## The Threat of Islamism

As Hyshama Hameen and Hassana Cegu Issadheen write in their study "<u>Unequal Citizens</u>", former quazi of the eastern province has given whipping penalties for persons who are suspected of adultery according to Sharia rules. Information was provided by quazi himself to the authors in focused group interviews. When a spouse accused the other of having an extramarital relationship, the quazi has given 110 whips if the spouse is married and 100 whips if (s)he is not married. He has given this punishment to them in front of four male Muslims of the mosque committee as witnesses. Writing that quazis have no such powers under the MMDA or any other law, authors write that this is a violation of a fundamental right under the 11th clause of the constitution since it's a cruel and inhuman treatment done by an officer of the government. This means that we can take legal actions against this because it's done by a quazi, who is an officer of the government. Now there's the question if this was done by a figure who is not an officer of government and if the victims did not complain about it, can any citizen or government authorities take legal actions against them?

The aforementioned study reports also incidents in which Muslim mosque committees have forced underage girls to marry people who attempted to rape them, saying because "now they [girls] have a bad reputation and thus no one will now marry with them. After forced to marriage, girls had to stop their education and after a few months, the husband had deserted her falling into a state of depression.

Writing that "flogging punishments on persons suspected of adultery is occurring at the community level, either commissioned by mosque committees and mosque federations" authors write:

"...Civil society groups working in the areas stated that the community perceives the practice as a norm and a legal and legitimate punishment as part of Sharia and therefore allowed under the MMDA, hence it has not been questioned or challenged."

(p. 27)

If such acts were done by Buddhists or with the guidance of a Buddhist monk, then we would have seen how much the "civil community" will care about human rights and rule of law. If this was an act done by Sinhala-Buddhists then they will publish scholarly articles on the shift of Sinhala-Buddhist nationalism into the barbaric level. Punishing in this way has been done even for leaving Islam, marrying, or having a relationship with a non-Muslim, as revealed by media in recent times. (ACJU too can't get rid of their responsibility regarding such actions done by Mosque committees.)

However, the above information which is well documented and clarified is sufficient for any rational citizen to be concerned about ongoing Thalibanisation within the Sri Lankan Muslim community.

Since such acts are detrimental to national security, peace, and harmony they must be identified as acts of treason or rebel against the government by law, like in a case of separatism.

There are many instances that Islamic leaders have expressed their desire, aim and love for create a world in which Sharia is the only prevailing legal system concerning any matter relating to human life.

In the 2008 terrorism trial United States v. Holy Land Foundation a document written by senior Hamas and Muslim Brotherhood leader Mohammad Akram was entered into evidence.

The document was called An Explanatory Memorandum: On the General Strategic Goal for the Group and it says that the purpose of the Muslim Brotherhood in North America is "a Civilization-Jihadist Process" and they are conducting a "grand jihad in eliminating and destroying Western civilization from within and 'sabotaging' its miserable house by their hands and the hands of the believers so that it is eliminated."

"Islam is a religion that wants to rule the world. It has done so before and eventually, will rule it again"

- Ayatollah 'Ali Meshkini speaks at a Friday sermon

"We have ruled the world before, and by Allah, the day will come when we will rule the entire world again! The day will come when we will rule America. The day will come when we rule Britain and the entire world!"

- Ibrahim Mudeiris

"You will take over the USA! You will take over the UK! You will take over Europe! You will defeat them all! You will get victory! You will take over Egypt! We trust in Allah!"

## - Abdul Rahman Saleem

Muslims say that Islam is a complete way of life. What that means is that it's not a religion that is concerned only about spiritual life about the followers and additionally that it consists a legal code that governs every aspect of the lives of the believers. Quran describes how should be court procedures, what should be the penalties for crimes (both religious and legal) not as suggestions but as divine orders which can't be ignored by a believer. This becomes clear to Muslims if looked at the verses such as 5: 49, 5: 50, 4: 44 in the Quran. They can't pick only certain parts. It must be followed as a whole. So to correctly follow their religion they must get complete sharia implemented in every region they live in. And that expectation exists in the mind of nearly every Muslim. (I know you will question my assumption, but until CPA, etc do any research on Sri Lankan Muslims [if they are not biased they must do it just now, at least after the Easter Attack] attitudes, no one has a right to question Our [Nationalists] claims about Islamism, since we were in foresight on Islamic extremism in Sri Lanka years before Easter terror attack, while "civil community" is seeing that concern as a hysteric moment of Sinhala Buddhist movement.)

But if you want to see research findings here's it...

According to a research done by Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life using 38 000 Muslims from 39 countries as the sample, among Muslims in South Asia had 84% support for Sharia as a total. According to 2013 research on religious attitudes, done on Muslims from 6 Muslim majority countries, over 50% of the population believe that apostates must be killed. According to a similar research done in 2007 on attitudes of UK Muslims, one-third of Muslims between 16-24 ages believe that apostates must be killed.

