

had unflinching faith in Allah. This firm faith is a proof of his conviction. It could be that the strength of his faith reflected in his letter might have been acquired in his confinement but the contents of the letter make it evident that he possessed this strong conviction even before the afflictions of his imprisonment. It was the strength of his faith that encouraged him to reject the fabulous material offer of Jews and saved him from sullyng the history of Millat-e-Islamia in his reign. Secondly, he was devotionally attached to the saints and scholars. Every word of his letter reveals the respect which the caliph bore for them in his heart. For the purification of their soul, they were associated with Shazlia Sufi Order for spiritual education. Moreover, they stood firmly with conviction and steadfastness against the imperialistic forces of the Jews and the West. They did not allow the Jews to buy a tract of land in Palestine at any cost in their reign. It is a historical fact that as long as Usmania Caliphate survived in Turkey the dream of the imperialistic powers for the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine could not be translated into reality.

These are the facts which Muslim Ummah should ponder at. The enemies of Islam very cleverly destroyed Caliphate, the symbol of our collective discipline and shattered our unity, along with it disintegrating the structure of our academic, education, economic and social system.

Notes

1. Qur'an (*al-Munāfiqūn* (63: 7, 8)
2. Al-Tabri *Tārikh*, Vol 3, P. 146
3. *Jewish Conspiracy* by Misbah-ul-Islam Faruqi, (Protocol No. 1)
4. Ibid Protocol No. 16
5. *The Case of Israel* by Izgarody (Shruq International London 1983) P. 7
6. Encyclopaedia Britannica, article on Lawrence, T.E.

After my clear refusal it was decided to remove me and I was apprised of the decision that I was being exiled to Slanik. I had to accept the verdict because I could not tarnish the fair face of Ummah. The emergence of national government of Jews in Palestine region of the caliphate would have been highly shameful for the Millat-e-Islamia and a source of eternal infamy.

After the downfall of Caliphate whatever was to happen, did happen but I prostrate myself before Allah and I would always owe my gratitude to Him that I did not bring about this disgrace. In my view, whatever I have stated, will be helpful in clarifying the situation. With this submission I bring letter to an end.

Once again, in the end, I grace myself by kissing your sacred hands and hope that you will accept my entreaty, deep-rooted in faith and respect. Kindly convey my compliments to all the well-wishers and friends.

My spiritual guide, I have described the whole affair with full faith and honesty. It was my heart-felt desire that I should invite your attention and that of other sincere friends like you to this matter. With full respect and humility, I seek your leave. Allah may bestow His Innumerable Grace and Benedictions on you.

22 Alwel 1329 (Usmani Calendar)
September 1913

*The servant of Millat-e-Islamia
Abdul Hameed s/o Abdul Majeed*

CONCLUSION

If we carefully, pursue the letter of Caliph Abdul Hameed many facts reveal themselves obviously. Firstly, he

After due respect and honour, I may state that I received your worthy letter written this year (1913) of 22nd May. I am highly obliged to God and praise Him that He has blessed you with His Grace.

My master, it is great bounty of God that with His Favour, I am reciting all the daily worships advised in Shazlia Spiritual Order of guidance regularly and beseech you to continue praying for me from the core of your heart for I stand in need of your prayers.

After this brief supplication, I submit to the sincere religious scholars like you, spiritual leaders, all the sober and wise people of Muslim Ummah and the future progeny, the following historical trust:

My lord, I want to state it clearly that I did not abdicate Caliphate of Muslim Ummah willingly; rather I was forced to do so. Unionist Party which is named after the Turkish youth had raised innumerable hindrances in my way. Every possible pressure was exerted on me. It did not stop here. I was threatened and forced to abdicate the caliphate. Firstly, Unionist Party compelled me to agree to the creation of national government of Jews in the holy land of Palestine. Efforts were made to force me to do so but I refused point-blank inspite of all this pressure. After my refusal they offered me gold worth one hundred fifty million pounds sterling. I rejected this offer also, saying that leaving aside one hundred and fifty million pounds sterling if they offered me the whole earth full of gold, I would not accept such a heinous proposal. I have been serving the Ummah of Muhammad (PBUH) for more than thirty years, Throughout this period I never sullied the history of Ummah. In the same manner my ancestors and rulers of Usmani Caliphate served the Muslim Ummah and illumined the history. So I could not accept this proposal at any cost.

