

THEIR HEARTS WILL TREMBLE IF A CALL LIKE THIS STIRS SOME OF ALLAH'S TROOPS, THUS RUINING THEIR DREAMS.

- I AM ALSO AWARE THAT MANY PREACHERS WHOM THE NUSAYRIS DROVE OUT OF THEIR HOMES FORCEFULLY ARE LINING UP AT THE GATES OF THE NUSAYRI GOVERNMENT'S EMBASSIES AND SENDING MIDDLEMEN IN PURSUIT OF A HUMILIATING GRANT TO ENGAGE IN POLITICAL ACTION UNDER THE CANOPY OF INFIDELITY AND OPPRESSION. THESE PEOPLE WILL CURSE US AND CURSE ANY SERVANT OF ALLAH'S WHO ALLOWS HIMSELF TO FLY THE BANNER AND CARRY ON WITH THE CALL OF JIHAD. BY ALLAH, I AM AWARE OF ALL THIS AND MORE.

- I AM ALSO AWARE THAT MOST OF THE GOOD PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELD THEMSELVES ABOVE IMMERSION IN OR ACCEPTANCE OF INJUSTICE WILL TELL US THAT ALL THIS (TN: EFFORT OF OURS) NOTWITHSTANDING, "NO ONE BUT ALLAH CAN DISCLOSE IT." (TN: "IT" AT THE END OF THE VERSE REFERS TO ALLAH'S HOUR OF JUDGMENT. IN THIS CASE IT IS JUDGMENT AGAINST THE UNJUST) (QUR'AN, SURAH 523, VERSE 58) SO LEAVE US ALONE (TN: SAY THESE GOOD PEOPLE) AND GIVE YOURSELVES REST FROM SUFFERING. HOWEVER, ALLAH, AND HE KNOWS BEST, HAS ALSO SAID, "WHEN SOME OF THEM SAID: 'WHY DO YE PREACH TO A PEOPLE WHOM ALLAH WILL DESTROY OR VISIT WITH A TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT?' SAID THE PREACHERS: 'TO DISCHARGE OUR DUTY TO YOUR LORD, AND PERCHANCE THEY MAY FEAR HIM.' WHEN THEY DISREGARDED THE WARNINGS THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN THEM, WE RESCUED THOSE WHO FORBADE EVIL; BUT WE VISITED THE WRONG-DOERS WITH A GRIEVOUS PUNISHMENT, BECAUSE THEY WERE GIVEN TO TRANSGRESSION" (SURAH 7, VERSES 164-165)

- I HAVE WRITTEN THIS STUDY WITH THE LAST FLICKERS OF THE CANDLE OF HOPE "TO DISCHARGE OUR DUTY TO YOUR LORD, AND PERCHANCE THEY MAY FEAR HIM," PERHAPS ALLAH WILL SAVE US WITH THOSE WHO FORBID EVIL WHEN HE VISITS THE UNJUST WITH GRIEVOUS PUNISHMENT.

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I HAVE WRITTEN THE BOOK, SEEING THE SIGNS OF LIFE STIRRING IN THE HEARTS OF A NEW GENERATION OF YOUNG MEN WHO ARE DETERMINED TO JOIN THE JIHAD SO IT WILL BE THEIR AID AND SUSTENANCE ON THE PATH. IT IS TO THIS GROUP THAT I HAVE WRITTEN THE BOOK.

- I HAVE WRITTEN IT BECAUSE OF ALLAH'S COMMAND, MAY ALLAH BE EXALTED, "... TO MAKE IT KNOWN AND CLEAR TO MANKIND, AND NOT TO HIDE IT..." (SURAH 3, VERSE 187). I HAVE WRITTEN IT ESPECIALLY BECAUSE THE MATTER OF THE NUSAYRIS HAS BEEN CONCEALED AND EFFACED AND BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE COME TO THINK, OR ALMOST THINK, THAT THEY ARE MUSLIMS BECAUSE OF THE LIES THAT THE HYPOCRITICAL ULEMA PASS ON THEIR BEHALF. THUS, IT HAS BECOME THE INDIVIDUAL DUTY OF ANY

KNOWLEDGEABLE PERSON TO EXPOSE THE TRUTH ABOUT THE NUSAYRIS.

- I AM AWARE OF WHAT SUCH A POSITION CAUSES AMONG PEOPLE. WHAT I ASPIRE FOR IN TAKING THIS POSITION IS WITH ALLAH.

- O LORD, YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS A POSITION THAT ENRAGES THE INFIDELS. SO, DEEM IT A GOOD DEED FOR ME, O LORD. ACCEPT WHAT IS BEST IN IT, O LORD, WITH YOUR MUNIFICENCE AND OVERLOOK ITS ERROR AND DEFICIENCY WITH YOUR GRACE. YOU ARE WORTHY OF BEING FEARED AND OF GIVING FORGIVENESS.

IT IS ALLAH'S HELP THAT WE SEEK. ALLAH SUFFICES US, AND HE IS THE BEST GUARDIAN. THERE IS NO POWER AND NO MIGHT SAVE IN ALLAH, THE EXALTED, THE ALMIGHTY.

NOW TO THE BOOK:

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, MOST GRACIOUS, MOST MERCIFUL

PRAISE BE TO ALLAH. WE PRAISE HIM AND SEEK HIS HELP, HIS GUIDANCE AND HIS FORGIVENESS. IN ALLAH WE SEEK SHELTER FROM THE EVIL OF OUR SOULS AND FROM OUR MISDEEDS - "SUCH AS ALLAH DOTHTH GUIDE THERE CAN BE NONE TO LEAD ASTRAY" AND "SUCH AS ALLAH REJECTS FROM HIS GUIDANCE, THERE CAN BE NO GUIDE." (SURAH 39, VERSE 37; SURAH 7, VERSE 186). I WITNESS THAT THERE IS NO GOD BUT ALLAH, ALONE AND WITH NO PARTNERS, AND I WITNESS THAT MUHAMMAD IS HIS SERVANT AND MESSENGER.

