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Qno1. What measures would you suggest to the extremely disunified Muslim Ummah.

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Introduction: Challenges and Solutions for Unity of the Ummah

Today, the Muslim world is facing severe challenges. From lack of education to a surge in extremism, external oppression, and leadership crisis; the Muslim Ummah is surrounded by issues and challenges. Our prophet, Muhammad (PBUH) united the Ummah under a single flag and as a single nation. However, after the 12th Century the Muslims ~~later~~ started to break-down as a unit and they also abandoned the teachings of Quran and Sunnah. The Muslim Ummah, today is suffering from many challenges, all because of the disunification of Ummah. Where continents like Europe has formed a European Union, the Muslims who were united together for five centuries have broken apart and become disunified.

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The Concept of Muslim

Ummah:

Ummah is an Arabic word, which connotes for Muslim Identity, Religion and nation. Its contextual meaning is ; a common-wealth of all Muslim nations, bound together by a same purpose of the worship of Allah.

prophet Muhammad (SAW) in his farewell sermon said ;

"Every Muslim is a brother
to every Muslim, and the
Muslims constitute one
(single) brotherhood."

Moreover, the very essence of Ummah lies in unity, whether white or black, Arab or non-Arab and Saudi or Pakistani, when they say the Kalima e Shahadat ;

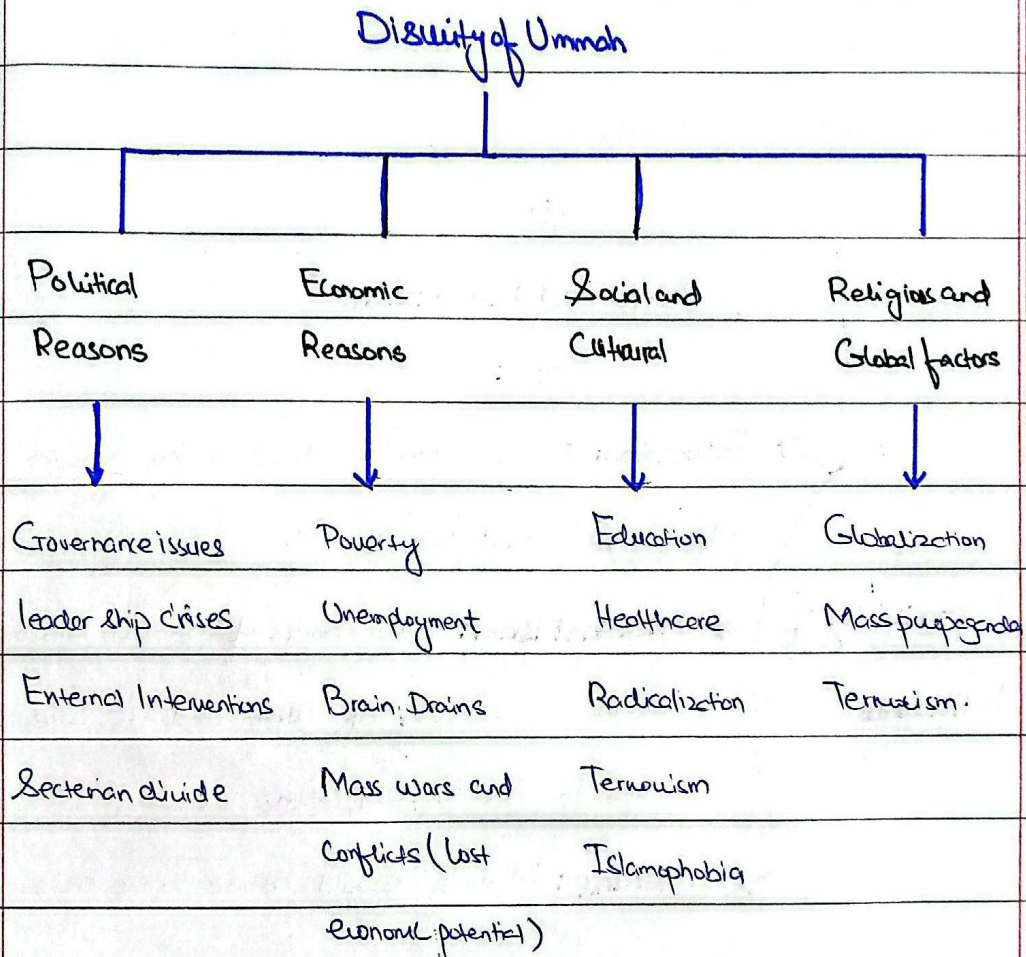
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There is no god but Allah, and
Muhammad (PBUH) is the messenger
of Allah."

This common factor binds all the Muslims under one flag, symbolizing unity and that unity is the concept of Ummah.

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The Main Reasons for the Disunity of the Muslim Ummah:



So, The Muslim Ummah today faces many external and internal challenges which hinder the unification of Ummah on a single page.

