrest and detention" or must not go around, if they are inclined to "keep personal safety in the forefront of their travel planning" (as pointed out by his Administration, NOT by Donald Trump). Indeed, I think that a wise President should be careful and not follow in the footsteps of the Europeans (or the Pope), who seem to be happy with a massive inflow of illegal immigrants and strange visitors—despite the huge problems in Brussels, Paris and many more cities in their continent.

That said, let's move to Mexico. It is true that, in Mr. Trump's opinion, the U.S. should bar Mexican illegal immigrants, because "some are rapists and some are killers". However, he also stated that "some are good", while several progressive (and, necessarily, politically correct) news networks did not hesitate to give a gloomy picture of the whole Country and the worst habits that can be found across Mexico. For instance, if we take a look at the *Wall Street Journal* website, we find that "murders jumped 8.7% in Mexico in 2015". More precisely, "Mexico saw homicides rise to 17,013 in 2015 from 15,653 the previous year, with the rate going up to 14 per 100,000 people". Given these figures, released by the Interior Ministry, there is no reason to rule out the possibility that some "killers" might be among the illegal immigrants. Therefore, Mr. Trump's comments appear to be in the interest of the United States and the safety of its citizens. In short, I really believe that xenophobia and racism have nothing to do with possible anti-immigrant walls and crackdowns on illegal immigrants.

[cf. <http://www.wsj.com/articles/murders-jumped-8-7-in-mexico-in-2015-first-increase-since-2011-1453400801>]

What about rapes? You will easily find statistics showing that the rate of rapes in the U.S. is much higher than in Mexico, but... have you ever thought that old prejudices and social conditioning might force many victims to keep silent in Mexico? Definitely, it might be enlightening to have a look at an article that was originally published in Mexico in 2013, when Donald Trump was not a presidential hopeful and his viewpoints had not made headlines, yet. Here is what it says: "rape and other risks of violence against women continue to be a serious issue in Mexico. According to a recent report by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), 47% of women in Mexico suffer from physical and/or sexual abuse during their lifetime."

[cf. <https://globalvoices.org/2013/11/26/machismo-and-old-prejudices-keep-mexican-rape-victims-silent/>]

Mr. Trump's remarks become even mild, meek and gentle when compared to the comments of well-known news networks. For instance, we can start with a CNN article, whose title is self-explaining: *The town where boys are 'groomed to become pimps'*. So, we learn that Mexico features "a town with a foundation built on exploitation. Powerful networks of traffickers operate out of the region, where boys are groomed to become pimps from a young age. Women and girls are forced to sell sex on the streets, in residential brothels, online, and in cantinas across the United States and Mexico. They and their families are threatened through violence, deception, and intimidation. These women and girls are trapped in modern slavery, enslaved by criminal networks that have perfected human trafficking and exploitation into a sophisticated science over decades." We are not talking about a few individuals, but about *an entire town*, Tenancingo, which is founded "on exploitation". The writer is the CEO of "an anti-human trafficking organization based in Washington, D.C." Just in case you have some doubts, he also talks about his personal experience: "It's safe to say that the sex trafficking cases we've handled involving survivors exploited through Tenancingo are some of the most heartbreaking and shocking cases we've learned about."

[cf. <http://edition.cnn.com/2015/12/01/opinions/sex-trafficking-tenancingo-polaris/>]

Interestingly enough, other networks around the world have shown an interest for Tenancingo. So, I found a remarkable article that was posted in the *Al-Jazeera* website. The headline appears to be much more offensive than any Trump speech: *Brothel state in Mexico is conduit for human trafficking in New York*. Indeed, it is not claimed that you might find “some” hotheads around Mexico, who are involved in nefarious activities. It is not suggested that a town is filled with people who force or encourage boys “to become pimps”. This time, it is candidly announced that *an entire Mexican state* has been scientifically and systematically turned into a “brothel”. Next, the article explains that “running prostitutes and exporting victims to Queens is a family-run cottage industry in central city of Tenancingo.” It is also revealed that “Tenancingo’s family-run prostitution goes back to the 1950s.” Next, going through the article, we find further details: “That town of 10,000 has a disturbing cottage industry — sex trafficking. The extended families of young and uneducated women, from sons to grandmothers, kidnap and smuggle them to Corona, a bustling immigrant neighborhood of taco trucks and restaurants. Outside bars along the main drag, Roosevelt Avenue, pimps hand out business cards to potential clients advertising *florists* or *kids’ birthday parties*. The men who take the cards are not seeking clowns or roses, and when they call the number a driver delivers girls.”

[cf. <http://america.aljazeera.com/multimedia/2015/6/sex-slavery-links-mexico-with-new-york-city.html>]

In view of these facts, it seems reasonable that an American presidential hopeful might be a bit worried about illegal immigrants from Mexico and claim that “some are rapists”. After all, the large majority of Mexicans (who are certainly honest, reliable people) should acknowledge that there is something wrong in their Country and that some U.S. citizens might be induced to fear that “some” illegal immigrants from Mexico could be “killers” or “rapists”. Therefore, it is not surprising that some U.S. citizens (whose Country is already filled with killers and rapists) want to be sure that they are not going to import new criminals—no matter where they come from. More importantly, the Mexicans should feel offended by people who claim that a Mexican town is founded “on exploitation” or a Mexican State is a “brothel”, instead of making fuss about Trump’s comments.

*Jihad Al-Kuffar* was published long before Donald Trump’s political campaign. Therefore, it is not inspired by recent events, but it often deals with the threat posed by uncontrolled flows of immigrants. For instance, in Chapter 5, we find the remarks of a radical militant who is talking about the naive policies of several European countries:

*“Many citizens are glad to welcome a new culture and take orders from the mujahideen. Feelings of solidarity are growing with unshaken confidence in do-goodism, no matter if criminals get mingled with illegal immigrants and no matter if scores of radical militants have clearly shown their intentions.*”

Many recent events in Europe clearly show that the above comments were based on reasonable assumptions. Similarly, it can be claimed that Trump’s comments are suggested (at the very least) by well-known facts, even though many people do not like politically incorrect candidates and do not want to see the truth.

## THE HEART OF THE SALAFI DOCTRINE IN BELGIUM (AND EUROPE)



March 25, 2016

Despite the title of this post, I am not going to focus on the terrorist attacks in Brussels. My first aim is to discuss some strange facts and underground activities that occurred long before those attacks. And the final goal is to stress that there was no reaction: the obvious presence of sleeper cells did not cause any concern in Brussels itself, Belgium and Europe. So, the conclusion of this post will be that the role recently played by Brussels-based radical militants cannot be surprising. Of course, when I talk of their role, I am also thinking of what happened in France a few months ago. Similarly, I do not forget the hordes of fanatics who moved from Belgium to Syria in order to fight *jihad*. However, as I will try to explain later, I am not inclined to put all the responsibility on Belgium and its authorities. I rather believe that the majority of the Western world should take the blame for the devastating, progressive, politically correct, do-good feelings that continue to tolerate, encourage and nourish fundamentalist extremism, undermining the security of the West.

Actually, there is no denying that the terrorist threat dates back (at the very least) to the Nineties, well before the Islamic State, as proved by several facts, also mentioned in *Jihad Al-Kuffar*, a book which was published in 2010 and gave emphasis to some events of the past that were supposed to cast light on a crude reality—but nobody cared. Or, if you prefer, just a small number of people took care of the problem, but they were too few to turn the course of history.

Let's have a quick look at Chapter 5 of *Jihad Al-Kuffar*, when a fighter talks to a fellow militant about his experience: "Judging from the comments of several people, I can tell you that some brothers in Belgium work really hard to give a strong impulse to our fight. They aim to develop a global culture of jihad and never miss a chance to interact with their fellow mujahideen, both in Europe and Northern Africa." According to the story, the dialogue occurred in Summer 2000 and was based on information that was easily available even in the web. Some statements in Chapter 5 were suggested by an article dated October 3, 2001, which gave the following details: "Media reports in Brussels say a man named Tarek Maaroufi, identified as a naturalized Belgian of Tunisian origin, was convicted in Belgium in the mid-1990s for his involvement in an Algerian terrorist group and later questioned in connection with the 1991 murder of Belgium's former deputy prime minister."