 $<sup>1 \</sup>quad \underline{https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2013/05/01/64-percent-of-muslims-in-egypt-and-pakistan-support-the-death-penalty-for-leaving-islam/$ 

<sup>2</sup> http://www.pewforum.org/files/2013/04/worlds-muslims-religion-politics-society-full-report.pdf

<sup>3</sup> https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2007/jan/29/thinktanks.religion

Islam is part religion, and part a political-military doctrine, the part that is a political doctrine contains a world view, a system of laws and a moral code that is totally incompatible with our constitution, our laws, and our way of life

– Ayaan Hirsi Ali

Islam is not a religion but a totalitarian political system with religious elements, which is dedicated to the conquest of the whole world.

Raymond Leo Burke
Cardinal-Deacon of the Catholic Church

Islam portrays itself as a religion and uses religious terminology, but its goal is world domination. This is the same goal pursued by Nazism and communism. Islam's ambition is worldly and political. its alleged "spiritual message" is icing on the cake. Since the ultimate agenda of Islam is political, it must be classified as a political ideology. We can ban Islam's political side, and that would be the end of Islam. Without its political agenda of world domination Islam has no reason to exist.

- Understanding Muslims and Muhammad by Ali Sina

It (implementing complete sharia in the lands they live in) becomes a religious obligation of them. Thus any religious Muslim becomes a participant of a political program despite how innocent and virtues he is. Even a Muslim majority country which is sharia is not dominant becomes a target of Islamic terror groups. Because the ultimate goal of Islam is to make sharia dominant everywhere in the world.

Though at the present state, it's not possible for Muslims to get full sharia implemented by presenting a bill to the parliament and gaining majority votes for it, they may be eligible for it when their population reached to 50% or higher in this country. With the increase of population, their vote base too will increase, and with the vote base their representation in parliament, and thus political power of them will become increased. You must search now what happened in Nigeria, South Sudan and, Ache province of Indonesia. They imposed sharia on non-Muslims also and killed thousands when refused to accept. To be protected ourselves from this possible risk,

we should enact a law saying it's prohibited to bear more than 4 children in any family, whether they are Muslims or Buddhists.

You see the imam of Carmagnola who was about turning the old Piedmontese town into an exclusively Mu-slim city, you see his Italian wife who says: «We shall conquer you by producing children. You're in zero growth, we're doubling every day. We'll prevail,

....That very same year, in fact, the Islamic Conference concluded its meeting in Lahore with a Resolution which included a plan to turn the then modest flow of immigrants towards Europe and penetrate the continent through «demographic preponderance». A plan that now is a precept. Yes, a precept. In every mosque of Europe the Friday prayer is accompanied by the exhortation with which the imam addresses the Muslim women: «Bear at least five children each couple»... Well: five children each couple is quite a number. In the case of an immigrant with two wives, they become ten.

- from Force of Reason by Oriana Fallacy

As the ex-Muslim activist, Ali Sina writes "Muslim organizations, mosques and imams should be required to sign a pledge not to preach the Sharia. If they refused to do so they would be in violation of our laws and as such their organizations should be dismantled and they should be deported."

In my view, the following kind of legislation will suit the purpose of curbing the threat of Islamism.

- 1. Any kind of behavior or attempt which can be suspected that intention is to impose or to exercise a religious punishment or restriction, or supporting for such an acts, or encouraging such acts by verbally or non verbally shall be an act of treason and rebel against the government in the eyes of judiciary and laws must be enacted to give appropriate punishments. (eg: life imprisonment)
- 2. Planing, creating public opinion, or acting in the territory of Sri Lanka or in an area which is not in the territory of Sri Lanka, for convert Sri Lanka or any other country in the world into a theocracy or supporting or encouraging such acts or movements by any means shall be an act of treason or rebellion against the government and appropriate punishments shall be given. (eg: life imprisonment)

A theocracy, for the propose of this law, can be a governing body or structure, judicial authority, or any kind of structure or law with powers that can be identified as one of the above instances, with one or more of the following characteristics and must be linked with a religion.

- I. signs of dictatorship such as not allowing for elections to choose public representatives.
- II. existence of laws that deprive people from universally accepted fundamental human rights such as embrace any religion, following a religious obligation or customs.
- III. exercising judicial or executive or legislative powers by a religious body or a structure serving for such purpose.
- IV. making acts which are crimes only according to a certain religion criminal or civil offenses.
- 3. Organizations, ideologies, philosophies, interpretations, which supports or encourages such movement and materials or sources consist of such ideas (books, papers, electronic publications) must be banned and people who are seeking for such materials, keeping them in one's possession except for academic reasons, make them available to the society must also be punished under this law. If the personals of any religious institution, mosque, church, temple, monastery, or Madraza found guilty of such an act, then that religious center must be closed permanently and clergies of it must be deported from the country.

The reason why I wrote this is to show how dangerous is our situation and to show what to do if we want to be safe as a nation.

- Sachinth Madushan