RADICAL ISLAMIC ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR HAVOC ON THE MUSLIM WORLD

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Abstract

Islam is a universal religion of Allah through the messenger of Allah, (may the peace and blessing of Allah be upon him). The messenger of Allah propagates the religion and established an Islamic state in the city of Madinah fourteen hundred years ago. He returned back to his creator after the completion of this religion. He prophesize divisions in this religion and advises his Ummah to always use his path and that of his predecessors as a model to follow in Oder not to go astray. The purpose of this paper is to analyze the concept of radicalization amongst Muslims groups in the modern world. It begins with a review of the definitions of Muslim radical groups, scholastic views on radical groups. Further presenting several internal and external indicators that influenced and led to radicalization of Muslims globally. The paper discuss the negative impact of the Muslim radical groups to the Muslim world socially religiously and economically.

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Introduction

Islam is a moderate religion that discourages extremism and radicalization, thus, Allah (SWT) make Muslim *Ummah* as the chosen and justly balanced Qur'an (143) categorically stated:

> Thus, have we made of you an Ummat justly balanced, that ye might be witnesses over the nations and the Messenger a witness over yourselves[1]

Allah (SWT) provides the Ummah with the best guide and rules of law (*Shari'ah*) He encourages Muslim Ummah to establish and maintain peace and love between them, Allah said

> Muhammad is the apostle of Allah. and those who are with Him are strong against Unbelievers, (but) compassionate amongst Each other. Thou wilt see them bow and prostrate themselves (in prayer), seeking Grace from Allah and (His) good Pleasure....[2]

He forbids conflicts chaos and anything that may course disunity among the *Ummah* Allah (SWT) stated:

> And obey Allah and His Messenger. And fall into no disputes, lest ye lose heart and your power depart; and be patient and persevering: for Allah is with those who patiently persevere:[3]

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[1] . Qur'an 2:143
[2] . Qur'an 48:29
[3] . Qur'an 8:46

Thus there is no shortcoming and extremism; rather it is a moderate call and balance between different radical ideologies, deviated thoughts and irrational thinking.

Going by Islamic history, after the assassination of Usman bn Affan in the battle of *siffin* and battle of *Jamal* which led to the emergence of Khawarij (which is considered as the first radical group and deviated sects among the Muslim *Ummah*). By the emergence of this sect, Muslim world of the time found its self in a serious crisis, the *Khawarij* declared war against Muslim *Ummah* proclaiming that the entire *Ummah* was infidels by considering Ali and Mu'awiyah as their Caliphs.

This period considered to be the beginning of extreme radical ideology among the Muslim *Ummah*. Scholars also views that most of Muslim radical groups have some genesis from *Khawarij*. That is why you can find that most of the radical groups considered jihad as their priority without considering the Islamic injunctions regarding the Jihad.

Jihad was generally understood not as an obligation of each individual Muslim (known as *fard 'ayn*) but as a general requirement of the Muslim community (*fard kifaya*). Only in emergencies, when the Dar al-Islam comes under unexpected attack, do all Muslims have to participate in jihad. Under normal circumstances, therefore, an individual Muslim need not take part so long as other Muslims carry the burden for all of defending the realm

The names Muslim radical groups, terrorism and Muslim extremist became most widely used by the news media, political leaders, and security personnel in the schools and in any other social gathering after September eleven(9/11) incidence by *al-qaida* group. This attack changes the entire

situation of the Muslim world. Many Muslim organizations, *Da'awa* groups and some Muslim charity organizations were labeled as either terrorist or linked with them. Many Islamic centers institutions were closed and their accounts and properties were seized by either American government or its ally. This paper will discuss extensively on the Islamic radical groups and their havoc on the Muslim world.

