

TOPIC: The Ostrich mentality
in the Ummah's
Response to Israel's Actions:

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ESSAY:

Although the proverbial rabbit had all the speed and skill to win the race with the tortoise, it took the race so easy and went to sleep on the way. On the other hand, the tortoise did not have speed, but it had only one thing in his favour that is persistence, so it kept on walking continuously and won the race. Similarly, Muslim ummah had all skills, power, resources to become a strong power in the world but yet it taken its skills too easy and ignored all threats. As a result, Israel which ~~was~~ did not even had a piece of land few decades ago, rising as a big power and posing a big threat to whole Muslim Ummah. There are several causes of ostrich mentality in response of muslim ummah to israel such as lack of strategic unity, dependency on western powers,

Lack of education, backwardness in technology and prioritization of the personal interests. All these causes result into ostrich mentality in muslim ummah response against Israel. The Muslim ummah is indulging in lip service only, taking no action against controversial policies of Israel, quelling street protests, preferring own political interests, lacking consensus, neglecting long term solution, sidelining need of solidarity and avoiding the accountability. However by taking few measures such as fostering unity, promoting education, reducing dependency and introducing modern technology muslim ummah can compete with the rising threat that is Israel. Israel's brutal ~~response~~ actions against muslim world are not hidden but the ostrich mentality of muslim ummah to Israel's action is further escalating the situation as a result western powers are dominating over eastern states.

From the rise of 'Zionism' as a result of genocide of Jews to the brutal mentality of Israel, today in various muslim states such as Palestine, Lebanon, Yemen and Syria, the target of Israel is to occupy more and more land and emerge as a power in the region. The 'Israeli Genocide' is not hidden from the world. Israel's animosity towards muslims is now exposed as it has launched brutal actions on muslim states. According to an article published in Dawn, 'Israeli Genocide in Gaza' the Israel has killed more than 45,000 Palestinians since Oct 7, 2023. The walkie talkie and pager attacks on Lebanon sovereignty is a big example. Moreover the ongoing attacks of Israel in Syria are examples which shows, how Israel is brutally killing innocent muslims. By encouraging 'Orientalism', Israel is defaming muslims. Thus, the Israel's actions are exposing its

brutal mentality against muslim states.

There are several causes of Ostrich mentality of Muslim ummah response to Israel's actions. Chief among which is lack of strategic unity among muslim ummah states. The Muslim ummah is divided and polarized on basis of sectarian, political and geostrategic issues, due to which, it is unable to be on same page against Israel's brutal actions. ~~Accor~~ The recent downfall of 'Bashar al Assad' government in the Syria is a prime example. According to experts, the major supporter to Assad's government was Iran, while main supporter of rebels was Turkey. Based on sectarian views the ummah is divided. Conclusively, Ummah is unable to take any defiant stand against Israel, hence this is a major cause of muslim ummah's Ostrich mentality response to Israel.

Additionally, some muslim states rely on economic, political and Strategic aid of western world, causing dependency of the muslim world on external power. Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, and UAE are dependent on Israel for their diplomatic as well as personal interests on Israel. Due to which they are unable to take any stand against Israel's brutality. The economic ties between united Arab Emirates are getting strong. For example the recent "Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement" and "UAE- Israel Land Corridor" established in 2023, a trade route which will facilitates the movement of ports of UAE, across Jordan, Saudi Arabia and to Israel. Because of such interest muslim ummah is not taking any defiant action against Israel.

The major reason of dependence of ~~israel~~ muslim ummah on Israel is lack of education, and awareness about changing world dynamics. The world is moving towards soft power from hard power. The Economy is the main driver of country's progress. But, unfortunately muslim ummah due to lack of education is unable to compete with Israel's modernized systems. The division in education is a major cause. According to UNESCO, Israel exhibits high enrollment ratio across all education levels, while muslim states show greater variation in enrollment and backwardness in education. Thus, the main leading cause of ostrich mentality of muslim ummah against Israel is backwardness in education and awareness regarding changing social, and political dynamics of the world.

Moreover, Muslim ummah is backward in science and technology that's why they are not able to compete Israel modern technology. Israel is progressing in terms of technology, The Iron dome system of Israel is a modern tool based on technology to safeguard Israel from any attack. Muslim ummah lacks of such modern technology due to which it is thousand years backward than Israel. This is the main reason due to which muslim ummah is only giving ostrich mentality based response rather any deficient action against Israel. Muslim Ummah is unable to stand like a rock against Israel, as it has no such modernized equipments and tools. Despite having large population muslim ummah can not compete Israel as it is far behind in technology.

Above all, the prioritization of self interest over collective interest of Muslim ummah serves as main cause of ostrich mentality based response of muslim ummah to israel.

The UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Oman are building good ties with Israel, that's why they are unable to give a response which is required to Israel.

Muslim Ummah's some states are making strong bond with external power as Abbas ^{asir} NASTR in his article "Haza and Muslim world", said "Among the muslim world, the only defiant stand against israel, even if limited has been taken by Iran, Yemen and Lebanon." It shows how some muslim states are not giving any response to Israel's brutal actions against muslim states. Thus, muslim states are prioritizing their own interest over collective interest of muslim ummah.

