



Turkey's Young Muslim Generation Victims of Capitalist Systems

After removing the Khilafah state that protected the Muslims, their creed, beliefs, values and the lifestyle which was based upon these for 1300 years and more, and forcibly and brutally imposing the capitalist secular system that took the Ummah under its claws; nothing else than disasters were left to future generations as inheritance.

The Kufr nations were in war with the Islamic Ummah for centuries. In spite of utilizing and uniting all their military forces, they were not able to overcome the Islamic Ummah until they targeted and tore down the very principle source the Ummah deprived its power from - the Khilafah State that implemented the system of life which emanated directly from the Islamic Aqeedah. Actually the Islamic Ummah achieved the greatest victories and unprecedented success in development, prosperity, knowledge, science and art in the history of the world.

By making their own ruling and legislative systems sovereign over the Ummah through countless tricks, traps and force; the capitalist colonial powers gained dominance over the Ummah's wealth. In order to protect and maintain this dominance, they assaulted the Islamic Ummah's social structure, shaped it according to their own secular capitalist Kufr ideas and values, and canalized its wealth as they wished. They used all their energies to dispatch and control the Ummah's lifestyle by imposing their own ways of life in all spheres of the Islamic Ummah's social life. In order to expand and maintain their fields of sovereignty, the Kufr nations want the Muslims to remain in this current swamp forever. Thus forcibly uprooted from its basic principles, there was generated an Ummah, which deprived of a path and method, was unable to see and walk its way.

Islam has its own comprehension of life and a lifestyle emanating from its own Aqeedah. It has its own norms and principles in managing relations and finding solutions to problems. The system, regulations, principles, legitimate values, goals and limits in this Aqeedah are directly defined by Allah (swt) Himself. However; when an Ummah and in particular a youth eager to reach high places in life becomes alienated from its own Aqeedah and to learning its Aqeedah's system, it is forced to hold on to false and harmful values and methods. Thus instead of rising, it enters a fatal descent.

In order to alienate the Ummah from its roots, especially during the founding years of the Republic (of Turkey), the Kaffir West and its planted pawns employed at times the most brutal methods. Together with the Khilafah's abolishment, Ataturk's principles of "Republicanism", "Secularism", "Nationalism", "Populism", and in particular "Reformism" intended to ensure that the Islamic Ummah would never again gain back its former might. Ataturk, the father of this Republic, justified this by saying, *"The purpose of the reforms we made and are about to make is to transform the people of the Republic of Turkey to a completely **modern** and by all its means a **civilized society**. This is the main principle of our revolutions."*

Then successively following reformations, or so-called **Social Revolutions**, and in particular the *"Hat and Dress Revolution"* (1925), which banned any Islamic dress and in particular the women's Islamic dress, left the Islamic Ummah so to speak 'naked'. Together with the *"Alphabet Revolution"* (1928), in other words with the banning of Arabic letters, a whole nation was left illiterate over a single night, while additionally intensive efforts to

purifying the Turkish language from Arabic words, barred new generations from understanding their Deen's sources. Hundreds of scholars and thousands of Muslims regarded as an obstacle to this modernization and civilized society were executed in the Independence Courts, established for this purpose.

At the same time, the Islamic Ummah was accustomed to all kinds of Haraam in the name of civilization. Gambling was popularized under the pretext of contributing to the training of pilots and purchasing of aircraft for the Turkish Air Force through the institution of the "Aeroplane Lottery" (Tayyare Piyangosu) (1926) - it is still one of the largest income sources for the state under the name "National Lottery". In 1934, the first brewery was founded in the Atatürk Forest Farm, and beer was declared the Turkish people's new national drink. Movie theatres, novels and other public education tools promoted illegitimate relationships as adorable; rape was romanticized, murder was declared to a matter of honour, and theft to nobility.