[cf. <http://www.publicintegrity.org/2001/10/03/3218/arrested-italian-cell-sheds-light-bin-ladens-european-network>, still available in March 2016]

According to the same article, "Maaroufi flew to Milan on September 15, 2000, and from the airport called a cell phone number used by Ben Kehmais, who arrived two minutes later to pick him up, the report said. Italian authorities tailed the two as they drove to Milan Cultural Islamic Institute, whose former director was Anwar Shaaban, an Egyptian who was investigated by Milan prosecutors before being killed in 1995 during the Bosnian war. The report called the institute a *substantial crossroad* for Egyptian terrorists."

Chapter 5 was also inspired by another article, dated May 26, 2003, which was generally concerned with "Bin Laden's Terror Networks in Europe" and also focused on Belgium. Here are some key comments: "Belgium faces the problem of an increasing number of illegals involved in organized crime and passport forging. Belgium is a very tolerant country where Islamic radicals enjoy much freedom of movement. Many have received Belgian citizenship, like Tarek Maaroufi whose extradition is sought by Italy where he has been linked to a terrorist cell in Milan. As Maaroufi, previously linked to a terrorist action by the Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA), has a Belgian passport, Belgium refuses to comply with the request. European Union countries are reluctant to extradite their own citizens. Maaroufi paid many visits to London. During a visit in 1994 he met the deputy chief of the European network of the Algerian Armed Islamic Group (GIA). Later, he frequently visited the mosque of Abu Qatada, a Muslim cleric in London suspected of playing a leading role in al-Qaeda"

[cf. <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/news/867403/posts>, still available in March 2016]

It is also instructive to browse through the *Deutsche Welle* website. Here, we find a sort of short report on "Brussels' Great Mosque and ties with Salafism". So, we can learn something about the origins of the Mosque: "The Great Mosque of Brussels is financed by the Muslim World League, which receives most of its money from the Saudi Arabian government. The story of the mosque began in 1967, when Belgium's state coffers were empty and the nation was looking for access to cheap oil. This motivated Belgium's King Baudoin to cut a deal with Saudi Arabia's King Faisal Ibn Abd al-Aziz al-Saud: in exchange for cheap oil, Baudoin gave the Saudis a 99-year lease on the former Oriental Pavilion from the 1880 National Exhibition in Brussels, situated in Cinquantenaire Park. At the same time, the Belgians allowed their Saudi friends to train Muslim Imams to preach to the growing numbers of African and

Maghrebi immigrants coming into the country. It gave the House of Saud carte blanche to spread the message of Salafism.”

[cf. <http://www.dw.com/en/brussels-great-mosque-and-ties-with-salafism/a-18866998>, still available in March 2016]

The interested reader can obviously go through the whole article. In this paragraph, we will only quote another short passage: “Last summer, WikiLeaks brought a dark chapter of the mosque’s history to light — one that strongly contradicted the official insistences of mosque leaders who claimed they were engaged in fostering peace and understanding among peoples. In April 2012, the Saudi Arabian ambassador was informed that the Belgian government had a problem with mosque director Khalid Alabri. ‘His sermons were Salafist, anti-Israel and anti-West. The guiding principle was the primacy of Salafism above all else,’ said a witness who spoke with the Belgian television station RTBF at the time. Alabri’s sermons were so extreme that they even crossed the Belgians’ generously drawn red line. Alabri was quietly removed from his post.”

The matter becomes more intriguing when we consider another recent article, which is dated November 23, 2015. It was written after the Paris attacks, but well before the Brussels events. The article might be motivated by political issues and its conclusions might be arguable, but it definitely talks about real, unbiased and verifiable facts. For instance, it is claimed that “600 Salafist preachers funded by Saudi Arabia put Belgium at center of terrorism in Europe today”. Clearly, this statement can be disputed, but it comes together with objective facts about Philippe Moureaux, a politician who was “the mayor of Molenbeek for 18 years until October 2012, the period during which radicals took root.” Indeed, it is worth noting that, “as a newly elected mayor in 1993, Moureaux said: ‘We are totally incapable of integrating a new wave of immigration.’ Critics say he changed his tune when he realized how many votes he could court from immigrants, and subsequently became a staunch supporter of voting rights and citizenship for new arrivals. The backflip was so pronounced that Molenbeek recorded the greatest population increase in Belgium — 30 percent over 15 years of Moureaux’s mayoralty. ‘For twenty years, a kind of omerta reigned,’ a senator from the opposing MR party, Alain Destexhe, wrote in *La Libre Belgique* this week. The result: the district turned into a ‘retreat base for jihadists,’ in the words of Georges Dallemagne, a center-right lawmaker in the Belgian parliament.”

[cf. <https://themuslimissue.wordpress.com/2015/11/23/belgian-mp-600-salafist-preachers-funded-by-saudi-arabia-helps-put-belgium-at-center-of-terrorism-in-europe-today/>, still available in March 2016]

Incidentally, Philippe Moureaux also introduced a new law against racism and xenophobia (*Loi contre le racisme et la xénophobie*) in 1981, when he was serving as Minister of Justice.

Next, the article discusses the agreement between Belgium and Saudi Arabia in 1969, when Brussels had its first mosque and Islamic Cultural Center (ICC): “The Belgian state formalized its relationship with the ICC, long regarded as the official voice of Muslims in Belgium, and encouraged the arrival of both more Muslim migrant workers and clerics. In contrast to most countries, Belgium’s preachers are mostly born or trained outside the country. The ICC encouraged clerics from the 1980s onwards to shift to fundamentalist Salafist teachings, including the placement of over 600 salafist teachers into schools.”

Another issue raised by the article is concerned with *Sharia4Belgium*, “a radical Salafist group which denounced democracy and called for Belgium to convert itself into an Islamist state. The group incited riots in Molenbeek in 2012, despite having a stronger presence in other districts, and worked to recruit and radicalize local youth. Its spokesman, Fouad Belkacem, was sentenced to 12 years in prison in early 2015.”

The above remarks, hopefully, give a good picture of the advanced, progressive, politically correct climate that reflects the exceptional moral standards upon which Belgium is built. Saudi Arabia is a country where freedom of religion does not exist, but is free to sponsor Salafi imams in a politically correct country like Belgium. A progressive politician like Philippe Moureaux claimed that the system was “totally incapable of integrating a new wave of immigration”, but Belgium was a morally advanced state. So, it continued to host and welcome new immigrants without any form of control. In the website of *The Telegraph*, we even learn that the current mayor of Molenbeek received a list of suspects well before the Paris attacks, but no action was taken: “Françoise Schepmans, mayor of Molenbeek, a Brussels district dubbed a ‘terrorists’ den’ due its links with jihadists, has admitted receiving a list with the names and addresses of more than 80 people suspected as Islamic militants living in her area. This included Abdelhamid Abaaoud, a Molenbeek resident who had left for Syria to fight for the Islamic State in early 2014 and was killed last week outside Paris, along with Brahim Abdeslam, who blew himself up on the boulevard Voltaire and his brother Salah Abdeslam — currently on the run.” The mayor candidly said: “What was I supposed to do about them? It is not my job to track possible terrorists.”

[cf. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/belgium/12015522/Manhunt-for-Salah-Abdeslam-as-Brussels-reopens-after-Paris-attacks-lockdown-Wednesday-live.html>, still available in March 2016]

Probably she was right: “the federal police”, not the Molenbeek mayor should take the blame. Nonetheless, when someone is not inclined to be morally advanced and politically correct, a spontaneous question might arise: why the hell is a government so keen on fighting racism and xenophobia, but does not care a dime about the safety of the people who do not live in Molenbeek or do not attend the Great Mosque or have never been members of the *Sharia4Belgium* group?

Of course, it is also fantastic to learn that there are Belgian lawyers who were ready to defend people like Fouad Belkacem (the man in charge of the *Sharia4Belgium* group) or Michel Lelievre (an accomplice of Belgian serial killer and paedophile Marc Dutroux) or Salah Abdeslam (the Paris attacks suspect) and it is really wonderful to learn that Mr. Abdeslam’s lawyer is fighting for the inalienable rights of poor terrorists. Indeed, he was quoted as saying: “If someone is described as public enemy number one, I want to fight that abuse of authority.”