Conceptual definition of Muslim radical groups: According to the dictionary, the word radical means (Something) very new and different from what is traditional or ordinary.[4]

Therefore, Radicalization is a process by which an individual, or group comes to adopt increasingly extreme political, social, or religious ideals and aspirations that reject or undermine the status quo or undermine contemporary ideas and expressions of the nation.[5] The outcomes of radicalization are shaped by the ideas of the society at large; for example, radicalism can originate from a broad social consensus against progressive changes in society or from a broad desire for change in society. Radicalization can be both violent and nonviolent, although most academic literature focuses on radicalization into violent extremism.[6] There are multiple pathways that constitute the process of radicalization, which can be independent but are usually mutually reinforcing.

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[4] . Merriam-webster, an electronic dictionary

[5] .Wilner andDubouloz, Home growth terrorism and transformative learning: an interdisciplinary approach to understanding radicalization, Global change, peace and security, 2010

[6] . Borun, Randy, Radicalization into violent Extrimism: A review of social science theories. Journal of Strategic security, vol. 4 issue 4, 2011

According Wikipedia, There is no universally accepted definition of radicalization. Therefore, no one definition can be presented here. One of the difficulties with defining radicalization appears to be the importance of the context to determine what is perceived as radicalization. Therefore, radicalization can mean different things to different people.[7]

Thus, each and every county defined radicalization base on their own perception, therefore radicalization can be different things to different people.

Radical Islamic Organizations: By considering the definition of the word radicalization, the radical Islamic organization would difficult to be given a precise definition. The western world, Orientals and their ally are having their own definition and perceptions on the subject matter, the Muslim world have their own views and perception on who are the radical groups.

According to Schmid and Jongman, (1988) and Stepanov, (2008):The meaning of 'radicalization' is relatively unexplored compared to the use of the term 'terrorism', which has not lacked academic attempts at conceptualization and definition over a sustained period When applied to Islam and Muslims, the term radical is often being used interchangeably and opaquely with terms such as fundamentalist, Islamist, Jihadist and neo-*Salafist* or *Wahabbist* with little regard for what these terms actually mean, and instead indicate signals about political Islam that these members of the media and politicians wish to transmit.[8]

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[7] . https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radicalization retrieved on Monday 24/6/2018, 5:40 Pm

[8] . Jonathan Githens, etel, Muslim communities perspectives on radicalization in Leicester, UK, Centre for studies in Islamism and radicalization, Denmark, 2010

Turner (2007) finally views that: Islamic radicalism can mean ,those people who believe that Islam is under threat and that they are sanctioned to defend Islam from that threat[9]

According (Lim, 2005): Islamic radical fundamentalism' is used interchangeably with 'fundamentalist radical Islamism. Fundamentalism is a term generally being used to denote religious practice based on literal interpretation of a sacred text, and in discussions of popular religion, is a term applied to Muslims and Christians.[10]

Muslim Scholars also shared their views on radical Islamic groups, according to K. S, Bulhaidy: the term radicalism which stands for *Tadarruf* in Arabic language does not occurred neither in the Glorious Qur'an nor In the prophetic Traditions, but some Muslim scholars like al-Nawawi and Ibn al-Taimiyyah, used the term in some of their writings interpreting it as an act of deviating from the moderate and rightful understanding and perception to the wrong one.[11]

According to Minah Zaitun: Radicalism is a fanatic stand in accepting an idea or otherwise, without readiness to discuss on that ideology[12]. Therefore, Radical Islamic group are any group that fanatically and conclusively attain to a particular position (religiously) in accepting or rejecting an idea without welcoming any attempt to discuss on the matter.

This definition of the Muslim Scholars is more relatively applicable to the contemporary Radical Islamic groups that carry arms and launch attacks on

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[9]. Ibid

[10] . Ibid

[11] . K.S. Bulhaidi, http://saaid.net/Doat/binbulihed/110.htm retrieved on 22/06/2018, 3:30 pm

[12]. Zaituan, M, http://wwwsasapost.com/opinion/religious-extrremism

Muslim and none Muslim communities in the world. Such as al-Qaidah, al-Shabab, Takfir wa al-Hijrah, Ansar al-shari'ah, Hizbullah, Boko Haram e.t.c

Some causes of Radicalization among Muslim Ummah: The following are considered to be causes of radicalization among the Muslim Ummah**:**

