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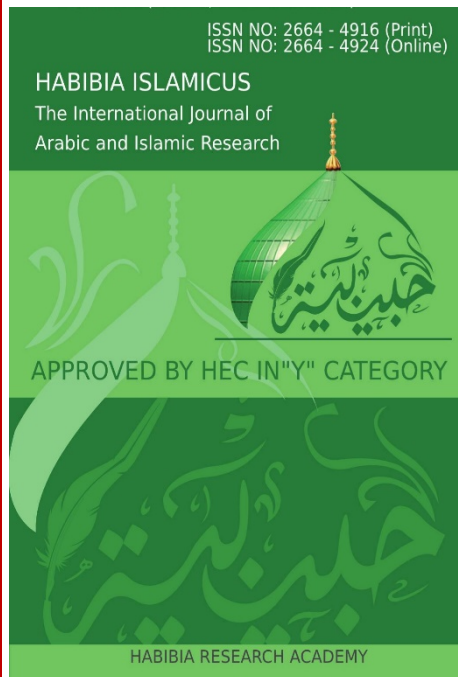
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SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND BOUNDARIES OF CONTEMPORARY INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM: AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT:

Intelligence system is considered to be one of the important tools used by military and civil secret agencies to defend and strengthen a nation. Intelligence system consists of correct and accurate information, gathered after great struggle and facing difficulties. This department is related to both peace and war. Intelligence is a basis of formulating all military strategies and plans. The paper examines the ethical considerations and limitations surrounding the practice of spying in the context of Islamic principles and the Prophet's (PBUH) teachings. It highlights the role and efficacies of propaganda, sexuality and rumors and its usage by developed nations to fulfill their nefarious plans. The abstract concludes by highlighting the relevance of the lessons from the Seerah in the modern era, where state surveillance and intelligence gathering have become crucial tools in maintaining security and preventing threats. It calls for a thoughtful and well-regulated approach to spying systems, integrating principles of justice and ethics within the framework of governance, just as exemplified by the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

KEYWORDS: *Intelligence system, Ethical consideration and boundaries, Surveillances system*

INTRODUCTION:

The knowledge of Intelligence/spying is part of the secret branches of knowledge. Intelligence is the name of true and authentic information the acquisition of which is not possible generally without intense struggle and endeavor. It is such a knowledge that belongs both to the state of war and peace. Intelligence is the basis of all preparations and tactics regarding a war. It is the process of knowledge of such circumstances of the enemy that are related to the use of power against them. In other words, it is prepared to defeat the opposing side in a battlefield.

This information is acquired through different means during the peace time. This includes both overt and covert operations. It is acquired from T.V, radio, telephone, reference books, maps, business, and professional directories, required information purchased from the multinational companies, internet, media, cultural bands, different spies, and satellite etc., used during the peace time. A huge portion of intelligence consists of the information gathered during the peace time.

Secret Intelligence: Legal perspective

The act of secret intelligence is legal in Islamic Sharia at societal or international level. The holy life of the Prophet of Islam (PBUH) is testimony of the fact that he established a secret intelligence system for preparing strategy, its analysis and secret information against the enemy and appointed the secret agents to make access to the preparations, advancement, and war strategies of the enemy.

“In modern times, this side of the intelligence activities to interfere within the internal affairs of other countries is called Covert Action in phraseology of the intelligence department. The officers who lead and guide the intelligence work in other countries

are called 'Case Officers' and stay in any country for two to three years. Their number ranges from one to ten." (1)

The intelligence agencies all over the world strive to make sure the presence of the intelligence agents in other countries especially in which their political and economic interests exist and keep transmitting their economic, military, and political secrets from their covertly. The different agencies keep their agents within their embassies. And some tend to be present in the guise of traders, students, newspaper correspondents, religious missionaries, and tourists. These agents gather the secret defense and other important information. Most of the time, the secret agencies try to enter their secret agents into the government departments including military, defense, and political institutions so that the information could be obtained from them when needed. When a secret agency constitutes its network in a country then the case officer spreads the network of agents to achieve these objectives within the institutions of that country. (2)

CIA the big secret agency of the world stands at number one in this respect. Its agents have been spread throughout in the whole world. When the White House wants to interfere in any country, the necessary details if available to the President and his aides about it are extremely desired to be used. Therefore, the objectives are promptly achieved through these sabotaging sources instead of achieving through diplomatic and other sources like this. (3) In modern times, obtaining secrets through secret methods is legal but not in line with Sharia. Islam establishes intelligence systems for human and moral objectives, not proprietary or cruel goals. Modern agencies' involvement is not compatible with Sharia. Establishing an intelligence system in an Islamic state using modern techniques is necessary, as incidents from the Holy Prophet and companions continue to occur.