کسی سرزمین پر ایک حد کے نفاذ کی برکت وہاں چالیس روز نازل ہونے والی بارش کی برکت سے بہتر ہے

Ameer of Makkah were never honoured. Through a secret deal, British captured Iraq and Palestine, and France occupied Syria.

We can have the idea of Jewish network on the internal front against the Caliphate of Usmania from the historic letter of Caliph Abdul Hameed II which he wrote to his spiritual guide, Sheikh Abu Shamat Mehmood Afendi, at the time when he was deprived of caliphate and compelled to lead an exiled life of isolation.

LAST CALIPH'S LETTER

The readers can easily assess from the contents of this letter that what kind of conspiracies were hatched by Zionist powers to annihilate the Caliphate discipline of Muslim Ummah and who were the associates in these secret plans. The letter is reproduced below:

Ya Hoo (O Allah)

In the name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

Praise be to Allah Who is the Creator of all worlds. The best of blessings and benedictions be showered on our leader Muhammad, the Holy Prophet of the Creator of the entire Universe and on all of his descendants and all of his companions till the Day of Judgment.

With all the supplication and humility, I submit this petition to greatly honoured Spiritual Guide of the Shazlia Order, Sheikh Abu Shamat Mehmood Afendi, whose holy grace and munificence has conferred spiritual purification and refinement on great spiritual guides of this era.

In the first instance, I consider it a great honour to kiss the blessed hand of my spiritual guide and hope that his holy grace will always remember me in his prayers.

THE CONCLUSION

Lawrence had already developed good relations with Arabs. He utilized all his faculties to persuade Arabs to revolt against Turkey. The main role in his campaign was played by Hussain Bin Ali, Ameer of Makkah, who was enticed to be made the ruler of the Arab nation. Abdullah and Faisal, the sons of Ameer of Makkah became the partners in this conspiracy. Faisal was commander of a unit of Arab Army in those days. Some other influential Sheikhs extended their cooperation to Ameer of Makkah. With their help, Lawrence started guerilla war against the Turks and damaged the bridges, highways and railway line from Damascus to Madinah which badly affected the supply line of the Turks. Such rumors were spread as could create mutual hatred between the Arabs and the Turks. Meanwhile, Jews were busy pursuing their secret plan which could help in realizing Zionist objectives. Lawrence enjoyed the confidence and cooperation of both the Zionis powers and the British Imperialism. Lawrence was given the post of Lieutenant Colonel in Faisal's Army. The British Government gave monetary help to rebellious powers and supplied armaments. Ameer of Makkah was given the impression that it was all being done for the establishment of an independent state and very soon his coronation ceremony would be held.

The Jewish conspiracies bore fruit and, at last, Turkish rule over Syria ended in 1918. Lawrence and his commandos inflicted severe losses on Turks on this front. Lawrence displayed extreme ferocity in this war. He ordered the Arab army to shoot the Turks at the spot instead of taking them as prisoners of war. Thus Turks suffered heavy loss of life.

PLEDGES DISHONoured

At the end of the rule of Turks, allied imperialistic powers retracted from their promises. The pledges made to

☆ لا اجتہاد عند ظهور النص ☆ نص کی موجودگی میں اجتہاد جائز نہیں ☆

ROLE OF T.E. LAWRENCE

Lawrence was an expert on ancient relics. On the pretext of studying historic relics of the past he visited Arab countries many a time. In his college days he was interested in the military art of construction in Middle Ages. He studied the castles of crusade era in France. He made the buildings of military importance in Palestine and Syria. He submitted his thesis on the subject in Jesus College, Oxford, and won outstanding success. In the beginning of 1914, Lawrence, accompanied by his companions, Wolley and Capt. Newcomb, toured the desert of Senai and studied the whole area in all its detail. In particular, he surveyed the areas adjacent to the borders of Turkey in the east of Suez Canal. He surveyed the areas like Gaza and Aqba which were very important from military point of view and prepared their maps.

When the First World War started, Lawrence was employed in the Military headquarters, London, as an expert draftsman where he prepared the maps of desert of Senai and handed them over to the Army. Lawrence not only helped the British Government in the preparation of maps but also, on the basis of his knowledge and experience about Middle East, tendered such advice as could damage Ottoman caliphate.