[cf. <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-35866437>, still available in March 2016]

Frankly speaking, in the aftermath of the Brussels attacks, I wonder if it is socially useful to worry about the inalienable rights of people like Salah Abdeslam. Personally, I think it would have been socially better to arrest him, inform the press that all the suspects were on the run and deal with the prisoner in a place like Guantanamo (with no lawyers around), in the hope to find the names of his accomplices before terrorist attacks like the ones which took place in Brussels a few days ago.

If the final result had not been so tragic, the *Belgian affair* would look comical when we read about two terrorists who blew themselves up in Brussels: Ibrahim and Khalid el-Bakraoui. It can hardly be denied that Ibrahim el-Bakraoui was even arrested in Turkey, deported to the Netherlands and later released. As reported by the media, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan insists that the Turkish authorities gave a stern warning about a potential threat, but Belgium could not find any ties to terrorism and any reason to detain the suspect. Note that this guy had been arrested at the Syrian-Turkish border! Anyway, let’s assume that the Belgian authorities were right: in a progressive country like Belgium, there was no reason to jail a man who had been caught at the Syrian-Turkish border, had been living in a community that continued to provide foreign fighters to the Islamic State and was well-known for previous criminal activities. Yet, a country that really cares for the safety of its citizens and its visitors should find a reasonable, effective way to deal with gangsters. Indeed, Ibrahim el-Bakraoui should never have been arrested in Turkey and should never have been at Zaventem Airport with a bag of explosives. No doubt, he would never have been able to be in these places if the law had been enforced in a strict way. In fact (and this is the most amazing side of the story), as reported, e.g., in the *New York Times* website, “Ibrahim el-Bakraoui was sentenced in 2010 to nine years in prison for shooting at police officers after a robbery attempt at a currency exchange office. It was not clear when or why he was released, or how he ended up in Turkey.” In addition, “in 2011, Khalid el-Bakraoui was sentenced to five years in prison for attempted carjacking; when arrested, he was in possession of assault rifles. Interpol issued a warrant for him in August after he violated his parole.”

[cf. [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/24/world/europe/brussels-attack.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/24/world/europe/brussels-attack.html?_r=0), still available in March 2016]

Even though the consequences of the current moral standards have been terribly dramatic in Belgium, it would be silly to stigmatize the Belgian authorities for the Brussels attack (and, maybe, the Paris attacks that occurred last November). In a sense, Belgium is a victim of a widespread cancer. To put it straight, this Country is prey to incredible laws and even more incredible jurisdictional procedures, which are not peculiar to Belgium, but appear to be typical of the most advanced societies. For instance, there is an European country, which (apart from many more curious facts) provided a couple of excellent and enlightening examples of progressive justice:

▶ a girl and her boyfriend killed her mother and younger brother (with dozens of stabs); tried for murder, they were sentenced to 16 and 14 years in prison, but were released after ten and nine years; probably, they had a right to a new life, but what about the girl’s mother? What about the girl’s brother, who was murdered when he was eleven?

▶ a toddler, less than two year old, was kidnapped and killed by a man who had been sentenced to six years in prison for rape, six years before; the sequence of events is quite similar to the case of Ibrahim and Khalid el-Bakraoui: a man, who should never have been able to come in contact with his victim, succeeded in kidnapping and killing a toddler before his second birthday.

Apparently, a modern, advanced society must fight radical militants and dangerous criminals with peace marches and rallies against terrorism. No more: military actions and stricter laws are sheer madness. For instance, the pope is not happy enough with his fight against death sentence. Now, he wants to abolish life sentences. I assume he is another person who is concerned with the inalienable rights of so many poor criminals. In the meantime, however, he continues to prey for the victims of all crimes. In short, it seems reasonable to assume that the victims should be comforted by the hope of receiving the eternal reward, while the potential victims of future terrorist attacks should be happy to live with the certainty that someone will pray for them when they get killed.

Again in Chapter 5, Jihād Al-Kuffar talks about the alleged statements of a radical militant, who is interested in the interaction between operatives in Belgium and some leaders of terrorist groups in other parts of Europe. His words are based on the article (cited above) that deals with Tarek Maaroufi and Ben Kehmais. The subject is the *recruitment of fighters*: a problem that has been looming for years, or even decades, but seems to have no solution—especially in countries like Belgium.

*I think that in Southern Europe, too, some local leaders have frequent contacts with our Belgian staff. Just now, I've heard of a meeting at an Islamic institute in Italy, and the first item on the agenda should be the recruitment of fighters. There's serious business going on, and Belgium seems to be a good country to find the best professionals in the market.*

## LICENCE TO KILL

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There is an enormous difference between fiction and reality—especially in a progressive world that is becoming more and more progressive by the day. For instance, when we watch an action movie, we can expect that the good (maybe impersonated by secret agents with a licence to kill) crush the bad guys and eventually save the world in the name of justice, law and security. Of course, some poor utopians (including myself) continue to hope that it is still possible to create a new order that is based on justice, law and security. Alas, the Western world is too progressive to combine the ideals of justice (or law) and the concept of *security*.



I could give a lot of examples, but I will only mention a few recent events that occurred in Europe and the United States almost simultaneously.

I start with Norway, where a gentleman was found guilty of murdering 77 people in 2012 and was sentenced to 21 years in prison—which means about three months for each assassination. After all, it sounds reasonable. You know, Norway is a progressive country, very sensitive to the human rights of poor murderers and a 21-year sentence is the most draconian option allowed by the local law. However, this is not enough. A couple of weeks ago, an Oslo court found that the poor man had been held in solitary confinement, which was in breach of the progressive *European Convention of Human Rights*. As everyone is well aware, this document is strongly committed to defending murderers and criminals of any kind. For instance, it clearly states that “No one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment” [Article 3]. The conclusion is obvious: being progressive means making sure that a murderer is treated with kid gloves and is free to resume his job after serving a 21-year sentence.

By the way, don't forget that Norway is also the country where the *Nobel Prize for Peace* was awarded to statesmen like Yasser Arafat, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama.

Not far from Norway, in Sweden, the progressive *Green Party* (which shares power in a progressive coalition government) has a good number of socially advanced features:

- ▶ one of his members refused to shake hands with a female journalist (as well as Mohamed Atta, the September 11 ringleader, refused to shake hands with women)
- ▶ another member compared Israel to Nazi Germany
- ▶ a third one made hand signs associated with the *Muslim Brotherhood*
- ▶ the Housing Minister, who is also a *Green Party* member, had contacts with ultra-nationalists and islamists in Turkey, his native country

[cf. <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/04/sweden-green-party-infiltrated-islamists-160426130534157.html>]

Probably, this explains why the Swedish Government is so aggressive against Israel, as clearly shown by its Foreign Minister, who claimed that Israeli army and security forces might have carried out extrajudicial killings in the clashes with Palestinians. Some interesting remarks of the Foreign Minister were also reported in this blog last January [cf. *The Swedish-Palestinian alliance – Post* published on January 16, 2016]: “The response cannot be ... so that there are extrajudicial executions, or that it becomes disproportionate so the numbers of dead on the other side is greater than the original death toll by several factors.”

In view of the Norwegian policy in terms of human rights, I assume that the Swedish Foreign Minister (pressed by the *Green Party* and eager to stand on a progressive platform) would be happy if Israel did not kill any terrorist or would-be terrorist, but limited itself to merely giving a 3-month sentence to a radical militant ONLY IF he succeeds in assassinating a Jewish citizen.

In any case, the underlying message is that the terrorists should have a licence to kill, while the security forces should just watch and do nothing. And it is not surprising that this message comes from a country that is home to the *Nobel Foundation*.

Let's move from Northern Europe to Italy. A couple of years ago, in Naples, a 17-year-old boy was riding on a motorcycle with two other people. They failed to stop at a checkpoint and were chased. Eventually, that boy was killed by a *carabiniere*, who later claimed that he had fired his gun “by accident”. The excuse was of no avail: progressive justice took its course and the *carabiniere* was condemned to 52 months in prison last week.

Note that Naples is one of the most dangerous cities in the world and has one of the highest rates of killings, especially because of youngsters who keep shooting people in the hope to become the *godfathers* of the future. Apparently, the vast majority of citizens are fed up with them and complain with the local authorities who do nothing to stop those gangs of criminals, but... when it is high time to get tough, progressive justice comes into play. In a progressive country like Italy, it cannot happen that a policeman or a *carabiniere* has the right (AND THE DUTY) to shoot someone who fails to stop at a checkpoint. It cannot happen that a policeman or a *carabiniere* should rather explain why he did not shoot (if someone fled and vanished in thin air), instead of claiming that his gun went off accidentally (if someone got killed).