Secret Writing: effective tool of Information

Secret writing has also enjoyed importance in the past and it is an effective tool of information in the field of intelligence.

"Every secret agency of the world instead of having the most modern communication system, teaches its agent the art of secret writing and decoding it." (4)

Examine the strategy that has been adopted by the American *CIA* in this respect;

"A secret professional journal started to be published for internal use and a detailed history started to be written by the retired officers about the secret work methodology of *CIA*. The history of intelligence in *CIA* is termed as a special library at government level. An attractive library is present in intelligence literature where thousands of books based on fiction and non-fiction. Its librarian is a career officer by profession, but his job is to make a list of books written on a host of subjects. He is provided with a formidable budget to gather the new intelligence books and documents throughout the world. Today, *CIA* possesses a complete stock of the books published throughout the world. This stock was tried to be expanded further a few years back. A chapter about the secret information has been added into it which includes hidden ink, secret hearing tools, cameras and other tools and apparatus that were used by the spies and officers during various operations." (5)

Secret writing is crucial for modern intelligence. Surely, this method can also be made part of the intelligence system in the Islamic secret system, but the Islamic Shariah does not

consider the writings legal that tend to become the reason behind the unrest and mischief in the human society. Therefore, such writings can be used for the benefit and progress of human society.

Propaganda: A Modern reticent lethal weapon

Propaganda is termed as the most effective tool of intelligence because it has remained a tried and tested and effective anecdote for centuries. Propaganda and rumor manufacturing has remained an effective tool to spread unrest and lawlessness in order to mislead the masses of the enemy country. Its importance is accepted and undoubted. (6)

“Sometimes just telling the truth to the masses is called as propaganda. At times, mixing a little lie in half-truth through which the listeners can be distracted is called the brown propaganda and when absolute lies are told it is called as the black propaganda. Although sometimes in order to gain confidence, half the falsehood is mixed in some truth.” (7)

For example, the American CIA has always used the propaganda in order to achieve its objectives. In this respect without caring for the truth or falsehood, it spreads propaganda in different societies and countries in the pretext of false names, assumed names, assumed institutions and the groups. In this context, an example of 1927 is as follows.

“The American CIA ran a movement through the balloons to adulterate the internal affairs of China. The Committee No. 303 sanctioned this operation that is now called as the Committee No. 40. The agency made to put out the balloons from the stores and transported to a secret station of Taiwan through planes. Where they were prepared with cleverness for propaganda, laced with anti-booklets, pamphlets and newspapers and were dispatched to the Chinese provinces in the west of Taiwan through suitable wind. The literature that was dropped through the balloons was written, printed, and styled like that of the publications of ancient China that were distributed secretly by the conservatives at limited level. These publications were not published on the lines of a formal anti-revolutionary movement rather were published and distributed in the names of substituted associations some of them were shown to be related to the army, communes of formers and the others from the industrial unions. In whole of the propaganda, especially the work of the red guards and their alleged excesses were criticized. Some of the excesses were real while some of them were fabricated. Its purpose was to instigate the masses directly against those leaders on whose directions the red guards were doing all this. Expectations were made that the reaction of these misguided rumors would be against the Cultural Revolution. In this way, internal unrest would increase at the one hand and on the other hand, the balance of power would be disturbed within the leadership of Peking.” (8)

Another method of propaganda is electronic media through which unaccounted objectives can be achieved and, in this respect, the secret agencies substantially use it. The American CIA started using another method for the transmission of news that was CIA owned Broadcast Information Service that used to transmit news daily throughout the world in nearly a dozen countries including Hong Kong, Panama, Nigeria, Greece, and San Francisco. And from this also, it was made known whether the transmission was reaching

to the targeted area through the secret transmitters or not and whether was producing the expected results or not. (9)

The role of intelligence system in an Islamic state regarding propaganda can be understood through the prism that Islam forbids to spread the falsehood basically.