In view of his services the Government sent him to Cairo where he got secrets about Turkish Army, prepared maps of Arab areas administered by Turkey. Living among Arabs, Lawrence acquired proficiency in Arabic language. He also acquainted himself fully with Arab culture and civilization. Secret agencies soon gave him green signal to propagate the concept of nationalism and regionalism among Arabs and instigate them on this basis to rise in rebellion against Turkey.⁽⁶⁾

national and political problems of Jews. It would not have mattered if the avowed intentions were confined to this objective alone. In reality, the actual operational programme of the Zionist movement was secret; it was the rehabilitation of Jewish nation and the creation of their state which involved the destruction of many nations. All the imperialist powers, led by Britain, became allies of the Jews in their conspiracies.

The main target of the Jews was the institution of caliphate which the Jews wanted to destroy at all cost because without the break-up of Ottoman state and abolition of the caliphate they could not achieve their objective. The movement of Zionism was designed to transform Palestine and its adjacent territories into a Jewish state. Its pursuit of the objective was thoroughly Machiavellian violating all norms of justice and morality. Initially it sought to fulfill its purpose, first by bribing and then by threatening the Sultan of Ottoman empire of which Palestine was a part. When this failed it began to work for the destruction of the Ottoman state and put all forces at the disposal of its enemies. Zionism deployed all its powers—financial through Baron de Rothchild, and strategic science through Chain Weizmann—to extract from the British Government the Balfour Declaration in which the latter pledged its support to the Zionist cause.

The imperialist British which had their own axe to grind in the break-up of caliphate, worked hand in gloves with the Zionist forces. While the Zionist forces started underground activities in Turkey to destabilize the country, the British Government helped them in sowing the seeds of nationalism and regionalism among the Arabs and instigated them to rise in rebellion against the caliphate. For this purpose, the responsibility to do the spade-work was entrusted to a British military officer Thomas Edward Lawrence (1888-1935) to sow the seeds of discontent in the Arab lands against Turkey.

need any explanation. The present plight of Muslim Ummah and the history of recent past are self-evident.

INSTITUTION OF CALIPHATE

The institution of Caliphate had been the guardian of the political and collective grandeur of Muslim Ummah. As long as it existed, the Ummah enjoyed a prominent respectable place in world affairs. No important decision at international level was possible without the participation of Muslim Ummah. The opinion of even the weakest caliph carried weight because it was deemed as the voice of the Muslim world.

The esteem and status enjoyed by Muslim Ummah due to the discipline of the caliphate among the nations of the world was on account of two basic reasons. In the first instance, caliphate is vicegerency of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and the realization of a single entity of Ummah had bestowed great respect and honour on the caliph among the Muslims of the world. Even when the caliphate was quiescent in certain periods of history it signified the bond of hope which could serve as the local point for the unity of Muslim Ummah. The Jews wanted to enervate the Muslim power and the major obstacle in the way to achieve this objective was the institution of caliphate.⁽⁵⁾

ZIONIST MOVEMENT

Towards the end of 19th century the Jews launched the Zionist movement. A Jewish leader, Theodor Herzle (1860-1924) who laid down the foundation of the movement, presented the idea of an independent Jewish state in Palestine in his book "Der Juden Stovat". Simultaneously efforts were initiated to translate the idea into reality. In 1897, the first international Zionist conference was held at Basle; outwardly its aim was to draw the attention of the world towards the

systematically the network of conspiracies against Islam and the Muslim Ummah. These conspiracies focused on three pivotal points:

1. To challenge fundamental beliefs and sources of Islam: A corps of scholars (known as orientalists) was trained to present a distorted picture of Islamic teachings with special emphasis on changing the legal status of *Sunnah*. Its objective was to create doubts in the mind of the common man and make him skeptical about the tenets of Islam. A group of Orientalists has been working for quite sometime to achieve this end, and publication of their writings and books is being done systematically in an organized manner.
2. Collective moral values are of vital important in the life of nations. The nations which fall victim to moral degradation and deviate from the path of virtue soon suffer from downfall. In order to promote evil ways and corruption in Muslim Ummah, secret measures were adopted and special assignments were entrusted to many organizations in the name of culture and civilization.⁽³⁾ Efforts were made to transform the very basis of Muslim educational system in order to change the trend of Muslim thought. Their motto appears to be to destroy the Muslim educational institutions, the basic foundation of Muslim Unity.⁽⁴⁾
3. Many secret organizations were established to undermine the political status and the role of Muslim Ummah in international affairs. The main objective was to destroy the political institutions of Ummah. During the alter period of 19th century efforts were made to annihilate the institution of caliphate to promote regionalism and racism in place of the concept of Ummah; and to eschew the notion of *Jihād*, *Ijtihād*, *Shūrā*, *Ijmā'* etc. from the collective life of Muslims so as to render into a dream the entity of Ummah. Jewish organizations are consistently busy in their nefarious designs. How far have they succeeded in their objective? This does not