Based on above mentioned causes, muslim ummah is giving a response, based on ostrich mentality, to Israel. There are several responses giving by muslim world, chief among which is that the muslim ummah is indulge in lip service only, that israel has not even consider worthy of a contemptuous reaction. The minimal statements on the name of condemnation are giving by major heads of muslim states, for example, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Qatar. Some states even prefer to remain silent. This shows that muslim ummah is only condemning the brutality of israel by giving few statements in front of media. They are giving their response because of pressure of people not by their own will as they are under external pressure too. Thus, muslim states are giving only few statements on the name of condemnation.

Moreover, many muslim majority countries are adopting a passive stance, avoiding direct confrontation or tangible action against Israel's controversial policies, especially concerning Palestine. Muslim ummah are denied off any action against Israel, till now more than 45,000 people have been killed, ~~but~~ in Palestine but none of muslim state is dare to confront a direct action against Israel except Iran. A Survey conducted by Arab center, Washington DC indicate that arab public views the Palestine issues as collective issue and want a defiant stand against Israel but due to various factors it is not possible for muslim state to respond a tangible action against Israel. Thus muslim world have refused to take any strong action against Israel.

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Various muslim states are deligitly and ruthlessly quelling the street protests done by the public for the sake of victimized muslim states. Sowl media is showing the brutality of Israel in Gaza and other cities of muslim states. People are aware of the brutality of Israel, so they are protesting against Israel in their respective countries, to pressurize their government to take any action against Israel. But, some muslim states remain silent and ruthlessly quelling the street protests by force usage. The recent protest in Egypt, a notable example, where students, social activists and others were arrested. This shows that muslim world is unable to respond Israel strongly, but it is enough strong to quell protest and arrest local people by force. Thus, this shows the brutal & stuck mentality of the Israel.

Subsequently, the response that is showing ostrich mentality of muslim world is based on the preferences of their own political interests in Israel and other external powers. Muslim ummah's few countries especially Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Oman are giving passive stance when it comes to Israel's brutality. As such countries has their own political and economical interest in Israel. For example Saudi Arabia recent developments indicate a shift towards potential normalization between two nations, as earlier Saudi Arabia was not recognizing Israel till 1948. Thus the response of Muslim states is based on their own personal interests.

Afterwards, the main response of major states of Muslim ummah is lack of consensus, All states are trying to put each other down and giving

a passive response to Israel based on such animosity. For example Saudi Arabia is condemning only while Iran is showing aggression. Both has their own reactions based on several factors. The Saudi Arab and Iran conflict, Turkey and Syria conflict and all other such conflicts are showing internal divisions among muslim ummah states, and based on it they are giving the response to Israel's brutality. For instance, Abraham Accords, 2020 was the main example which shows the different response of different states towards Israel.

Similarly, muslim ummah is neglecting a long term solution of Israel brutality against muslim states. They are just talking about cease fire not a permanent solution to this problem. For instance, no country has yet announced to

Create a peaceful long term solution of Israel - Palestine conflict, rather they are indulge in condemning and launching a cease fire. This shows how muslim world is responding in ostrich mentality to Israel's brutality.

Above all, the avoidance of accountability of Israel by muslim ummah is showing the ostrich mentality of muslim ummah. They are only indulge in condemnation, they are not raising their voice on international platforms to punish Israel. Some states focus on superficial measures, avoiding reforms ~~or~~ within their countries. Instead of addressing Israel's brutality against muslim states, the major muslim states are avoiding accountability of Israel due to their own political interests. This shows the ostrich mentality of ~~Israel~~ muslim states against Israel.

However, there are various measures through which muslim ummah can give a rigid response to israel. chief among which is fostering unity by strengthening muslim alliances and forming a strong muslim block.

The update of OIC, Organization of Islamic Council is very necessary in order to strengthen muslim states. Muslim ummah can focus on common goals and can negotiate about giving response to israel.

In addition to fostering unity, muslim ummah should promote education and awareness which is very necessary, to give a strong response to israel.

By focusing on education, just like finland did, Muslim states can become strong enough to respond israel in the same manner as israel do.

likewise, by reducing dependency on western powers and fostering unity among muslim states, a stronger block can be formed. Muslim states should promote self reliance and reduce dependency on external powers and build regional co-operation mechanism.

In conclusion, there are several causes of muslim ummah's ostrich mentality based responses which includes, lack of strategic unity, dependency on muslim world, backwardness in education and technology, self interest preferences. All these cause pose a greater threat to muslim world which in result give a ostrich mentality based response. The Muslim Ummah is indulge in lip service only, take no action, force people to stop protest, prefer interest, neglect long term solution. sideline

need of solidarity, and avoiding accountability. However by taking certain measures, muslim ummah can give a rigid and a better response to israel's brutality.

One day will surely come when muslim ummah will see light despite all of the darkness.