Again, professional criminals and mafia members and terrorists have a licence to kill; instead, the security forces are actually forced to do nothing. As a matter of fact, there was nothing to suggest that the 17-year-old boy and his friends were not dangerous criminals on the run. So, the moral of the story is clear. The security forces shall never shoot a suspect (if they want to avoid prison) and the criminals are encouraged to run away whenever they can, because no one is allowed to do them any harm, in the name of the human rights of the murderers, mafia members and terrorists.

Finally, let's have a look at the United States. As reported a few days ago by news outlets, *Immigration and Customs Enforcement* released nearly 20,000 aliens who had committed crimes in the US, had been convicted and, in part, had been behind some 200 murders.

[*cf., e.g.*, <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2016/04/29/ice-under-fire-for-releasing-thousands-illegal-immigrants-with-rape-sheets.html>]

Also in this case, the message is unequivocal. In a progressive country, the criminals must have a licence to kill—of course, in the name of their human rights.

I don't think there's much more to be said. I just want to finish with a short quotation from Jihad Al-Kuffar (Chapter 6). A radical fighter is talking about the "populist rhetoric" and the "tortuous theories" that are so common in the Western world:

*We've got to be thankful for this surge of populist rhetoric. Myriads of disbelievers are obsessed with social concerns, not to mention their efforts for the rehabilitation of criminals or their tortuous theories to justify our holy war.*

## DOES LONDON'S NEW MAYOR REALLY KNOW WHAT HE IS SELLING?



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By pure chance, I have just come across an article about London's new Mayor Sadiq Khan [<http://edition.cnn.com/2016/05/11/politics/uk-sadiq-khan-trump-amanpour/>]. Since it was posted in the website of a news network that is inclined to tease Donald Trump and has often proved to be politically correct and reasonably progressive, I assumed that the article talked about the Mayor's views in a fair, balanced and unbiased way. I liked the subject, too, since most of the comments were essentially centered on Donald Trump's controversial statement after the mass shooting in San Bernardino. At that time, as reported by the media, a campaign press release had said: "Donald J. Trump is calling for a total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on."

[cf. <http://edition.cnn.com/2015/12/07/politics/donald-trump-muslim-ban-immigration/>]

More recently, after Sadiq Khan's victory, Trump said that the new London Mayor would not be banned from entering the US. Probably, the presumptive Republican nominee assumed that there was a difference between a Sadiq Khan and any unknown visitor from countries like Syria or Libya or Afghanistan—at the very least until the US authorities "figure out what is going on". However, Mayor Sadiq Khan did not like the remark. His sentiments are clearly conveyed in the article I have just read: "I'm not exceptional. So for Donald Trump to say, 'Oh, but Mayor Khan can be allowed, but not the rest,' is ridiculous."

Of course, I fully respect the opinion of Mayor Sadiq Khan, but I have a feeling that he might not fully understand the implications of his words—and I will try to explain my viewpoint starting from a completely different context, since the arguments I am going to use are quite general and not necessarily related to the "shutdown of Muslims entering the United States".

I will briefly address an issue concerned with Christianity, rather than Islam. Everyone is aware that Pope Francis and other recent popes (most notably, John Paul II) have claimed that no war should be fought in the name of God. No doubt, we can agree that both Francis and John Paul II are leading figures in the history of the Roman Catholic Church. Therefore, we might come to the conclusion that being Catholic means refraining from waging a war in the name of God. As far as I can say, this conclusion may be correct. However, it is not obvious at all. Just think of Urban II (the pope who became famous for the First Crusade and the slogan *God wills it*) or Julius II (the *Warrior Pope*) or Pius V (the pope of the *Holy League* and the *Battle of Lepanto* against the Ottoman Empire). Were they not Catholic?

What I mean is that it is very difficult to define an objective criterion to determine the individuals who belong or can belong to a certain set of people. More importantly, I have no doubt that Urban II, Julius II and Pius V were sure to be excellent Catholics, as well as Francis and John Paul II have always tried to give the best of themselves as leaders of the Catholic Church—and yet they would have never tried to follow in the footsteps of certain predecessors. In addition, Urban II, Julius II and Pius V were highly respected by their followers (who certainly assumed to be Catholic), as well as the followers of John Paul II and Francis assume/assumed to be Catholic and highly respect/respected their popes. Frankly speaking, when I think back to the past, I am inclined to believe that even the murderers who took part in the massacres of Jerusalem and Constantinople at the end of the first and fourth crusade were absolutely sure to be good Catholics.

That said, let's go back to Sadiq Khan. I understand that he puts himself and "the rest" (*i.e.*, every *Muslim*) at the same level. I feel it is nice of him, but I assume he does not want to be confused with people like the terrorists who attacked New York or London or Paris or Brussels. It is well known that these terrorists claimed to be Muslim. However, I expect that Mr. Khan considers them *non-Muslims* or *fake Muslims*, *i.e.* people who have nothing to do with *THE REST*. So, I wonder if the new London Mayor has a special, objective procedure to distinguish *Muslims* from *non-Muslims* or *fake Muslims*. Next, I wonder if he has ever read the Koran and ever heard of some people who *certainly* did read the Koran—and probably did their best (*in their opinion*) in order to follow the teachings of Prophet Muhammad.

If Mayor Khan read the Koran at least once and also happened to hear about a daily newspaper (*Al-Quds Al-Arabi*) that has been published in London since 1989, I am particularly puzzled by his words: "For Donald Trump to say, 'Oh, but Mayor Khan can be allowed, but not the rest,' is ridiculous." To put it straight, I cannot find an answer to a couple of questions:

- ▶ Does he really think that Mayor Khan is like *THE REST (ALL THE REST)*?
- ▶ Does he really know what he is talking about when he speaks about *THE REST*?

If you prefer, I can raise slightly different questions. Does he really know how to distinguish a Muslim believer from a *fake Muslim*? Is he really convinced that a US immigration officer can easily sort out (*fake Muslim*) terrorists when hundreds of visitors go through customs with Syrian or Libyan or Afghan passports? I understand that the solution proposed by Donald Trump can be neither good nor politically correct. However, it might be wise for a good US president to think about a kind of “shutdown” until the Department of Homeland Security can “figure out what is going on”. In addition, given the fact that a “complete shutdown” is practically impossible, Donald Trump himself probably thinks about *reinforced security* rather than *complete shutdown*—and even under a Trump administration, it might be reasonable to make some exceptions, not because a person like Mayor Khan is “exceptional”, but because there are good reasons to trust him more than any unknown visitor with a Syrian or Libyan or Afghan passport.

As I said before, I wonder if Mayor Khan has ever read the Koran—for instance, Verse 5 of Surah Al-Tawbah: *But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the Pagans wherever ye find them, and seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war); but if they repent, and establish regular prayers and practise regular charity, then open the way for them: for Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful.*

I am sure that Mayor Khan would claim that *fake Muslims* (ONLY *fake Muslims*) could give a literal interpretation to this verse, but I doubt that Osama Bin Laden would have ever thought to be a *fake Muslim*—Osama Bin Laden, the fanatic who had his 1998 *fatwa* published in *Al-Quds Al-Arabi*. By the way, the first words of this religious edict were also quoted at the very beginning of *Jihad Al-Kuffar*: *Praise be to Allah, who revealed the Book, controls the clouds, defeats factionalism, and says in His Book, “But when the forbidden months are past, then fight and slay the pagans wherever ye find them, seize them, beleaguer them, and lie in wait for them in every stratagem (of war)”;* and peace be upon our Prophet Muhammad, who said, “I have been sent with the sword between my hands to ensure that no one but Allah is worshipped; Allah, who put my livelihood under the shadow of my spear and who inflicts humiliation and scorn on those who disobey my orders.”

