

# Contemporary issues faced

by Muslim ummah and

their solutions according to Islam.

The Muslim ummah, like any other global community faces a myriad of challenges. These issues are often complex and requiring multi-faceted solutions grounded in Islamic principles. Here are some of the most pressing contemporary issues and their potential solutions according to Islamic teachings.

## ① Lack of unity.

Broader Muslim ummah

lacks the unifying factor; they are divided in different perspectives, and sects like sunni and shia conflicts.

Countries like Saudi Arabia and Iran, representing different sects have engaged in proxy wars and political competition, undermining Muslim unity. The organization that was made to foster a good relation

It is contrary to the teaching of Islam. Islam, in order to unite Muslims has established a bond of brotherhood and equality. Allah says in Quran in surah 103

“ And hold firmly to the rope of Allah altogether and do not become divided ”

Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) said in his last sermon, An Arab has no superiority over a non-Arab nor a non-Arab has any superiority over an Arab, also a white has no superiority over a black, nor a black has any superiority over a white, except by piety and good action.

The above saying of our last prophet (PBUH) clarifies that how much emphasis does Islam lay for the unity of Muslims. If Muslim countries are united and start to help one another, they would not require any sort of assistance from western world.

There are about 50 Muslim majority

countries having Muslim population more than 50 percent. Close to 25 Muslim majority countries located in North Africa, the Arabian peninsula and the Middle East, known as Arab world, speak a common language except Arab world. Language remains source of unity, unfortunately this is not a case with the Arab world.

Besides, Muslim controls main gateways of the world's trade and commerce like straits of Gibraltar, Malacca, Suez canal among others. They produce more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the world's oil. Saudi Arabia and Iran are rich in energy resources. Others like Malaysia and Turkey are advanced in technology, exporting energy and getting military training. However Muslim countries are not united and create weak status of OIC.

### • Rapid rise of extremism and terrorism:

The other major challenge is the rise of extremism and terrorism

due to poor governance in Muslim countries and failure to prevent the spread of radical material in educational institutions, terrorism and extremism do not spread due to lack of education but due to the spread of radical material in Muslim education. For instance the radical teaching of syed Qutb was taught from Morocco to Indonesia including in some major universities of Muslims like King Aziz of Jeddah and AL-Azhar. According to Qutb, Muslim leaders who govern through un-Islamic systems such as capitalism or communism should be declared non-believers, and become the targets of Muslims revolutionary jihad. He also justified violence against non-believers.

The rapid rise of extremism was seen during Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. around 1000 Madrassas were established along Pakistan and Afghanistan and radical material was taught to fight with Moscow. as a result (Ahreek-e-Taliban was formed in 2017 that desired

to replace the unIslamic government  
government run by capitalism with  
their thinking on Qutbi ideology. so  
if we have to end the fascism,  
Muslim countries should make efforts  
unitedly to spread the peaceful message  
of Islam and avoid the spread of  
radical material.

### Weak economic status of Muslim countries.

Most of the Islamic  
countries are economically weak  
Pakistan is totally dependent on  
China and IMF loan, Palestine is  
just trapped in war. The total trade  
of world's trade of OIC countries  
is less than a single country, China,  
the average per capita income of the  
US is approximately \$62,000, while  
Muslim world's is below this.

Some Arab countries are  
rich like Saudi Arabia. due to oil  
unless Muslim countries work together  
and help one another, they could not  
improve their economic status.

## lack of democracy.

There is lack of democratic Muslim countries in world. almost all the Arab countries run by authoritarian rule that is condemned by Islam. It has led to suppression of minorities, middle class people are pushed back and are not given the opportunity to run the state. As a result the intellectual people are often sidelined by the one man rule which has caused damage to the development of Arab countries.

## Violence against Muslims.

- Muslim today are massacred every where enemies are attacking Muslims in every aspects and are trying to eradicate the entire Muslim nation from the face of earth. In India, Muslims are faced with great hatred, Indian political leaders do hate speeches against Muslims to get votes.

In Russia, of 420 political prisoners, more than half were persecuted due to their Muslim faith. Palestine is a great example, there is bloodshed of millions of innocent Muslim but global world is silent and no one is taking steps.

### Influence of west.

Today, the Muslim ummah is greatly influenced by west. The media, plays important role in negative propagation and changing of mindset of Muslim. The youth are influenced by west and they consider every Islamic belief as backward thought. Our main problem is that we don't understand such people who want to change the Islamic culture under the name of growth and we all need to stop it and present the true picture of Muslim and Islam to world.

So, the challenges faced by Muslim ummah is lack of unity and democracy, rise of extremism and terrorism, weak economic status of Muslim countries, violence against Muslim and the

influence of west. Muslim ummah should work on their unity, try to prevent radical material in teachings of Islam to avoid the terrorism and extremism, should take steps against the violators of Muslims in world, should promote democracy and freedom of speech and present true picture to the youth to decrease the influence of west. Muslim ummah should make OIC stronger so that these problems can be resolved.