1. **Extremism in religion:** Islam is the religion of moderation and balance, it shuns extremism and deficiency in religion Allah the Exalted says in the glorious Qur'an said: "O people of the Book! Commit no excesses in your religion: nor say of Allah aught but the Truth".[13]

Extremism in religion is one of the causes of dispute, enmity and chaos among people

2. **Wrong perception and bad interpretation of Qur'anic text and Prophetic traditions**: Some of the Muslim youths found themselves in Radicalism and even terrorism due to the improper interpretation of Qur,anic verses and *Ahadith* of the Noble prophet (SAW), as a result of inadequate knowledge of *tafsir* and *Hadith* and *Maqasid al-Shariah*.(*Shari'ah* Intelligence)

3. **Social and Economical reasons:** These are other factors that cause the radicalization among the Muslim youth**.** Poverty and unemployment are considered to be one of the obstacles that cause moral decadence among the youth in which extremism and radicalism are included**.**

4. **Political factor:** Politics and political injustice is another key to radical thinking and terrorism. By depriving right or marginalizing a

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[13] .Qur'an 4 V. 171

particular tribe or set of people by the political leaders, or using some radical groups in destabilizing Muslim *Ummah* in order to achieve some political goals.

The Havoc of Radical Islamic Organization on the Muslim world

The entire Muslim world is now in confusion, fear and danger as a result of wide spread of armed Radical Islamic Organizations everywhere in this world. *Al-Qa'ida* ,Isis and *Taliban* in Asia and the middle east, *al-Shabab* in East Africa, al-Jihad al-Islami in North Africa Boko Haram in west Africa e.t.c. the main mission of these organization is launching attacks on Muslims and non-Muslim communities in the name of al-Jihad and establishing an Islamic State in their respective countries, regions and globally at large. The activities of these organizations cause havoc and negative impact on the large population of Muslim *Ummah*.

1. Killing innocent people including women and children in the name of Jihad: Many Muslim were killed by the Radical Islamic groups/terrorist or by the forces of enemies of Islam(In the name encounter terrorism) in many countries around the globe, which includes Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Somalia, Nigeria etc.
2. Vandalization of personal and public properties: The amount of damage cause by the wars on terrorism could not be ascertained due to its quantity. But many public and private places were turned to ashes in many Muslim communities, such as mosques, schools, hospitals, market places etc
3. Creating fear and doubts among the Muslim *Ummah*: People found themselves since at the beginning of this global war, in fear and expecting troubles such as bomb attack(more especial in gathering places), killing, kidnapping etc

4. *Adding more weakness to the religion of Islam and Muslim Ummah*: by the inception of the activities of these radical and terrorist group, Islam and Muslim world found themselves in additional weakness. Instead of continuation of propagating the religion by *Du'att*, they are now busy defending the accusations of terrorism labeled against Islam and the Muslim world. Other weakness include economic and Social hindrance

5. Black mailing Islam and Muslims in the eyes of the entire human race to the extent that the enemies of Islam are attributing Muslims to terrorism. By using the acts of such organizations as anslam icon.

6. Providing a window to non-Muslims and enemies of Islam to execute their agenda of weakening and fighting Islam in the name of counter terrorism.

Conclusion

The Radical Islamic organizations are the organizations or group of people that radically stands wrongly on certain ideas of extremism and opinions without intending to discuss such opinions with anyone. These organizations, causes serious setback to the entire Muslim *Ummah* Globally, Since after the incident of September eleven, the western world and enemies of Islam turned the incident to a mechanism of dealing with Muslim Ummah economically, socially and intellectually. They started by conquering Afghanistan killing thousands of innocent Muslims including women and children, followed by Iraq and instigating violence and anarchy in Muslim states in the name of revolution and liberation from non-democratic rulers in Tunusia, Egypt ,Libya and Syria respectively. They waged economic war against Muslims by seizing any account, any asset of most non-terrorist organizations in Europe America Asia and Africa, All in the name of war against terrorism. These activities and situation of Muslim world today can clearly show the negative Impact of Radical Islamic Organizations to the Muslim World.

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