If we go on reading, Bin Laden’s text becomes—how can I say?... Well, let’s say it becomes more practical: *On that basis, and in compliance with Allah’s order, we issue the following fatwa to all Muslims: The ruling to kill the Americans and their allies — civilians and military — is an individual duty for every Muslim who can do it in any country in which it is possible to do it, in order to liberate the al-Aqsa Mosque and the holy mosque [Mecca] from their grip, and in order for their armies to move out of all the lands of Islam, defeated and unable to threaten any Muslim. This is in accordance with the words of Almighty Allah, “and fight the pagans all together as they fight you all together,” and “fight them until there is no more tumult or oppression, and there prevail justice and faith in Allah.”*

When the Trump campaign’s press release about the possible “shutdown of Muslims entering the United States” comes into play, what is the rationale that makes Mayor Khan believe that *THE REST* cannot include people like Ayman al-Zawahiri, who is another enlightened author of this *fatwa*? Does he know that al-Zawahiri admits to be a *fake Muslim*? Does he know that al-Zawahiri’s followers admit to be *fake Muslims*?

Similarly, I doubt that the thousands of Pakistanis who are used to paying tribute to Osama Bin Laden would agree that they are *fake Muslims*. Obviously, it can be argued that some thousands of Pakistanis are few compared to the vast majority of the population. However, there is no denying that Pakistan is a country that needs to be treated with caution. Just think of Shakil Afridi, the doctor who was involved in the Bin Laden raid. He is still held in a Pakistani jail. Should we believe that his detention has nothing to do with the US raid in Abbottabad? Alternatively, what about the prosecutors and judges involved in the affair? If they wanted to punish Shakil Afridi in order to avenge Bin Laden’s death, are all of them *fake Muslims*?

I think it would also be a good idea if Mayor Khan found some time to have a quick look at the *Hadiths*. He might start with *Hadith 176* (Book 52, Sahid Bukhari Volume 4): *Narrated by ‘Abdullah bin ‘Umar: Allah’s Apostle said, “You (i.e. Muslims) will fight with the Jews till some of them will hide behind stones. The stones will (betray them) saying, «O ‘Abdullah (i.e. slave of Allah)! There is a Jew hiding behind me; so kill him.»”*

Alternatively, he might read *Hadith 6985* (Sahid Muslim Book 41): *Abu Huraira reported Allah’s Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: The last hour would not come unless the Muslims will fight against the Jews and the Muslims would kill them until the Jews would hide themselves behind a stone or a tree and a stone or a tree would say: Muslim, or the servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me; come and kill him; but the tree Gharqad would not say, for it is the tree of the Jews.*

After that, I suggest a reading from the *Hamas Covenant* (Article 7): *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!*

Does Mayor Sadiq Khan really believe that the Hamas leaders and militants are not part of *THE REST*? Does he really think that they are *fake Muslims*? Does he really assume that they consider themselves *fake Muslims*? If this is what he feels, I have no objections, in principle. However, I am afraid that it is very hard to convince those leaders, those militants and their supporters that they are *fake Muslims* and have nothing to do with *THE REST*.

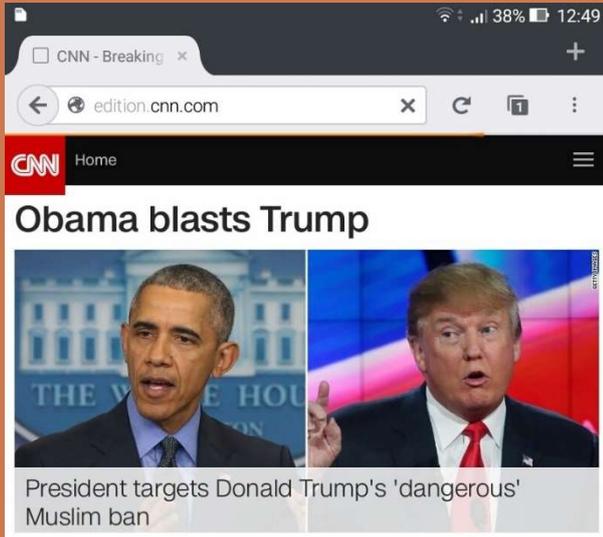
Finally, I would like to mention the end of the eighth Chapter of *Jihad Al-Kuffar*: a radical militant has just been informed that he was chosen for a suicide mission and is beyond himself with happiness. Most of his words are copied from an instructive website [[http://www.muslimtents.com/aminahsworld/The\\_virtues\\_of\\_martyrdom.html](http://www.muslimtents.com/aminahsworld/The_virtues_of_martyrdom.html)] and I think that they are particularly interesting:

*Allah willing, our ulema have launched me into the most sensational adventure of my life, and I have the moral duty to get the best out of myself. I cannot fail, for the accomplishment of this mission will be a terrific honor for me and my family. A great future is ahead, Insha Allah, for a martyr is rewarded with six extraordinary bounties: he will be forgiven with the first drop of his blood that is spilt; he will see his place in Paradise (at the time of death); he will be saved from the "Great Horror" (on the Day of Judgment); a Crown of Dignity will be placed on his head, which contains many corundums, each one being more precious than this life and all that it contains; he will have seventy-two women in Paradise; and he will be allowed to intercede for seventy of his family members (who would have otherwise gone to hell).*

Mayor Khan, too, might be interested in these words. Above all, he might try to convince a lot of radical militants that they are *fake Muslims*. Unfortunately, I tend to believe that it is nearly impossible to convince some brainwashed people, starting with the brothers in arm, fellow-fighters, mentors and disciples of Mohammad Sidique Khan, one of the men involved in the London bombing in 2007. Definitely, I think they refuse to be dubbed *fake Muslims*, unless Mayor Khan succeeds in proving beyond any reasonable doubt that Mohammad Sidique Khan has never seen his place in Paradise, will not be saved from the Great Horror, was not given any Crown of Dignity and must forget about the seventy-two women in Paradise. However, if Mayor Khan is unable to do that and the heirs of Mohammad Sidique Khan continue to proliferate, it is probably better to reinforce security in the United Kingdom and plan a kind of "shutdown of Muslims entering the United" Kingdom—independently from the fact that, in Sadiq Khan's opinion, Mohammad Sidique Khan did belong or did not belong to *THE REST*.

## “OBAMA BLASTS TRUMP”

June 15, 2016



Today, when I had a look at the Cnn website with my tablet, I found out that President Obama had made some comments about “Donald Trump’s ‘dangerous’ Muslim ban”. Together with presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, the US President also refused to use three magic words: *radical Islamic terrorism*. The President’s remarks appear to be in line with his progressive, politically-correct agenda. After all, how could he dare to impose (or even conceive) a *collective punishment*? *Collective punishment* can only be implemented by people like his old foe, Benjamin Netanyahu, who does not allow poor Palestinians to enter Israel just because a small bunch

of poor Palestinians have carried out terror attacks—and U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein was quick to point out that the Israeli freeze on Palestinian permits “may amount to prohibited collective punishment and will only increase the sense of injustice and frustration felt by Palestinians.”

So, why should President Obama do something that might “increase the sense of injustice and frustration” felt by so many would-be terrorists who are eager to enter the US? It is far better to avoid any reference to *radical Islamic terrorism*, forget that an incredible amount of terror attacks were carried out by Muslim and/or self-proclaimed Muslim militants and quietly increase the number of Muslim and/or self-proclaimed Muslim visitors.

Meanwhile, we have also listened to a progressive stalwart like Elizabeth Warren, who attacked Donald Trump for his *populist rhetoric* and claimed that the presumptive Republican nominee is *uncaring, dishonest, insecure—a money-grubber who doesn’t care who gets hurt* [cf. <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/05/25/politics/elizabeth-warren-slams-donald-trump/>]. In view of Elizabeth Warren’s comments, it would be nice to know if she really thinks that the *open-minded policy* of the progressive world is based on sound reasoning or is rather due to the fact that too many people (politicians and common citizens) pretend to ignore the truth.

