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The Ostrich Mentality in the Ummah's Response to Israel's Actions

1) Introduction

Thesis Statement: Hence, there is no doubt that at this time of Israel's unjustified actions towards Muslims, Muslim Ummah is not taking meaningful decisions rather it is showing ostrich's mentality and putting its head in the sand.

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Imagine a situation, there is a person who is fighting with few boys without any reason in front of their brothers and family. It will be very unlikely to have almost fifty to fifty five brothers but all showing ostrich's mentality in front of a person's cruel actions. Same case goes with the Muslim Ummah, where a person "Israel" is fighting some boys like "Palastine, Lebanon, Syria" and many other countries and their fifty five brothers are showing ostrich's mentality. This goes against the fundamental principle of brotherhood in Muslims. At many instances, Muslim Ummah has shown this sort of mentality, for instance, the disintegration of Muslims have played a greater role in this mentality. Also, one can see no effective measures or decisions taken by Muslims at global level through forums like OIC. In ostrich's mentality, economic position of Muslims have also played a huge role, pushing them to ignore the happenings in the surroundings. Similarly, in Muslim Ummah, political conflicts can

also be observed and self interests are prioritized instead of collective interests. The ostrich's mentality can be overcome through many ways, for example, initiation of bold and effective decisions by Muslim Ummah at global arena through collective forums. Along with this, joint military efforts can be done against Israel's unjustified and cruel actions towards Muslims in general. Hence, there is no doubt that at this time of Israel's unjustified actions towards Muslims, Muslim Ummah is not taking meaningful decisions rather it is showing ostrich's mentality and putting its head in the sand.

Israel has done several unjustified and cruel actions against Muslims in general. These actions are not limited to a single territory or specific type of Muslims rather actions are taken in different countries against all type of Muslims. Israel has attacked the Muslims of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and many other Muslim countries as well including Iran ignoring the principle of

Sovereignty of these countries. If we talk about Palestine only, the unjustified attacks initiated from Oct, 2023 have not stopped until now, which have killed more than 49000 people (including 13000 children and 13000 women). These actions are termed as Genocide by Amnesty International recently. So, it will be no wrong to say, Israel has committed war crimes and genocide against Muslims in general.

Unity of 58 Islamic States is need of the hour. At this time, when unity is direly needed, the Ummah is disintegrated. Without unity of brotherhood, no effective measures can be taken. If we compare the two classes i.e. oppressors and the oppressed, the oppressors have showed unity, for instance, the actions of Israel are backed by USA, France, UK and Germany in terms of economic, political and military support, while on the other hand, the oppressors are not similarly backed by the Muslim Ummah, showing ostrich's mentality and disintegration. Resultantly, unity is needed while the

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disintegration must be minimized.

Muslims have failed at global level. This failure depicts the ostrich's mentality and unseriousness about the situation. In this world, many forums are made to take decisions in collective manner, for instance the forum of OIC in which the Muslim States are its members. From Oct, 2023, when Israel took cruel actions against Muslims of Palestine, till now, many conferences were held at OIC level but, no effective decision is taken until now. This portrays unserious attitude towards Israel unjustified actions or danger posed in the region. Hence, at global arena, Muslims seem failed in their decisions and efforts.

Among several factors leading towards ostrich's mentality, one is economic constraint of Muslim Ummah. Taking part in a war, costs very high in terms of finances and lives as well. If we observe the Israel and its supporters, they are wealthy and rich, for instance USA itself which

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provides all type of arsenal to Israel. While on the other hand, Muslim Nations are not that much economically stable and wealthy to jump in a fully declared war like situation. While looking over this factor, the Muslim Ummah prefers putting its head deep into the sand as economic factor is also pushing it towards ostrich's mentality.

Over the year, from Oct 2023 till now, many political tensions can be observed within Muslim Ummah. The leaders of the Muslim Nations are seen at various instances, prioritizing their self interest rather than the collective interests of the Muslims in general. If we talk about very recent development in Syria, where the rebels "Hayat Tahrir al-sham" were supported by Turkey against the Iran backed government of Bashar al Assad. This incident portrays many things like disunity and political conflicts as well. With these type of conflicts, where self interests are prioritized

one can largely expect ostrich's mentality from the Muslim Ummah leading them to ignorance of the unjustified actions against Muslims in general by Israel.

Moreover, Muslim Ummah is also occupied with its own issues. Just because of this fact, the attention is not being given to the real issue of atrocities committed by the Israel. Each Muslim country is solely focusing on its socio-economic and political issues. For instance, if we take single example of single nuclear country in Muslims i.e., Pakistan, it is very much busy in its own political conflicts within country, along with it, it is trying to stabilise its economy at earliest. These type of issues can be find in many Muslim countries and as a result of this factors the happening of atrocities against other Muslims in far and distant countries are ignored clearly depicting ostrich's mentality. So, Muslim countries are very much busy in their own problems which

keep them in ignorance.