Whatever the Islamic state's hidden systems, they would devise a plan to promote what is good while harming the forces of evil. But Islamic state law forbids the use of a technique that frequently relies on fabrication and deceit. The Islamic state structure includes a covert propaganda apparatus that disseminates information about societies or the world that genuinely adheres to antihuman systems. Even while the dissemination of the truth is often referred to as propaganda, it typically serves higher purposes.

Rumour: Making through Print and Electronic Media

Rumour Making influences the common human society at great length. It is being used throughout the human world for centuries. The study of the history tells that the intelligence agencies developed such a disaster into the enemy camps through rumour making due to which they gained excellent outcomes. In this context the example of the Indian agency RAW can be presented here which no doubt moulded its predecessor Chankiya's principle of rumour making to the modern style and has gained such a proficiency in this field that it has remained succeeded in developing various religious riots in Pakistan and Bangladesh. (10)

Another huge example of rumour making came to fore when the RAW succeeded in developing the Shia-Sunni riots to diminish the expanding power of the Muslims in Indian province of UP. For which the rumour was used as a weapon and the strength of the Muslims remained broken. (11)

The real objective of the rumours is to influence the public opinion. Rumour making actually happens to be a kind of propaganda the basis of which tend to be the fake documents and mentality and ideologies of the society are influenced on the basis of them. *"There is a formal department of rumour making present in Russian intelligence system."* (12)

Fake documents are widely used for the purpose of rumour making. In this respect, no legal or moral codes of anyone's kept in mind. For example, on 2 June, 1961, Richard Helms who was Deputy Director of the secret services at that time told the Inter Security Sub-Committee of the Senate about forgeries of the communists.

"He mentioned about 32 fake documents which appeared to be sent to the American officials or vice versa. Some of them were such through which the suggestions and aims of the American imperialism were known. The American interference among a lot of countries of the independent world was told in seventeen of them. In eleven out of seventeen, America was accused of interfering in the business of the Asian nations as well. The Secretary of the State and the Japanese Prime Minister had sanctioned in a document that the Japanese army could be used anywhere in Asia. Another document showed the accusation that America used the armies of the South East Asian countries for its own benefits. It was proved in two that America was conspiring to overthrow the government of the Indonesian president Soekarno. It was merely meant to be told

through two of them that the American government was providing military aid to the rebels of the Soekarno government which was ostensibly being denied.” (13)

The testimony of Helms that was actually a propaganda operation against the American people was handed over to the press for publication with the permission of CIA. He not only lied to the communists, but he cleverly saved his skin from all the lies told by CIA in the name of the government.

Till 1971, Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty were the biggest sources of the American propaganda. The transmission of Radio Free Europe was meant for Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and Romania whereas, Radio Liberty was meant for Russia. (14) CIA used to keep providing these two radio stations with monetary aid and important personnel and kept its eyes on the programs. (15)

“To the workers of the agency, this was the biggest source to gather the intelligence secrets. The employees of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty used to prepare such reports by examining the migrants, their letters and other reports through which the incidents occurring in the East Europe could be known.” (16)

The secret intelligence agencies also use the print media alongside the electronic media. For example, the purpose is to spread different dogmas and opinions in different societies through books, newspapers, and journals for the accomplishment of desired objectives. For example, the propaganda remains an effective tool for CIA through the publication of books. The agency got a book published in 1953 that was written by the members of the Department of International Studies of the Walt Rostov Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Walt Rostov was made afterwards as Assistant to President Johnson on National Security and this book was published in two different ways separately. One was meant only for CIA and government policy makers while the other was meant for the general public. Both had the same basic purpose with a slight difference of detail in their style:

“Make people believe that the Soviet Union is an imperialist power that has resolved to conquer the whole world and now it is the responsibility of America to counter this communist bloc.” (17)

All intelligence services have a specific style in providing the financial aid for the publication of the books. A lot of writers feel happy to write on these subjects that can fame their names. Their inclination turns towards a place where the objectives of the propaganda of their allied agency could be strengthened and towards such books in which such type of material can be published which can help giving the writer the social respect and decree for some time and are written for a specific purpose that does not happen to be impartial. Therefore, when this secret is revealed, all the material of the book and the writer become suspected. (18)

In terms of rumor making, the operational method of the current intelligence agencies has been exposed. The question is whether this type of rumor making is acceptable in Islamic intelligence system or not. But the study of the past of the Islamic state law exposes the fact that Islam neither has this type of attitude at all nor the establishment of any type of institution is found in the history of Islam for spreading the fake rumors.