Let me go back to the *magic words* I mentioned above (*radical Islamic terrorism*) and let me remind you of some recent and relatively recent events, in which Muslim or self-proclaimed Muslim terrorists were involved [cf. *Wikipedia Website*]:

- Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia in 1996 (20 deaths)
- Luxor massacre in Egypt in 1997 (62 deaths)
- Coimbatore bombings in India in 1998 (58 deaths)
- US embassy bombings in Tanzania and Kenya in 1998 (224 deaths)
- September 11 attacks in the US in 2001 (2996 deaths)
- Passover massacre in Israel in 2002 (31 deaths)
- Kaluchak massacre in India in 2002 (31 deaths)
- Bali bombings in Indonesia in 2002 (202 deaths)
- Znamenskoye suicide bombing in Russia in 2003 (59 deaths)
- Casablanca suicide bombings in Morocco in 2003 (45 deaths)
- Istanbul bombings in Turkey in 2003 (57 deaths)
- SuperFerry 14 bombing in the Philippines in 2004 (116 deaths)
- Madrid train bombing in Spain in 2004 (191 deaths)
- Sinai bombings in Egypt in 2004 (34 deaths)
- London bombings in England in 2005 (53 deaths)
- Sharm el-Sheikh bombing in 2005 (at least 64 deaths)
- Delhi bombings in India in 2005 (over 60 deaths)
- Amman bombings in Jordan in 2005 (over 60 deaths)
- Mumbai train bombings in India in 2006 (209 deaths)
- Jaipur bombings in India in 2007 (80 deaths)
- Islamabad Marriott Hotel bombing in Pakistan in 2008 (at least 54 deaths)
- Mumbai attacks in India in 2008 (at least 166 deaths)
- Moscow Metro bombing in 2010 (40 deaths)
- Kampala attacks in Uganda in 2010 (74 deaths)
- Mogadishu bombing in Somalia in 2011 (100 deaths)
- Sana’a bombing in Yemen in 2012 (at least 101 deaths)

Borno massacre in Nigeria in 2014 (at least 200 deaths)  
Kano bombing in Nigeria in 2014 (about 120 death)  
Ankara bombings in Turkey in 2015 (102 deaths)  
Paris attacks in France in 2015 (137 deaths)  
San Bernardino attack in the US in 2015 (14 deaths)  
Brussels bombings in Belgium in 2016 (35 deaths)  
Orlando massacre in the US in 2016 (50 deaths)

Of course, this is just a short list of terror attacks carried out by Muslim/would-be Muslim/Islamist militants. Intentionally, I did not mention any attack in countries like Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq or Libya—and, in spite of so many murderers who killed so many people, political pundits like Elizabeth Warren claim that Donald Trump “doesn’t care who gets hurt”! Frankly speaking, I can hardly believe that politicians like Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton or Elizabeth Warren (who prefer to be politically-correct and avoid the *magic words* “radical Islamic terrorism”) seriously care an awful lot who gets hurt!

I am rather inclined to think that the people who really care are the British voters who prefer to exit the European Union because of its immigration policy or the European leaders who desperately try to oppose the EU naive policy or the Swiss citizens who never wanted to get involved in the EU progressive policy. Meanwhile, the Greeks and the Italians are probably the only ones who have good reasons to wish a long life to the European Union: should it collapse, their countries would be forced to deal with hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants and sustain all the costs without getting any contribution from the former member states!

Therefore, I am also inclined to think that people like Donald Trump actually “care who gets hurt”. For instance, they don’t pretend that a security problem doesn’t exist or cannot be solved by focusing on a specific group of fanatic criminals. In my opinion, politicians like Donald Trump give a positive contribution, even when the countermeasures they suggest can hardly be implemented (e.g., a *great wall* on the southern US border or a *complete ban* on Muslims). In other words, I am convinced that a debate about an impossible (and perhaps unfair or counterproductive) ban draws attention to a critical issue and might eventually lead to a practical approach. In the end, with a bit of luck, we could even witness the active participation and the general approval of many citizens, who might be finally induced to think that a security problem does exist and needs to be addressed.

Sooner or later, it might also happen that a vast majority of people agree that extraordinary measures are needed for extraordinary challenges—and the Muslim citizens might be the first to agree, in the hope that it is possible to get rid of the fanatics who continue to bring discredit on their communities. I am sure that life would be much harder for terrorists if it were possible to start with the systematic surveillance of suspect places of worship and/or cultural centers. The next step should be the immediate search of the homes of suspicious crackpots, of their relatives and (why not?) of their acquaintances. Of course, this prevention work could also be done by involving all citizens (without any distinction of race, language and religion) asking them to report any suspect activity. Once again, Muslims could be the first to cooperate, especially if they happen to listen to someone who openly supports terrorist organizations.

Needless to say, all of this should come together with a zero tolerance policy. Definitely, freedom of thought and freedom of expression should not be invoked to ignore the (potential!!!!) threat posed by a man who “has well-known anti-American views and is an ideological supporter of the Afghan Taliban”. Unfortunately, this is exactly what happened in the case of the Orlando gunman’s father, who (by the way) was not an ordinary US resident, but an immigrant from Afghanistan.

[cf. <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/orlando-shooting-omar-mateen-father-seddique-mateen-taliban-god-punish-gays/>]

My remarks simply reflect some concepts that are often discussed in *Jihad Al-Kuffar*. For instance, in Chapter 6 we find a *radical* militant who is talking about the progressive policy of the Western countries. His words focus especially on Europe:

*The Western world will go its way. So, one day, it will crack under the unbearable pressure of enormous masses in continuous growth because the misbelievers reject self-defense in the name of pacifism and utopian ideals. Allah willing, they have no chance to survive; aid funds will be unable to appease millions of people, who only aim to fight. When the progressive dreamers of the Western world wake up, it will be too late. The most naive societies will be left at the mercy of the mujahideen, well determined to die for their beliefs. Yesterday, it happened in Chechnya, Kosovo, and Lebanon—today, we want it to happen in Israel by enforcing the return of four million refugees, armed to the teeth and eager to set new rules; tomorrow, it will happen in Europe, where our immigrants are taking over the reins of power.*

## HISTORY IS A TEACHER OF LIFE

July 19, 2016

The military coup attempt in Turkey was a complete failure. Apparently, the insurgents knew that the first thing to be done was to arrest Erdogan in his hotel in Marmaris, but he had already gone away when some soldiers showed up. As suggested by the cartoon on the right, they might have been delayed by traffic or other unexpected problems...



Here, however, I do not intend to discuss the details of the coup or its motivation or the causes of its failure.

I would simply like to draw the attention to Erdogan's reaction and point out that the use of force is needed when there are values to be promoted and preserved.

So, let's take the case of Erdogan. What are/have been his key values? I would mention

- ▶ the establishment of a solid dictatorship or *absolute sultanate*
- ▶ the commencement of a new era of *Islamic rule*
- ▶ the close alliance with the *Muslim Brotherhood*
- ▶ the systematic destruction of Kemal Ataturk's work, in order to take Turkey back to medieval times

Clearly, the failed coup was an attempt to overturn Erdogan's rules and thwart his plans. Of course, it was a non-democratic attempt, somehow violent, but also seemed to be the only available solution in a country where freedom of thought and expression has been outlawed for a long time.

Now, thousands of academics, teachers and officers from the Ministry of Interior have been removed, thousands of plotters or alleged plotters have been detained (including generals and admirals) and death penalty might be imposed. Frankly speaking, I think that everything is logical. If a dictatorship and its fundamental values must be defended, Erdogan (who had already imposed severe restrictions) must absolutely follow in the footsteps of notable predecessors like Hitler, Stalin, Mao Zedong, Castro, Pol Pot, Saddam Hussein, Khomeini, Mullah Omar.

As usual, instead, the real problem is the weakness of the so-called democratic societies and civilized (*advanced*) nations, which stubbornly refuse to take a lesson from history. Their fundamental values should be

- ▶ democracy itself
- ▶ freedom of expression
- ▶ rejection of violence as a means of achieving a goal (e.g., control of the government)

In order to defend core values, every effort should be made, starting with a war against the enemies of these values. For instance, it might be wise to shadow suspects, search their homes, shoot people who try to force their way through a roadblock or elude control, and, obviously, apply death penalty in the most critical cases, such as the attacks in Paris, Brussels and Nice.

Unfortunately, nothing of this kind has ever happened. Neither will ever happen (probably). Poor terrorists must be granted freedom of action. When arrested, they must be released as soon as possible, so that they can resume their business. When a migrant from Ghana went on the rampage with a pickaxe in Italy three years ago, killing three people, there was no way of getting rid of him, but a forensic doctor was even allowed to claim that the murderer was mentally unfit for prison and should have been moved to a psychiatric hospital. As if it were not enough, another European country (Germany) was glad to welcome migrants and let them roam around on their own, until an Afghan refugee (or so-called refugee) attacked some train passengers with an ax and knife (although I must admit that, on this occasion, he was eventually shot dead). When a truck driver in Nice claimed that he had to deliver ice cream, the policemen kept quiet instead of sending him back or arresting him (if he had refused to go away) or shooting him (if he had displayed symptoms of strange behavior).