irresistible character of the moment, had gladly accepted the pact.⁽²⁾ However, no kindness or generosity on the part of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) would satisfy the Jews; nothing could conciliate the bitter feelings with which they were animated. Enraged that they could not use him as their instrument for the conversion of Arabia to Judaism and that his universal message was so much simpler than their Talmudic legends, they soon broke off, and ranged themselves on the side of enemies of new faith. They reviled him; and mispronounced the Qur'ānic words, rendering them meaningless and blasphemous. The Jewish poets and poetesses, of whom there existed many at the time, outraged all common decency and the recognized code of Arab honour and chivalry. Not satisfied with reviling the Holy Prophet (PBUH) they sent out emissaries to the enemies of the new state of Madinah. This is part of world history how the Holy Prophet (PBUH) with his sagacity and vision frustrated the evil designs of Jews and their cohorts – the pagans and the *munafiqūn*.

NETWORK

Machiavellian intrigues of Jews against Muslims never subsided but continued erupting off and on during the periods of Khulafa-e-Rashidun and later caliphate era but their nefarious designs remained thwarted due to the far-sightedness and wisdom of leadership of Ummah. It is a painful irony of history that during anti-Semitic waves in Christian Europe when Jews in millions were butchered and hounded out of the homes, it was the Muslim land where they found safe havens. There they prospered and even given high posts in governments. Even at the time of so-called Inquisition when Muslims were either killed or exiled from Spain the Jews were also thrown out of that country and found safety under Ottoman caliphate. They were generously treated by Muslims but there innate treachery and hatred for Muslims continued. It was at the end of the 19th century and in the beginning of 20th century that the Jews began to weave

Muhājirūn, as to who would render the greatest sacrifice in the service of God and his Prophet (PBUH). The enthusiasm and earnestness with which these men and women devoted to the new awakening, the zeal with which they laid down their lives, was a manifestation of devotion never seen in the history of mankind. The second party was composed of lukewarm converts (*munafiqūn*) to the faith, who retained an ill-concealed predilection of idolatry, and was headed by Abdullah ibn-Ubayy. The popular enthusiasm compelled him and his followers to make a nominal profession of Islam but secretly they were conspiring with the Jews to undermine the spread of universal message of Islam.

SERIOUS DANGER

The Jews who may be regarded to have formed the third party constituted the most serious element of danger. They had close relations with the Quraish, and their ramifications extended into various parts of the land hostile to Islam. At first they were inclined to look with some favour on the preaching of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) as they thought that he could be their promised Messiah and would help them to establish new kingdom of Judah.⁽¹⁾ However, when they saw that he would not do their bidding they changed their attitude. Hardly a month had gone by since the arrival of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in Madinah when their old trait of rebellion, which had led them in their evil designs if contriving to crucify their prophets, found vent in open sedition and secret treachery.

One of the first acts of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) after his arrival in Madinah was to weld together the heterogeneous and conflicting elements of which the city and its suburbs were composed, into an orderly federation. With this object he had granted a charter to the people, by which the rights and obligations of the Muslims, *inter se*, and of the Muslims and the Jews, were defined. And the Jews, borne down by the

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Jewish conspiracies against Muslim Ummah have long history dating back to the early days of Holy Prophet's arrival in Madinah when they started instigating the pagans and *munafiqeen* to destabilize the nascent city state.

Ethnically and culturally, Madinah, at the time of *Hijra*, had a motley population comprising three district parties.

The *Muhājirūn* and *Ansār* formed the kernel of Islam. Their devotion to the Holy Prophet (PBUH) was unbounded. The *Muhājirūn* had forsaken their homes, and abandoned, contrary to all Arab traditions, the ties of kith and kin, in the cause of the Faith. They had braved all sufferings and withstood all temptations in the service of their Lord. The brotherhood of Faith, so wisely established by the Holy Prophet (PBUH), prevented the growth of jealousies and gave rise to generous emulation, both among the *Ansār* and the