Rather it is sinful and illegal in Islam to spread the false rumors. It has been enjoined not to believe such false rumors and forbidden not to forward such information without verification. Islam takes the human society as a family on human basis. And as a family, it does not consider such act legal that proves to be harmful on any aspect.

Welfare Organisations: A reticent Intelligence gathering Tool

The secret agencies in order to create their influence in different countries and gain more and more information and to reach to their national secrets establish such institutions and strengthen them by providing them financial and management aid and then establish the relations with their officials and other persons of the societies and achieve their goals. For example, Asia Foundation established by CIA in 1965, was used to be given huge financial aid and the selection of the board of directors for them had also been made with utmost care. This foundation was established to flourish the educational and social activities in Eastern countries. The foundation used to provide money to the different groups of the communists in different countries so that the negative tendencies against China, Northern Vietnam and North Korea could be strengthened throughout Asia and recruit the foreign agents and new officers. Although the foundation used to act as a cover for the secret activities, its actual objective was to spread opinion against the communists and in favor of America sometimes with craftiness and sometimes by threatening. (19)

“During 1960, CIA established new sort of wealth companies so that they could be used for propaganda operations. These companies were opposing to each other.” (20)

“Apart from that the American CIA uses to have secret contacts within and outside the country with laborers of goodies, union leaders, cultural, student unions and with literary persons and uses to give them thousands of dollars as aid so that they could be used with own governments and other objectives. (21)

“During 80s especially NGOs were established in Pakistan under this policy. CIA is running its affair successfully under the cover of these NGOs. The real purposes are not even known to the handlers of these NGOs because they consider only the acquisition of dollars and foreign visits as their objective of life, but its price is being paid in terms of the national security.” (22)

It is right to search the news for own benefit and have an eye on enemy's affairs and the planning from the inside of other societies through the welfare institutions and surely the Islamic intelligence system adopts such a strategy in this respect so that the internal thinking of the enemy could be known. But with it, the objectives of the Islamic intelligence system aim to spread the higher ideology so that the human societies could become beneficial for the world tomorrow with a positive thinking. With this ideology, it is legal to send the secret persons into other societies. But contrary to this, the tricks of the working secret agencies are that they do such acts in institutions of the societies of other countries through their agents due to which decline, and demotion take the place of progress in these societies and the roots of the societies are weakened and their local values and virtues are destroyed. This type of subversion is not permitted in the Islamic intelligence system.

Private Forces and the Modern Technology

The secret agencies throughout the world keep private soldiers for them and use them callously when needed and war and bloodshed is kept in the societies of different nations. Most of the time, rented murderers are specially trained to kill a specific person likewise such agents are prepared who tend to be the experts at killing and mayhem.

“In private army of CIA, more than 35000 opium farmers and mountain tribal were recruited. Rented pilots were recruited to fly their bombing and supply planes. At last, when this army had weakened as a result of long warfare, seventeen thousand rented soldiers were recruited from Thailand.” (23)

CIA used the modern technical and mechanical sources in the field of intelligence. U-2 plane was customized. Through Lock head Aircraft Corporation, spy plane 11-71 was manufactured that was renamed afterwards as SR-71 that is three times faster than the speed of sound and provides information from more height than U-2.

“Its instructions were being used as well in taking the pictures of secret installations of the whole world and especially Russia and China through powerful cameras and other tools by using the artificial satellites for intelligence.” (24)

“Humans are used for obtaining information in classical intelligence, but machines are also being used extensively for the acquisition of information in the modern time. For example, snap making artificial satellites and censoring tools for excessing the far-off places and stations to intercept the information from the middle of the communication. (25)

The use of technology was not known before the World War-2 but how the technology revolution has changed the color of life over the last twenty-five years similarly effective changes have occurred in the field of intelligence. Its practical manifestation can be gauged from the fact that America has so far spent billions of dollars for the discovery and development of new machinery after the WW-II so that information could be kept receiving about whatever the other countries especially the communists are doing. (26)

“Where an intelligence agent had to believe in and rely on his efforts for the purpose of acquiring information before, now he could briskly acquire better information by less journeying and with less effort. The gadgets equipped with the most modern technology are being used for intelligence. One of them is a signal transmitter which is in the shape of teeth, a pencil looking ordinary but it can write on a page which cannot be seen, a car back view mirror that not only provides driver the backside view but also shows the persons sitting on the back of the car, sound tools, special equipment for photography and apart from the secret communication system such hidden gadgets are used in actual operation that have not been witnessed by the imagination either.” (27)