Small children's pure clear minds were filled with racism and nationalism principles through the "Student's Oath" collectively held every morning at schools. Due to Religion lessons, which were banned from time to time or eviscerated, children regarded being a Muslim as a feature of "preachers" and "pilgrims". Instead almost deified Atatürk and his Republican comrades were virtually nailed into the young brains. In the name of modernization and approaching European standards, every new law was sanctified with international agreements with Western institutions, like the United Nations.

Thus, those youth, who became the victims of and were corrupted by 93-year efforts, inherited even greater disasters to future generations. Today the Muslim people, who were sought to be civilized with huge efforts, bewilderedly watches the corruption among itself, which it found strange while it was in the Western societies. Muslim youth in Turkey today have fallen into the same dark pit, which the Western youth fell in. And this pit is growing more and more and becomes deeper day by day. On top of the troubles that befell our youth comes the alcohol and drug addiction, causing medical, legal, social and safety problems.

A 180-page "2013 Turkey Drug Report" published by the Security General Directorate, prepared by the Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (TUBİM); revealed alcohol and substance abuse as a day by day increasing public health problem. Alcohol addiction is at the rate of 20%. In 2013, almost 219,000 patients received outpatient treatment, while only 8,000 received inpatient treatment, in the treatment centres for substance abuse. Almost 58% of the applicants were aged between **15-17**, 25% between **12-14**, more than 17% were aged **11 or younger**. This rate increased by 14.5%, while these are only numbers recorded at the police units. 8% of substance abusers in the group of 15-18 years lost their lives, while 1.2% of those younger than 15 died.

President of Üsküdar University Prof. Dr. Nevzat Tarhan says, *"That our country and our youth has fallen into the trap of drug abuse and that it is at the top of countries listed in reports, shows that we are too late in taking precautions. [...] Unfortunately the **age of drug abuse** in our country has reached **10**."*

Also, according to data from August 2014 by Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT), **115,439 children**, nearly 12% of them girls, **drifted to crime** across Turkey in 2013. 42,540 out of 115,439 children related to crime, who were brought to the police units, were accused of criminal injury. This crime was followed by 33,038 children accused of theft, 10,054 of using, selling or buying drugs or narcotic substances. Additionally 4,269 children were charged with property damage, and 4,020 children with offence of threat. Almost 42% of those more than 115,000 children brought to the police units due to criminal acts have used addictive substances.

Alongside marred family structures and migration, the never-ending problems in the education system have been evidenced among the factors leading to increasing crime rates. The HEGEM Association's Chairman Adem Solak added that *"the insufficient teaching of social values to children who prepare for live increases crimes."*

According to data from Ministry of Interior **15,900 children are missing**; TUIK's data state that in total 40,220 people filed a missing child report between 2008-2012, and according to the Association of Families Who Lost Relatives, the number of missing children is **even around 30,000**. According to Security Directorate, there was an increase of 123% since 2008. Most of the lost children either drift to crime or become crime victims. That no child is able to survive without harm after one week of going missing, is proven by experience.

According to records of Security General Directorate, throughout the last 1.5 years, 181 children, including 48 girls, went missing across 10 East and South-East Anatolia. The ages of missing children ranges from 12-18; the majority of applications were filed in the district of Diyarbakır. The PKK suicide car bomber who killed 29 people in Ankara, Abdulkaki Sömer, was also a "missing child", which increases the concerns that children who went missing in the region might be in the hands of the PKK.

According to statistics from 2012 Turkish judicial records, almost **34,000 sexual child abuse** charges were filed in at the Chief Public Prosecutor's Office. Those who do these sickening evil to our children are those people who were raised with the teachings of freedoms and secularism. They were made to forget their accountability before Allah (swt), and instead taught that reaching the highest levels of satisfaction of their instincts and physical needs is the way to happiness. Thus they added cruelty to cruelties as creatures lower than animals.

