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**Details:**

**Trump Fails at Healthcare Reform in America**

President Trump has failed in his first major legislative initiative, reform of America's health care policy and aimed at undoing the healthcare initiative of his predecessor Barack Obama. The scale of the defeat was so expected to be so significant that the proposed bill was withdrawn before voting could take place, despite both houses of Congress being in the control of the Republican Party. This defeat represents a significant loss, not only for healthcare reform, but also for the legislative credibility of the new administration. According to the Washington Post:

*Republican leaders abruptly pulled their overhaul of the nation's health-care system from the House floor on Friday, a dramatic defeat for President Trump and House Speaker Paul D. Ryan that leaves a major campaign promise unfulfilled and casts doubt on the Republican Party's ability to govern.*

*The decision leaves President Barack Obama's chief domestic achievement in place and raises questions about the GOP's ability to advance other high-stakes priorities, including tax reform and infrastructure spending. Ryan (R-Wis.) remains without a signature accomplishment as speaker, and the defeat undermines Trump's image as a skilled dealmaker willing to strike compromises to push his agenda forward.*

The American healthcare system has become too deeply commercialised to permit radical reform. Obama's initiatives only worked because they even further entrenched the private sector in America's health, while also increasing government spending.

It is not only America. The West in general faces systemic crisis as demographic shifts and the breakdown of the family are resulting in ever increasing numbers of citizens becoming dependent on government support. The 20<sup>th</sup> century collapse of Communism has already proved that government has its limits. Communism tried to use government to replace the market, and the West is now trying to use government to replace the family. Only Islam has been able to provide the world with the correct balance between government and private affairs.

**The Release of Hosni Mubarak confirms Sisi's control over Egypt**

After being held in custody since 2011, Hosni Mubarak has been cleared of all charges and released. According to Reuters:

*Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptian president overthrown in 2011 and the first leader to face trial after the Arab Spring uprisings that swept the region, was freed on Friday after six years in detention, his lawyer said.*

*The 88-year-old was cleared of the final murder charges against him this month, after facing trial in a litany of cases ranging from corruption to the killing of protesters whose 18-day revolt stunned the world and ended his 30-year rule.*

*"Yes, he is now in his home in Heliopolis," Mubarak's lawyer, Farid El Deeb told Reuters when asked if Mubarak had left Maadi Military hospital in southern Cairo where he had been detained. Heliopolis is an upscale neighborhood where the main presidential palace from which Mubarak once governed is located.*

The release of the criminal tyrant Hosni Mubarak's at this time is an indication of the political confidence of his successor Abdel Fattah al-Sisi. Although the uprisings of the Arab Spring did succeed in shaking their regimes, these uprisings have yet to produce any material change in the region. Nevertheless, the people of Egypt, and the Muslim Ummah in general, must not become disheartened by the lack of visible change. The uprisings proved the overwhelming unpopularity of the present colonialist-imposed rulers and deep loyalty that Muslims hold towards Islam as the only viable political system in Muslim lands. But revolutions cannot succeed without uncompromisingly sincere ideological and political leadership and it is this that Muslims must now search for within themselves.

### **Geneva Negotiations obstructed by lack of support from Muslims of Syria**

The fifth round of negotiations in Geneva appears to be moving towards the same failure as previous rounds, as Muslims continue to fight on the ground against the brutal Syrian regime. It is evident that Muslims are refusing to accept defeat even after Erdogan's betrayal of Aleppo led to withdrawal of leading groups and the fall of the city to the regime. According to [aljazeera.com](http://aljazeera.com):

*United Nations envoy Staffan de Mistura has warned not to expect "miracles" as a new round of UN-backed talks between rival sides in Syria's conflict resumed amid ongoing fighting across the country.*

*As rebel fighters in Syria pushed on with a major offensive against government forces in the central province of Hama, representatives of the two sides in the talks held in Geneva traded allegations over developments on the ground.*

*Syrian government envoy Bashar al-Jaafari accused the opposition of intentionally undermining the talks, saying an escalation of attacks over the past few days is "pushing everybody toward a total failure and fiasco in the political and diplomatic process".*

*For his part, Nasr al-Hariri, the Syrian opposition's chief negotiator in the talks, accused the government of targeting areas with civilians and carrying out arbitrary arrests.*

Syrian Muslims desire the rule of Islam, and they well know that Western-backed negotiations with the colonialist-imposed disbelieving Syrian regime will never produce this result. The only path open to Muslims is radical change of the political systems in all their countries in order to unify all Muslim lands under the re-established righteous Islamic Khilafah State (Caliphate) working on the method of the Prophet (saw).