

# News & Comment

## NATO Leaders to Confront Trump over 'Delinquent' Military Moves

### News:

In a final communique, NATO allies expected to recommit pledge to defend each other and warn China over its military.

NATO leaders will tell US President Donald Trump on Wednesday they are spending billions more dollars on their militaries in the hope that he pares back his attacks on the Western alliance.

In formal talks following a Buckingham Palace reception on Tuesday to celebrate 70 years of NATO, European leaders led by Germany and France aim to tell Trump they will not be treated as junior partners as they confront global conflicts.

Despite Trump's accusations on Tuesday that allies were "delinquent" in their failure to spend as much as the United States on their armed forces, Europe, Turkey and Canada will use the gathering at a luxury golf club north of London to argue they will spend \$400bn collectively on defence by 2024.

"If we invest money and risk our soldiers' lives ... we should be clear on NATO's fundamentals," French President Emmanuel Macron said on Twitter, adding that on Wednesday he would "defend the interests of France and Europe".

That is likely to include a push to broaden NATO politically to consider a bigger role for the alliance in the Middle East and possibly Africa, although Berlin and Paris must first seek NATO support for a "wise persons" group to draw up reform plans. (Source: <u>Aljazeera.com</u>)

### Comment:

Despite their talk of freedom of speech, of belief and religion, the West imposes an anti-Islam, anti-religion, secular and degenerate diktat on the Islamic world. NATO's ostensible function "to guarantee the freedom and security of its member countries by political and military means", has since evolved to become the military arm of the West's colonialist agenda.

Surprisingly, Turkey, seemed genuinely surprised that they are not treated as 'equals'. If it were up to countries like France, and were it not for the US, Turkey would have been given the 'Pariah state EU membership reject' treatment a long time ago. No surprise then, despite the lack of support for its demands, Turkey backed down from its threat to block the Baltic defence plans.

NATO doesn't care about the holocaust, death and suffering befalling almost 100 million Muslims in Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Yemen and Libya. Why should they? It is a military block, created to sustain the national interests of Western nations.

As President Macron rhetorically questioned, "Who is the real enemy?" Before dramatically pointing to "global terrorism". The Hungarian foreign minister explained in an interview on BBC - one of the 'threats' facing Europe is the problem (of refugees) from the 'South', and again blamed it on 'terrorism'. No mention of the destructive colonial-capitalism foreign policies of the West that precipitated the crisis.

The West, doesn't deal with root causes. It has selective amnesia, and brushes aside inconvenient facts, like Da'ish, arising from the illegal, unjustified invasion and destruction of Iraq by a Western coalition built on a lie. And Da'ish's subsequent

catastrophic spread in Syria was aided by the machinations of interested Western nations, Russia and Iran to create one of the most prolonged, bloody episodes of horrific barbarity in recent times. It wasn't for noble principles or the good of the people of Syria, as Trump puts it, 'we're keeping the oil'.

We can understand, it is the nature of the materialistic West to be self-serving and view the rest of the world merely as plunder. But what about us, the Islamic Ummah?

Why haven't our rulers and politicians united our military too, to fight for OUR interests? Or at the very least, to defend the honour and blood of our people and our lands?

Why are we so divided when Islam explicitly commands that the Ummah unite under Islam? Why are our military and warriors, defending puppets, who are implementing the plans of their Western masters and treating our natural resources as their personal property, selling shares and siphoning off billions of dollars of the Ummah's wealth?

It is high time we wake up from this endless nightmare. No more false dawns, mirage 'springs' or parody 'states'.

We must reject their corrupt ideas, false concepts and flawed systems that destroy our societies. Mimicking their way of life will not bring us success, neither in this world nor the next. Look at Tunisia and Egypt. Our puppet rulers and politicians, the corrupt scholars that legitimise them, the insidious foreign-funded NGOs and groups with their falsehoods, are not slaves of Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala, they are slaves of the West and the enemies of the Ummah.

Our true liberation and success here and Hereafter, can only be realised by returning to Islam holistically and re-establishing the system of life and civilisation, by the method and form brought to us by the Messenger of Allah, sallallahu alaihi wassallam.

Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala informs us,

﴿وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِهِمْ وَلَيُمَتَّنَ لَهُمْ دِينَهُمُ الَّذِي ارْتَضَىٰ لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُم مِّن بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يَعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَن كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَٰلِكَ فَأُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴾

"Allah has promised those who have believed among you and done righteous deeds that He will surely grant them succession [to authority] upon the earth just as He granted it to those before them and that He will surely establish for them [therein] their religion which He has preferred for them and that He will surely substitute for them, after their fear, security, [for] they worship Me, not associating anything with Me. But whoever disbelieves after that - then those are the defiantly disobedient." [T.T.Q. An-Nur:55]

# Written for the Central Media Office of Hizb ut Tahrir by Muhammad Hamzah