Incidentally, in this context of questionable strategies, it is also worth noting that the policy of the European Union is quite contradictory. In fact, some of its *top brass* are very attentive for the migrants and their lives, but do not care a damn about the Kurds and a possible genocide—and it's not enough: many European bureaucrats tend to lambaste Egypt's leadership all the time, but there are still negotiations about Turkey's entry into the EU!

However, contradictory policies are far from being limited to Europe. For instance, the Obama Administration struck a nuclear deal with Iran while the Americans were making every possible effort to topple Assad, who was supported by the ayatollahs and their Hezbollah friends—and, again, it's not enough! Apparently, when the 2013 corruption scandal in Turkey became public (despite international sanctions against the Tehran regime, the Turks had found a way to give gold to the Iranians in exchange for gas and oil), the US allowed the business to continue for a few months in order to keep Iran quiet (while the nuclear deal was being discussed) and please Turkey (a key ally in the fight against Assad).

The extremely tolerant attitude of the Western society toward terrorists and criminals is widely discussed in *Jihad Al-Kuffar*. For instance, in Chapter 12 a radical militant talks about the remarks of a fellow fighter, whose name is Shakir. According to the story, Shakir made his comments in 2001 and praised the open-minded Western citizens, who continued to act as excellent friends and allies of terrorist organizations:

*Shakir had a clear vision of the most significant steps taken by our Western friends, who put their talents at the service of an incredible tomorrow, dominated by new rules and new conquerors. In practice, we are blessed with a constant decay of the infidels' society and a gradual demolition of their war machine. In the past, a similar process eventually knocked down the Roman Empire, throwing open the doors to the civilization of the Vandals and the Huns. History seems to repeat itself. As more and more Western people tend to relax and hate self-defense, we can look forward to the fresh start of a modern society, founded upon alternative ideas. From Sudan to Iraq, from Somalia to Iran, brave leaders are already preparing to take the responsibility of steering the Earth to a better destiny, along a scale of values never known before.*

## THE CHICAGO CASE AND THE GOLDWATER RULE

August 8, 2016

A few days ago, the politically-correct establishment and the anti-American world (which consists of socially advanced countries like Iran, North Korea and Syria) was *shocked, disturbed, astounded, stunned, appalled* when Chicago Police released a video about the shooting of an *unarmed teen*. As reported by the media, this young man was suspected of stealing a car, had been racing down a road until his (probably stolen) car crashed, had run away down a driveway, had jumped over wooden fences and eventually lost his life, fatally shot by the police.

Nice, July 14, 2016



Chicago Police had no doubt: that shooting had “violated protocol”. In consequence, “three officers have been relieved of their police powers”. Rules are rules. For instance, “police cannot legally shoot fleeing suspects unless they pose a threat to an officer’s life or unless the officer has a good-faith belief the suspect poses a substantial danger to the public.” And it is not enough: “department policy prohibits firing into a moving vehicle when the vehicle is the only force used against the sworn member or another person.”

[cf. <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/08/05/us/chicago-police-shooting-video-release/>]

The first thing that came across my mind was a dialogue by Plato: *Crito*. Here, Socrates essentially states that a citizen must abide by the laws and, if he feels that the laws are not good enough, he should try to change them. However, when certain laws are in force, a good citizen should never go against the laws. Therefore, it sounds fair and reasonable to punish officers who “violated protocol”, in accordance not only with Socrates but with the basic principles of democracy as well.

That said, it would be wise to have a careful look at a good number of laws and rules. With some luck, more and more (politically incorrect) people might humbly put emphasis on the *terrorist* who killed almost one hundred people in Nice, France. Indeed, at the very beginning, this *terrorist* (or should I call him *gentleman*?) did not fire any gun: he was simply driving “a moving vehicle”, which was “the only force used against” any “sworn member or another person”—and until he opened fire, there was no certainty that he had a gun.

I fully understand that I am not politically correct and I am perfectly aware that my views have nothing to do with the socially advanced ideals of the progressive world, but I firmly believe that the Western countries would be much safer IF THE POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES

- were asked to stop any fugitive, at all costs
- were allowed to assume that any fugitive could be armed
- were not held responsible for the death of any fugitive (no matter whether he was armed or unarmed)

Of course, I do not mean that all “fleeing suspects” are terrorists or dangerous criminals, but I am firmly convinced that the human rights of “fleeing suspects” should never turn into a potential threat for an entire community.

My logic goes against the mainstream, but is straightforward: right now, since a suspect is allowed/encouraged to flee the police, the law (in actual fact) is aimed at defending and protecting terrorists, murderers and criminals of any kind. Perhaps more importantly, only lawmakers who assume they will never have to chase criminals can conceive a rule that does not allow an officer to shoot “fleeing suspects”, but wants the police to wait for the suspects to pull out their guns and open fire. In other words, the criminals legally have a “licence to kill”, while their potential victims have the duty to be killed (by law).

Similarly, it would be wise to take proper measures and beware of people who come from certain countries and/or attend certain religious centers and/or are inclined to praise certain individuals (*i.e.*, the truck driver who was responsible of the Nice massacre).

It is crystal clear that these statements are likely to induce sage gurus and political pundits to conclude that I am *mentally ill*. Well, I do not care. After all, it even happened to Barry Goldwater and, more recently, Donald Trump. In actual fact, Congresswoman Karen Bass has just urged the Republican Party to take action against its nominee:

Bass claimed there is a “*patriotic duty to raise the question of [Trump’s] mental stability to be the commander in chief and leader of the free world.*”

“*Mr Trump appears to exhibit all the symptoms of the mental disorder Narcissistic Personality Disorder*

(NPD),” she stated. “Mental health professionals need to come forward and urge the Republican party to insist that their nominee has an evaluation to determine his mental fitness for the job.”

[cf. <https://www.rt.com/usa/355006-diagnose-trump-mental-ill/>]

The RT website also explains that the American Psychiatric Association (APA) does not allow its members to give their opinions about possible mental problems of public figures in view of the so-called *Goldwater Rule*, which was introduced after the presidential campaign in 1964.

I must confess that, personally, I would ignore all comments about any alleged *mental illness*, if these comments were made just because some people do not share my opinions—and I think I would have very good reasons:

▶ *mental disease* used to be a common diagnosis in the former Soviet Union, where the luckiest political enemies were spared their lives and sent to a psychiatric hospital

▶ Lyndon Johnson was the famed politician who became president instead of Barry Goldwater and was the US commander-in-chief during a war (inherited from John Kennedy) which was conducted in the worst possible way

▶ since the US is becoming more and more progressive, more and more socially advanced, more and more inclined to downplay the terrorist threat, it is possible that the people who call for the help of psychiatrists succeed in defeating Donald Trump; therefore, I couldn't care less for the opinion of faultfinders who might even make me long (alas!) for the times when Jimmy Carter was the “commander in chief”—by the way, do you remember what happened in the American Embassy in Tehran in 1979? Can't you see similarities with the case of the US Mission in Benghazi? And while we are here, can't you see similarities between Khomeini in the Islamic Republic of Iran at the time of President Carter and al-Baghdadi in the self-proclaimed Islamic State at the time of President Obama?

As I mention Jimmy Carter, I cannot but think back to some pages of Jihad Al-Kuffar—for instance, there is a passage (Chapter 7) which I particularly like. The scene takes place in Afghanistan in 2001 and a radical militant is talking to a fellow fighter:

*Isn't it true that we already received a fabulous gift when the Great Satan was ridiculed, overwhelmed by the invincible devotion of our militias? We'll never forget that the powerful hand of Allah has already taken the Americans by the throat. The Yankees were devoured by the sands of Iran when they tried to free a pack of prisoners held by the ayatollahs. At that time, America was a humble country, weak and harmless, under the guidance of Carter, a president of peace and diplomacy. It was a thrilling period of high expectations. The Great Satan seemed almost ready to sacrifice himself like the Aztecs and the Incas, real precursors of pacifists and conscientious objectors, when they submitted to Cortes and Pizarro without fighting, when they decided to give up their culture, their traditions, and their wealth forever, in the name of a peace that many of them could never experience.*

## THE SILENT MAJORITY

November 11, 2016



President Barack Hussein Obama made all possible efforts to keep Donald John Trump out of the White House, but he miserably failed. Top political figures like Willard Mitt Romney and Elizabeth Ann Warren tried as hard as they could to whip up their millions of fans in a desperate attempt to put an end to their worst nightmare once and for all, but they miserably failed—even in Utah (despite Romney’s great influence on the Beehive State) and Oklahoma (the State that gave birth to Elizabeth Warren and, maybe, was glad to see her moving to Massachusetts).