It is an uncontested fact that Muslim Nations are not that much advanced in terms of technology as compared to the West specifically USA and its police state i.e. Israel. In context of weapons, there is no match between a pistol and a advanced automatic rifle. Meaning thereby the USA backed Israel is superior in weapons, arsenal and technology as compared to Muslim disintegrated nations. For instance, availability of Iron dome to Israel give it a large edge over Muslim nations who lack this type of technology. Resultantly, in terms of technology, there is no equal footing among West and the Muslim Ummah which also compels them towards the ostrich's mentality to ignore the ongoing situation.

Similarly, there is a lack of proper will in Muslim Nations to support the oppressed Muslims. If one has to counter the unjustified actions of a certain entity or individual,

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serious efforts are demanded which are not seen in case of Muslim Ummah.

As discussed earlier, disunity is present and when this factor is present somewhere, how one can expect the collective will to support the oppressed class of Muslims.

Around the globe, within Muslim Nations, several meetings are held on day to day basis having agenda to improve trade and bilateral relations but the actual issue of Muslims is ignored just like an ostrich ignores the ongoing situation happening around while putting its head in the sand. Hence, no serious will is present in Muslim nations to counter the actions of Israel.

Merely condemning an atrocity is not an effective tool to curb that unjustified action especially when that action is done continuously without any limitation. Unfortunately, in Muslims, the tool of condemnation is largely used against the cruel actions of Israel against Muslims. The actions of Israel are not just against few

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Muslim countries like Palestine, Syria, ~~Lebanon~~ Lebanon or Iran rather these actions are against the Muslim Ummah and brotherhood which require decisions at practical level. Hence, condemnation is a useless tool only portraying the ostrich's mentality of Muslim Ummah. This type of ostrich's mentality can be solved through taking various steps as soon as possible to counter the ongoing unjustified actions of Israel against the Muslim Ummah.

The ostrich's mentality can be overcome by taking few bold steps at global level. As discussed earlier, in this contemporary world, there are different forums on which countries meet and take decisions. A similar forum for the Muslim Ummah is OIC. The OIC as a forum must be used effectively in favour of Muslim Ummah leaving behind all self interests. If we talk about very single decision that can have effect on the West or Europe countries

backing the Israel's action, it can be stopping oil trade from the gulf countries to the west. Europe is the largest importer of oil from the gulf especially KSA, hence these type of bold and effective decisions will surely be having impact on the Israel as well and Muslim Ummah will be given importance at global level.

Decision of joint military effort must be taken by the Muslim Ummah against the atrocities of Israel. The fact cannot be denied that Israel is so much advanced in military just because the USA and other important countries back it. But on the other hand, if the whole Muslim countries, comprising almost 58 nations can jointly effort in terms of military to minimize and counter the actions of Israel against them. Collectively, the huge and joint efforts of Muslim Ummah will not surely go in vain rather material results can be expected and the ostrich's mentality will be

overcome. Hence, joint military efforts are
disply needed to curb the ongoing
actions of Israel.

Moreover, the unity of the Muslim Ummah
is the need of the hour. When a
nation is united, that nation cannot be
defeated easily by any power. Strong
unity of Muslims will effect the overall
situation just like the unity of USA,
England, Germany, France, Israel is
effecting the Muslim Ummah. The Israel
and its allies are openly supporting
each other leaving the persons with
pudent minds astonished. A similar unity
and stance is in need in case of Muslim
Ummah in order to overcome the ostrich's
mentality. Thus, unity of Muslims is need
of the hour to change the ongoing
situation in favour of oppressed Muslims.

To put it succinctly, Muslim Ummah
is showing ostrich's mentality by ignoring
the ongoing actions of Israel against it,
when it is right time to take effective

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effective decisions. ~~These decisions~~ At various instances, it can be observed that the ostrich's head is deep in the sand. For example, the Muslim Ummah is very much busy in their personal affairs, ignoring the happenings in its surroundings. Additionally, the technological inferiority in Muslim Ummah as compared to west is also contributing its cents towards ostrich's mentality. Moreover, lack of proper will to help the oppressed Muslims can be observed by the Muslim Ummah as no effective measure is in place and only tool of condemnation is there. In order, to solve the issue of ostrich's mentality, unity of the Muslim Ummah is needed to curb the ongoing happenings against Muslims in general by the Israel. Unity can be shown through joint economic and political efforts as well. Only from these kind of things, the sense of brotherhood among the Muslim Ummah can be revived once again. Indeed,

in recent centuries, Muslims faced so many hardships but they overcame it with few important and effective strategies.

Similar strategies can be taken once again throwing away the ~~starch~~ starch's mentality and as a result no one can stop the Muslim Ummah to be in powerful position at global level.