The tools other than the intelligence are also used for example plastic bomb, paralyzing and killing medicines, quite arms and the powerful commands. Designs of all of them made for special operation and they are transformed into practical form as well. (28)

“The art of interfering in the radio programs and code breaking was the first experiment for America in the field of machine technology which is called as the ‘communication intelligence’.” (29)

Similarly, the spying is also being made through the telecommunication satellites. The biggest and the most important sources of technical intelligence for America are aerial photography made through artificial satellites and information obtained through electrical sources. Most of these satellites are orbiting in the north-south orbit in such a way that Russia and China could especially remain their target and they circle more rapidly around the earth. The other dispatched satellites orbit the earth with its speed, and they are shown to be stationary. (30)

Apart from these artificial satellites, the American intelligence has another network of sensitive satellites as well in which electronic tools have been fixed:

“These satellites gather data about the experiments of missiles, radars, other powerful electronic gadgets, and aerial telecommunication. In some situations, these electronic artificial satellites have the contact with the stations on earth. These stations are present in both America and the other friendly countries. Where these artificial satellites are guided to their desired targets and the data received from these satellites is combined and sent to the intelligence agencies in Washington.” (31)

The use of the most modern technology can be made possible in the Islamic intelligence system like being done by the contemporary world. Islamic state does not give the modern technology the basic importance but also considers it necessary to be kept informed about the anti-human powers and understanding their tricks.

Deception and Conspiracies

“The institutions and agencies working within the ambit of the prevalent intelligence system in the world put this basic principle on top to snatch the secrets of others somehow with any secret means and deception and cunningness and keep their internal and external strength weakening. In this respect, nothing like morality is followed. For example, every intelligence agency has its own style to train its agents. The motto of MOSSAD is to look towards its own interest by Way of Deception”. (32)

In the words of a chief of the intelligence system of Mosad;

“Our motto is “we have to win the war through deception and fraud.” (33)

Deception has been declared as the basic training of the Israeli agency. Its agents are taught deception from the word go. And an agent of Mosad can be deceptive to the level of cruelty for the sake his own interest.

In Islamic state system, no institution can be established for the sake of deception and especially the secret agency does not consider necessary the tricks of fraud and deception. But it is so that an enemy can be responded for his fraudulent and deceptive tricks from whom, the whole mankind fears loss and there is a danger of discord by his acts. Even in this, honesty and truthfulness remain at the basic position.

Sexual Sources: Quick and Easy way of exploitation

The world over and especially in Europe's secret intelligence system, the art of sexual attraction or trapping the target at the basis of sexual hunger and getting the desired information has been going on since the ancient time.

Intelligence is called as the most ancient profession of the world. There is a reference of those two agents in Torah who were sent to Jericho in 1200 B.C to gather the secret information before attacking the city and they went straight to a place where the exchange of visits of the stranger men used to be occurred. This place was owned by a prostitute name as Rahab. Times have passed; the governments have kept using the beautiful girls to accomplish their secret objectives and to force the required persons to open up their mouth and still they are doing this. But in this respect, the brothels might not have had enjoyed that importance before in history what they started to get a century ago. And the people decorating this new field of intelligence were not others but the Germans.

"The term Sexuality and the hidden secret was first introduced by the famous spy master Walter Schellenberg. In 1939, the head of Gestapo Reinhard Heydrich ordered to use the beautiful faces for opening up the secrets." (34)

The secret agencies also use this type of tricks to blackmail their targets. For example, during the outset of 1959, Lloyd Kozoz'va opened up a massage center in the center of Frankfurt.