Alongside all of this, our children have to deal with **poverty**. Every two out of three children between **the age of 0-15, or 63.5%**, suffer **severe material poverty**. These are the research results from Bahçeşehir University Economic and Social Research Centre (BETAM) from 2014. Almost 65% of Turkey's children cannot meet their needs of protein, almost 40% have no adequate warming, and 40% cannot meet their clothing demands. The survey also expressed that there was no decrease in poverty that year.

According to the report by DISK-AR (Turkish revolutionary labour unions confederation), titled "Fact About Child Labour in Turkey" the total number of working children in Turkey between the ages of 5-17 has reached 8,397 million (participating in employment and working at home). Alongside a number of other details, according to data of Occupational Health and Safety Centre Istanbul, **59 out of 1,235 workers who lost their lives in 2013 were child workers**. One of every 20 worker who died has been a child working out of poverty. The report also included the statements that *"child labour is a major source of vulnerable employment pool and that it is obvious that the rate of child murder in labour will increase."*

Nearly 51%, this is 51,448 working children do not continue education. Although the employment of children between the ages 6-14 although is prohibited, 292 thousand children are in labour and 20% of them have abandoned compulsory education. 66 percent of the children in the group of 15-17 years do not attend secondary school and 2.47 percent of middle school age children, i.e. 117 thousand 480 students have left school.

This is the outcome of the implemented capitalist system. It created an anesthetized society that is unwilling to face the reality or unwilling to face sorrows or the challenges of life, only chasing for happiness it cannot even define, failing to understand the aim of life.

And thus the very same capitalist system implemented in Turkey and across our Muslim lands which governments over generations have embraced in imitation of the West, have caused the youth of the Ummah to suffer the very same problems of youth in the West.

Maybe the colonialist capitalist powers who dominate over Turkey for 93 years have not bombed Turkey like Iraq, Afghanistan or Syria, but they were much more insidiously in poisoning and defusing the only generation, the Muslim generation, that were able to bring prosperity to the world. The implementation of their policies, systems and lifestyles increased in harm with each new generation. They injected their personal and material freedoms from politics to education. Those generations brought up without fear of Allah, in an environment bare of respect and appreciation towards superior values, generated individuals devoid of morals and mercy, who do not respect life, goods, chastity and honor. This immorality and ruthlessness has now reached the ages of childhood. However, Muslims in Turkey were able to resist these developments so far, as long they had the Kemalist Republican mindset as enemies. Yet with the change of the faces, they were not able to recognize that the laws and taught values in fact were not different from the Kemalist Republican mindset in the slightest degree. So, this explains the horrible increase in all kinds of atrocities over the last 10-14 years, which in some kinds is even more than 100%. For example the increase in violence against women is expressed with 1400%.

So the matter does not end with electing the one or those who rule. The matter is one of who rules and governs with WHAT. Therefore, those who are convinced of being Believers, but in spite of that do not show the necessary commitment and accurateness towards the live, ideas and provisions prescribed by Islam, will never attain the dignity that Islam deemed them worthy of. Hence in order to save ourselves and our future generations from the pit of hell in this world and the Hereafter, it is an absolute imperative to re-establish Allah (swt)'s system upon the Ummah without any further delay. This is a vital issue!

There is no Muslim who does not want to benefit from the superiority of Allah (swt)'s divine laws and their blessings. Yet as long as we do not get rid of these Kufr live and ruling systems which haunt our young generations, we will not regain our former dignity and will not benefit from Allah (swt)'s infinite mercy.

Allah (swt) says:

﴿قُلْ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّونَ اللَّهَ فَاتَّبِعُونِي يُحْبِبْكُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَاللَّهُ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ﴾

“Say, [O Muhammad], "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins. And Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.” [Al-i Imran: 31]

And He (swt) says:

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُغَيِّرُ مَا بِقَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنْفُسِهِمْ﴾

“Indeed, Allah will not change the condition of a people until they change what is in themselves.” [Rad: 11]

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