The politically correct media (*i.e.*, the almost totality of the media, from *CNN* to *The Washington Post*, from *The New York Times* to *The Huffington Post*) deployed the most experienced political pundits and most successful opinion makers to support Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton, but they miserably failed. The richest billionaires poured millions of dollars into Clinton’s campaign in order to defeat Trump, but they miserably failed.

Senator Bernard “Bernie” Sanders spent an awful lot of energy to stop *the Donald* and even claimed (Raleigh, NC, November 3, 2016) that it was his “very great honor and privilege to introduce” a jubilant crowd to the next president of the United States, but he miserably failed to pick the right candidate. Hollywood icons like Mary Louise “Meryl” Streep and Robert Anthony De Niro did not hesitate to take a stand against the hated Donald in the hope to boost the Democratic nominee, but they miserably failed.

Superstars like Bruce Frederick Joseph Springsteen and Madonna Louise Ciccone shouted their anger and resentment against Donald John Trump in front of cheering masses of progressive activists, but they miserably failed.

Alas, in some thirty states there was a silent majority that was not ready to be lured by Clinton’s vision of the future.

No doubt, hundreds of pages could be written to explain how it happened—and it’s pretty awkward that the website of a major Clinton supporter has listed only “24 theories” about the shocking result that gave Donald Trump “a convincing electoral victory over Hillary Clinton”.

[*cf.* <http://edition.cnn.com/2016/11/10/politics/why-donald-trump-won/index.html>]

Personally, I prefer to focus on a single, simple theory that rejects the assumptions of the politically-correct mainstream and takes into account the dreams, hardships, fears and needs of the common people—first of all, the people (including Hispanics, African-Americans and even Muslims) who might feel the threat of a bomb on a metro train or might be afraid to lose their jobs (and their limited privileges), if more resources are needed to take care of illegal immigrants. Incidentally, it is quite clear that this is not a problem (and never will be a problem) for VIPs like Barack Obama, Mitt Romney, Elizabeth Warren, well-paid political pundits and opinion makers, anti-Trump billionaires, Bernie Sanders, Meryl Streep, Robert De Niro, Bruce Springsteen, Madonna. Surely, these prominent personalities have nothing to lose if the US is invaded by immigrants. In actual fact, they might even be able to earn more money, if they attract the attention and sympathy of foreign people by means of progressive slogans.

This critical issue was not ignored in *Jihad Al-Kuffar*. For instance, we find the following words in Chapter 9, when some people start talking about the problems caused by the uncontrolled immigration into a European country:

*Progressive guidelines and hypnotic propaganda never come from the neediest people. Key decisions are taken by well-off leaders, who have no problem with lodging, food, and emergency treatment. If something goes wrong, even in the case of a banal cold, they always enjoy prompt medical care. Clinics are immediately available with first-class physicians, nurses, secretaries, private suites, TV sets, telephone lines, fax, and e-mail. When times get hard, top bureaucrats never lack privileges fully unknown to common citizens.*

Note that, according to the story, these remarks were made by a radical militant, who was glad to see that the doors of Europe (or, at least, the doors of some European countries) were wide open to illegal immigrants.

## “HORROR” IN BERLIN AND “MORE PERNICIOUS” COLLATERAL DAMAGE

December 22, 2016

After the deplorable result of the Presidential Election, after the unfortunate *Recount Debacle* and after the horrific choice of the Electoral College, the most progressive media and most socially advanced journalists have been forced to go back to the old rhetoric about the noble motivations of the immigrants, their peaceful intentions and the cruelty of the politically incorrect Western people, who would prefer stricter controls on illegal migration flows, criminal organizations and institutions that tend to encourage radical movements.

A good example is given by a recent article related to the terrorist attack in Berlin, where it is stated that “beyond the immediate panic and horror, there also appears to be a potentially more pernicious reward to the forces of the political far right best positioned to capitalize on such a tragedy.

[<http://edition.cnn.com/2016/12/19/opinions/berlin-truck-attack-opinion-andelman/index.html>].

In other words, the journalist acknowledges that the attack might have caused “panic and horror”, but he makes it clear that the real problem is “a potentially more pernicious reward” to the dark “forces”, who would like to enhance security, protect their borders and be cautious with unknown migrants coming from areas where democracy, human rights and religious freedom have never existed.

In actual fact, the article even makes a warm appeal to the next US President, probably in the hope that he will adopt an *Italian-style policy*, transforming the US Navy into a sort of *cruise line* that will collect illegal immigrants all over the world and take them safely to New York or Los Angeles, Miami or Honolulu: “As President-elect Donald Trump begins to focus on how to respond, he should understand that support for moderation and unity will defeat those who prefer to divide each of us. A populist agenda, in contrast, will only strengthen and embolden our enemies.”

It’s the same old story. Radical militants must not be treated like radical militants, but should be kindly asked to change their attitude. In spite of so many events of the past, it is still impossible to accept the idea that weapons are the only instruments to get rid of terrorists and tyrants, as happened in Palmira and Aleppo, as happened in Europe and Japan in the Forties, as will necessarily happen in al-Raqqa and Mosul (of course, at the cost of human lives, which could have been saved, if *someone* had realized what was happening in Iraq and Syria, and if *that someone* had stopped a bunch of killers before it was too late). Naturally, in the Cameron/Hollande/Merkel/Obama era, it was practically impossible to stop that bunch of killers: today, people like Churchill or Roosevelt or Truman hardly exist in the Western world (because the average Western citizens are still convinced that diplomacy and gentle manners can work with people like bin-Laden, al-Baghdadi or *jihadi John*).

According to the most popular (*populist!*) theories, if something goes wrong, it simply happens because there are a few lone-wolves or because a racist Western world has been unable to integrate the poor immigrants, who (with no exception) came with their hearts in their hands, professing a religion of love, peace and tolerance. No matter that Pakistan is filled with people who love bin-Laden. No matter that Afghanistan and Pakistan are countries where women are regularly targeted because they do not comply with alleged religious rules. No matter that Iran and Saudi Arabia are countries where freedom of religion and *hijab-free* public areas do not exist. No matter that Indonesia is a country where alleged religious rules do not allow its citizens to vote for a Christian candidate. No matter that Aceh (a *special region* of Indonesia) is a land where girls get caned if they stand too close to their boyfriends. No matter that the Palestinian society has been promoting suicide terrorism for decades, so that there are plenty of fanatics who look forward to meeting seventy-two virgins in Heaven and plenty of mothers who are happy with the fate of their kids turned into martyrs. No matter that Nigeria is a country whose northern states have a legal system based on *sharia* and have systematically been a breeding ground for *Boko Haram*, a terrorist organization (influenced by the *Wahhabi ideology*), whose name essentially means “Western education is forbidden”. Nothing can shake the confidence of the progressive world: it firmly believes that all immigrants must be welcomed with open arms.

Finally, it seems interesting to observe that (for one reason or another) Christians have practically disappeared from lands with a Muslim majority and/or with a significant presence of Muslims. *Jihad Al-Kuffar* also deals with this issue and we find the following remarks, which (according to the story) were made by a radical militant in summer 2000 (Chapter 5):



*There are striking events in the world, which give hope for a bright future. Allah willing, even countries where the believers are a religious minority will not fail to become Muslim lands, lands of Islam. The trend is clear, and Lebanon, so far, is the best example. In the recent past, Lebanon, which was a Christian enclave, seemed to be condemned to a dull, ridiculous peace. Then, everything changed. Palestinians settled down right there, Hezbollah became a major party, hundreds of thousands of Syrians were granted the Lebanese citizenship, a huge mass of undesirable infidels left their homes, and the ummah conquered another country—a country of jihad, inflamed by the fires and swords of the mujahideen.*