"This news went viral soon that extremely beautiful and attractive girls also provide other services in that particular massage center. After that the famous businessmen, ambassadors, army officers, civil services and the politicians started coming there. But there was not just the sexuality in the massage center. The customers did not know their every word was being recorder through microphones and their every movement was being recorded through the video cameras Soon the KGB prepared a list of the possible targets being blackmailed." (35)

The activities of the world-renowned sexual agent Mata Hari were not concealed from the British intelligence. She used to sell whatever information she received while bedding with military leaders during the war. She established her business in Paris, Madrid, and Berlin. (36)

“The Russians achieved a massive victory through sexual exploitation during 1969 and 1972.” (37)

Russia and Germany have remained ahead of the rest of the Europe in sexual intelligence and the spies of NATO have faced severe coercion from the higher authorities in this respect. The British and French security services paid huge sums to the German and Australian prostitutes for sleeping with the soldiers of the occupied forces of Russia right after the Second World War. It is said that the French secret service had 400 beautiful prostitutes for this purpose and in Paris in connivance with CIA, the French Intelligence Service (SDECE) tried to blackmail the people of Eastern Block visiting the brothels, but they gained no satisfactory success. (38)

An interesting example of this is of Indonesian President Soekarno whom KGB tried to trap in a sexual scandal. The incident occurred like this;

“President Soekarno was renowned the world over due to his pleasure-loving nature. Therefore, during his Moscow visit, KGB tried to lure him in a sexual trap that was natural. President Soekarno was made to meet with a lot of highly trained nightingales, and he was filmed while merrymaking in his room. At the start of the blackmailing project when Soekarno was shown this film, he stunned the Soviet agents by saying “Give a lot of copies of this film to me so that the Indonesian people can feel proud of my performance.” (39)

The act of sexual trapping was not limited to the women only. Rather, the intelligence agencies trap their targets through homosexuality as well. A lot of examples of this type are present. For example, Moscow trained a lot of beautiful young men for their use in homosexuality.

“One of those homosexual crows played a vital role in trapping the British admiral William Wessel in 1954. Similarly, the three Soviet defectors revealed that the Canadian ambassador appointed in Russia John Watt Cannes had also worked for KGB in 1960 after being trapped in the hands of two homosexual agents. After snapping John Watt Cannes with secret cameras, he was made evident to him that if he did not play his role to streamline the Canadian foreign policy to the Russian lines, his career would be destroyed through these pictures. John Watt Cannes was considered to be made as the foreign minister of Canada those days. He was called to Montreal for investigation after the secret was revealed by the defectors. Unfortunately, John Watt

Cannes died of heart attack in 1964 by not sustaining against these investigations.”
(40)

Not to talk of the Islamic intelligence system, no institution of the Islamic state basically or the basic idea of Islam considers this act as forbidden whatever its objectives might have been and particularly the basic purpose of intelligence system is to eradicate such evils and to keep an eye on such elements of the society who remain indulged in such activities let alone this system itself indulges in such activities. Therefore, the Islamic intelligence system does not consider such type of tricks as legal and act against the persons performing them.

Killing of the Opponents:

One of the tricks of different intelligence agencies of the world is to take their targets to the sleep of the death. They often dispose of important personalities to achieve political, economic, and military objectives. We witness every other day that some important personality of one or the other country is removed from the scene. The secret agencies also use the anti-social elements quite enough along with their agents in this respect and the game of blood continues on internally. For example, to the Americans, the Russian agents were looked down upon due to political bloodshed during the days of Cold War. But these people remained stunned at the moment in 1975 when the American investigators revealed that CIA also had the bloodshed in the name of diplomacy;

“The witnesses deposed solemnly that American CIA was directly involved in the killing of the head of Congo Patrick Lumumba, leader of Dominican Republic Rafael Trujillo and Goldean Jim of South Vietnam.” (41)

Russia exceeded the limits in this respect. They established the laboratories in which such material is prepared is prepared that is used by the secret agencies to kill the humans.

It is said that the Russians used to remain afraid of the poison prepared in their own laboratories. A high official of KGB said that in case one laid one’s hand accidentally on anything, one’s funeral was ready the next moment.

“The leaders of the political wing of the communists did not use to exchange hands with unknown persons for years because they knew about the poisons which would kill you after a few hours in case they touch your skin.” (42)

There is no idea of killing the innocent people secretly in the Islamic intelligence system. But such acts can be done secretly against the enemies of the Islamic state and the justice system. But, like the prevalent intelligence system, the killing of the important personalities of the world cannot be considered legal for the condemnable objectives.

Suggestions:

What is the Islamic state? Actually, Islamic state is such an institution of maintaining the human society the purpose of which has been defined to become a source of ascension of all the ethical, spiritual, economic, societal, psychological, and academic human departments and establish a system of justice in which all the humans could lead a peaceful life without the distinction of color, creed and religion and could keep carrying their natural ascension.