" The Muslim World faces a
Challenge of Governance."
— Anwar Ibrahim

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Countering the Challenges:

A Road to Unification of
Ummah

Following are some pragmatic steps and measures which the Ummah should take for its unification and the restoration to Golden Age of Muslims.

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Steps needed at a personal

level:

- Responsibility of Individuals
- **Education:** Muslims should adhere to the principle of (إِخْوَانِيَّة) and invest in their education.
 - **Understand Islam:** All members of Ummah should build an understanding of Islam and its core messages to lead to unification.
 - **Tolerance:** Muslims should adhere to the acts by Prophet Muhammad (SAW) of tolerance and do not indulge in sectarian and religious divide.

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Steps needed to be taken

at state level:

- Creating inter sect. harmony
- Promoting the Unity of Ummah
- Values of Islamic Co-existence.
- Political will of leaders.

Creating inter-sect
harmony:

Muslims today faces severe issues such as
Saudi vs Iran sectarian divide, which state
need to counter to attain unity.

Promoting the Unity
of Ummah:

Muslim leaders and Diplomats must use
multilateral forums of diplomacy and
channels of state-to-state interaction to
promote unity of Ummah.

Values of Islamic
Co-existence:

Nations donot need to do anything fancy
and out of the box, Islam provides a
comprehensive framework for unity of Ummah
and co-existence. Muslim nations should just
hold firm on those principles. As Allah say
in Quran;

"And hold firmly the rope of Allah and
donot be divided."

Political will of
the leaders:

The most important thing and a practical
step for the unity of Ummah is the political
will of leaders. Muslim leaders are divide and
motivated by self interests so, they need to
adhere to Islam and be on a single page.

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Steps needed at a global level for the unity of UMMAH:

a. Promoting Global Cooperation:

Muslim leaders and states must build a global cooperation network or strengthen already existing ones. For example, The OIC (Organization of Islamic Cooperation) should be made more practical and stronger and highlight common goals and responsibilities.

b. Countering External divide and rule:

The west plays the "divide and rule" strategy between the Muslim nations. For example, Israel is accused of supporting multiple proxies and even creating them to launch attacks on Muslim nations such as Syria, Yemen and Iran. So, the Muslim nations should fight these battles together.

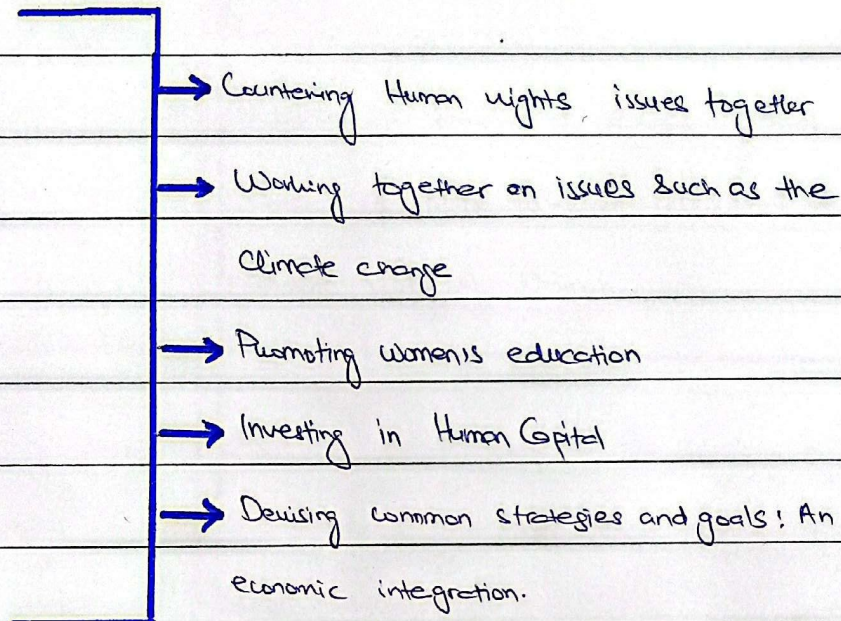
c. Creating a Common Defense:

In the context of current challenges in the contemporary world, Muslims need a common defence pact which protects them all. The recent pact between Saudi Arabia and Pakistan is a good achievement but the need today is incorporating as many as possible Muslim nations in such a

pact and establish a mutual defense goal such as that of NATO Charter Article 5 that "An act of aggression against one, will be considered an act of aggression against all."

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Few other steps for unity



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Conclusion:

Muslims have been divided in sectarianism, wars, economic interests, aligning with west, and many other issues that have divide them into fragments. The Muslim Ummah needs to re-unite and work together towards the unification of Ummah. Muslim nation have a 6 trillion GDP potential together. If they decide to join - which obviously is a very challenging task - no force of Earth other than Allah could stop them from unification and a new Golden Age of the Muslims.