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**HE IS THE SOVEREIGN**

“Say: ‘O Allah, Maalikal Mulk (The Sovereign and Ruler of the entire world)! You bestow sovereignty (political power) to whomever You will, and You snatch away sovereignty from whomever You will. You grant honour to whomever You will and you humiliate whomever You will. In your Hand is Goodness. Verily, You have power over all things.” (Aal Imraan, Aayat 26)

Whoever cannot come to terms with this categorical assertion of Allah Wa Jal should understand that he is a murtadd. His Salaat, Saum, Zakaat, hajj, etc. will be of no avail.

**TIP OF THE ICEBERG**

246 inmates were exonerated by DNA evidence nationwide, according to the Innocence Project of Florida. These people were convicted and sentenced in terms of kuffaar justice. The hundreds exonerated and freed after languishing in prisons for years and even decades are the tip of the iceberg.

**AFGHANISTAN DEFEAT FOR AMERICA**

**CHINESE ATROCITIES**

**ISLAMIC JUSTICE**

**STRIKING HAATI**  
"In reality, We (Allah) strike haati (falsehood) with the Haq. If there remains out the bricks of haati, And, in, R (haati) suddenly disappears."  
(Qur'an)

**THE BAND OF HAQ**  
"There will ever remain a band from my Utmost Sublime on the Haq until the Day of Qiyamah. Those who support them and those who do not aid them, will not be able to harm them."  
(Haqik)

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# AFGHANISTAN DEFEAT FOR AMERICA

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The U.S. military has been at war in Afghanistan for more than 17 years. There's a prevailing notion, both inside the armed forces and around the Beltway, that goes something like this:

"The U.S. can never be militarily defeated in any war," certainly not by some third world country. Heck, I used to believe that myself. That's why, in regard to Afghanistan, we've been told that while America could lose the war due to political factors (such as the lack of get among "well" liberals or politicians), the military could never and will never lose on the battlefield.

That entire notion is about to be turned on its head. Get ready, because we're about to lose this war militarily.

Consider this: the U.S. military has advanced, retreated, battled, and bled in Afghanistan for 17-plus years. Ground troop levels

have fluctuated from lows of some 10,000 to upwards of 100,000 servicemen and women. None of that has achieved more than a tie, a bloody stalemate. Now, in the 18th year of the conflict, the Zabul-Warshington coalition's military is simply being.

Let's begin with the broader numbers: The Taliban controls or controls more territory—some 44 percent—than at any time since the 2001 invasion. Total combatant and civilian casualties are estimated to top 20,000 this year—another doublet broken record. What's more, Afghan military casualties are frankly unacceptable: the Taliban are killing more than the government can recruit. The death rates are staggering, numbering 5,500 fatalities in 2015, 6,700 in 2016, and an estimate (the number is newly classified) of "about 10,000" in 2017. Well, some might ask, what about American troops—can't that help stem the Taliban tide? Hardly. In 2018, as security deteriorated and the Taliban made substantial gains, the U.S. actual-

ly dropped more bombs than in any other year of the war. It appears that nothing stands in the way of impending military defeat.

Then there are the very recent events on the ground—and these are telling. Insider attacks in which Afghan "allies" turn their guns on American advisors are back on the rise, most recently in an attack that wounded a U.S. Army general and threatened the top U.S. commander in the country. And while troop numbers are way down from the high in 2011, American troops deaths are rising. Over the Thanksgiving season alone, a U.S. Army Ranger was killed in a friendly fire incident and three other troops died in a roadside bomb attack. And in what was perhaps only a (still) disturbing case of miscommunication, the top U.S. commander, General Miller, was filmed carrying his own M16 rifle around Afghanistan. That's a long way from the days when then-General Patraeus (well protected by soldiers, of course) walked around the man-

lots of Baghdad in a soft top and without body armor.

More importantly, the Afghan army and police are getting hammered in larger and larger attacks and taking unsustainable casualties. Some 26 Afghan security forces were killed on Thanksgiving, 22 policemen died in an attack on Sunday, and on Tuesday 30 civilians were killed in Herat province. And these were only the high-profile attacks, dwarfed by the countless other countryside incidents. All this proves that no matter how hard the U.S. military worked, or how many years it committed to building an Afghan army to its own image, and no matter how much air and logistical support that army received, the Afghan Security Forces cannot win. The sooner Washington accepts this truth over the more comforting lie, the fewer of our valiant American soldiers will have to die. Who is honestly ready to be the last to die for a mistake, or at least a hopeless cause?

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## A SOMBRE WARNING FOR THE INTERFAITHERS

**AN EVIL DEATH-THE CONSEQUENCE OF INTERFAITH**

Hafizur Rahman Adnan Ali Thani (Hafizurrahman alayhi wasallam) narrated:

"A prominent wealthy man (a Muslim) had sided with the Hindus in the town of Lalabul when they were about to construct a temple. Muslims had objected. Afterwards, this prominent personality was overthrown by soldiers. My friend Hassan who was a poor Muslim went to Lal-

abul to attend to a patient. The relation of the prominent personality requested the Muslims to attend to their patient. After the Muslims conducted his diagnosis, he mentioned that there was no hope for the patient.

As the Muslims were about to depart, the wealthy man held on to his hand and implored the Muslims not to leave. The man said, "Two men opposed to me holding a cup of fire and saying that they would soon be imprisoning me in

the cage. On seeing you, they moved back, but said that they would soon take me in the cage." The Muslims could not remain for long. Soon after his departure, the wealthy man died.

Several persons saw in their dreams someone warning them: "Do not perform any deeds of Ismail-e-Thaniyah for him. Nothing will benefit him. He died a kafir."

Those who participate in interfaith exercises should take note: Beware and fear!

## THE TALIBAN

**Q. Someone says that the Taliban have sold their souls to the U.S.A. Since they are now friends, the U.S. is proposing to leave Afghanistan. Is this correct? Please comment.**

**A. The Taliban did not sell their souls. We are not aware of the current position on the ground. According to the latest report, the U.S. is not pulling out of Af-**

ghanistan.

Be that as it may, if the Taliban enter into some form of treaty with the U.S.A., it will not follow that they will be selling their souls. Rasulullah (Sallallahu alayhi wasallam) and the Sahabah also had entered into treaties with the non-believers and the Christians. Political circumstances dictate such peace treaties. The Shari'ah makes provision for treaties with

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