“A real Islamic state means the Caliphate which means to govern in the same way the Holy Prophet (PBUH) governed.” (43)

And the holy Quran also guides while pointing towards it: The Divinity says;

“And let there be of you a group of people who command others to good and forbid from what is wrong. It is they who are the felicitous.” (45)

Some distinctions of the Islamic state are such due to which not only clears the road of a welfare state in terms of the current rectification, but it reaches to such a stage of justice by going forward where no modern state can imagine to reach. According to the religion, the first responsibility to establish a state system having four basic responsibilities wherever the Muslims achieve the political autonomy;

“One is to establish prayers, second is to pay Zakat, third is to establish every good and best thing in the society necessary for the ascension and protection of the religion and fourth is to terminate all such things from the society that become a cause of pain, loss and injustice for the society.” (46)

Therefore, the subsidiary systems of the Islamic state would perform their duties by keeping in view these basic objectives. And especially the intelligence system would not only be streamlined on these basic objectives but at every stage they would follow the ideological and the principles that are valid according to the Sharia of Islam. Therefore, when the Islamic state is established, it would keep these basic objectives in mind while forming its political, economic, and social system. There is no restriction of the era in it as the principles of justice and human intimacy have remained the basis of the Islamic state. What is sorrowful is that there is no existence of a real Islamic state anywhere in the world at this time. But certainly, there are some countries of Muslim majority where such systems are present that neither they represent the Islamic objectives ideologically nor they have any reference according to the teachings of Islam.

Majority Muslim countries are stuck in the clutches of capitalism and running all their departments according to this very basic idea. In this context, in case the systems of more than fifty Islamic countries of the world are examined, they all are seen as the preservers of the European and American interests. The same corruption, self-interest, class divide, and the same cruel tricks and the same immoral values are seen to be disseminated and prevalent.

Justification of Propaganda through Secret Intelligence:

Propaganda tends to be part of every intelligence system having various examples in the current era. Propaganda certainly plays a vital role in molding the public opinion and thoughts. The holy Quran has given sense towards it and has advised to stay away from such elements or institutions that tend to foment negative propaganda in society and has advised us to remain alert all the time. The holy Quran says in Surah Falaq;

“And from the evil of malignant witchcraft.” (47)

Maulana Ubaidullah Sindhi narrates in the interpretation of this verse;

“Nafas: To blow, Nafasat: the ones who blow (witchcrafts). It is in feminine form that also comes for a group. Many interpreters have become silent after terming them the women who lay charm by blowing. This is an example of this act, and its other example is the groups. Aqad: It is the plural of Aqdat (Means knots). If nafas’at means the women, the aqad can be of the meaning of knots of a thread. If its meaning is taken as groups, then aqad would mean as firm thoughts which are fastened by the human being in knots which tends to be his dogma or belief and which is stuck to his existence in a way that they cannot be separated. All human progress is related to this very point. The firmer the belief of a human being is, the firmer his courage and inclination would be and likewise he would do firm and everlasting act.”

A propaganda group spreads propaganda. It blows a reflection into the ears of people and into their hearts. It is resulted into a condition where the listeners’ own belief starts weakening. In this way, the opposing propaganda parties prove the life granting programs of the humans as useless with the force of their propaganda and kill a human society. Today, the power of propaganda has been accepted as more than that of a cannon or a musket. During the war days, the power of propaganda is equated as 9/10 while 1/10 is the power of war with arms ranging from a gun to extremely deadly weapons. (48)

“Human groups try to create doubts in the opposing philosophical system through various methods. The workers of these groups, who make propaganda ostensibly, do not happen to be the actual instigators. The actual instigators remain behind them of whom we know nothing. These groups educate them, make them work and mold the human opinion.” (49)

In such a situation, the intelligence department of the Islamic state should necessarily be activated so that it could respond to the misleading enemy propaganda. For this, it spreads its reflection and truth in the society so that this move of the enemy could not be succeeded. Therefore, responding to a propaganda that is detrimental to the society is legal according to the holy Quran. Otherwise, the anti-Islam forces would subdue Islam by influencing the society.

Conclusion

The paper explores the ethical implications of spying in the context of Islamic principles and the Prophet's teachings. It discusses the role of propaganda and rumors in fulfilling nefarious plans, and the relevance of lessons from the Seerah in modern security. The paper calls for a well-regulated approach to spying systems, integrating justice and ethics within governance frameworks.

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