"O YE WHO BELIEVE! FEAR ALLAH AS HE SHOULD BE FEARED, AND DIE NOT EXCEPT IN A STATE OF ISLAM." (SURAH 3, VERSE 102)

"O MANKIND! FEAR YOUR GUARDIAN LORD, WHO CREATED YOU FROM A SINGLE PERSON, CREATED, OUT OF IT, HIS MATE, AND FROM THEM TWAIN SCATTERED (LIKE SEEDS) COUNTLESS MEN AND WOMEN; FEAR ALLAH, THROUGH WHOM YE DEMAND YOUR MUTUAL (RIGHTS), AND BE HEEDFUL OF THE WOMBS (THAT BORE YOU): FOR ALLAH EVER WATCHES OVER YOU. (SURAH 4, VERSE 1)

"O YE WHO BELIEVE! FEAR ALLAH, AND MAKE YOUR UTTERANCE STRAIGHT FORWARD THAT HE MAY MAKE YOU CONDUCT WHOLE AND SOUND AND FORGIVE YOU YOUR SINS. HE THAT OBEYS ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGERS, HAS ALREADY ATTAINED THE GREAT VICTORY." (SURAH 33, VERSES 70-71)

PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON MUHAMMAD, OUR PROPHET AND MASTER, OUR BELOVED, OUR COMMANDER AND THE DELIGHT OF OUR EYES. MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON OUR PROPHET, THE IMAM OF THE MUJAHIDUN AND THE COMMANDER OF THE SINGULAR HORSEMEN, THE SMILING, THE

FIGHTING AND THE PROPHET OF COMPASSION AND OF THE EPIC BATTLE. MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON THE PROPHET'S KINSMEN, PURE WIVES AND PROGENY, HIS KINSMEN AND ALL THOSE WHO FOLLOW THEM RIGHTEOUSLY UNTIL THE DAY OF JUDGMENT.

WE IMPLORE ALLAH THE ALMIGHTY TO INCLUDE US WITH THESE FOLLOWERS AND TO BRING US UNDER THEIR BANNER IN THE HERE AND THE HEREAFTER, AND HE IS THE ALL-HEARING, ALL-ANSWERING.

WE CONGRATULATE EVERY MUSLIM MAN AND WOMAN ON THE PERDITION OF SYRIA'S NUSAYRI PHARAOH, HAFIZ AL-((ASAD)) - A MOST RUTHLESS PHARAOH, ONE OF THE BIGGEST SHEDDERS OF MUSLIM BLOOD, A MOST CALAMITOUS MAN TO THE MONOTHEISTS AND A MAN WHO, AMONG HIS BROTHERS THE PHARAOHS OF THE ARAB AND MUSLIM COUNTRIES, HAS THE MOST GENEROUS SHARE IN THE BOOK OF TREASON AND OF LACKEYHOOD TO THOSE WHO HAVE EARNED ALLAH'S WRATH, THE GRANDCHILDREN OF THE PIGS AND THE MONKEYS, THE MISGUIDED, THE WORSHIPPERS OF THE CRUCIFIX AND THE APOSTATE ATHEISTS WHO ARE HOSTILE TO ISLAM.

WE ANNOUNCE OUR CONGRATULATIONS SO THAT EVERY MUSLIM IN SYRIA AND THE GREATER SYRIA IN PARTICULAR, AND MUSLIMS EVERYWHERE, MAY SHARE WITH US A JOY UNDISTURBED EXCEPT BY OUR REGRET THAT THIS MURDEROUS CRIMINAL, THIS FOSTER SON OF THE JEWS, THIS MAN WHO SOLD THE GOLAN HEIGHTS TO THE JEWS, THIS KILLER OF HAMAH, TRIPOLI AND TALL AL-ZA'TAR, WHERE HE KILLED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SUNNI MUSLIMS - A JOY UNDISTURBED EXCEPT BY OUR REGRET THAT ALLAH DID NOT TAKE THIS PHARAOH'S LIFE AFTER HE HAS BEEN SLAUGHTERED BY ISLAM'S HEROES. THERE IS A LUMP IN OUR THROATS THAT IS HEALED BY WHAT WE KNOW AND BELIEVE ABOUT WHAT ALLAH HAS PREPARED FOR HIS ENEMIES, THE PHARAOHS AND THE TYRANTS, WHO HAVE SHOWN HIM THEIR HOSTILITY ABOUT THE ANGELS OF PUNISHMENT THAT HE SENDS UPON THEM AS OF THE FIRST MOMENTS OF THEIR DEATH TO PLUCK OUT THEIR ROTTEN SOULS. IT IS A LUMP THAT IS HEALED BY WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE SUCCESSIVE ACTS OF PUNISHMENT THAT ALLAH, MAY HE BE EXALTED, HAS PROMISED IN HIS WORDS, "IF THOU COULDEST SEE, WHEN THE ANGELS TAKE THE SOULS OF THE UNBELIEVERS (AT DEATH), (HOW) THEY SMITE THEIR FACES AND THEIR BACKS, (SAYING): 'TASTE THE CHASTISEMENT OF THE BLAZING FIRE. THIS IS BECAUSE OF (THE DEEDS) WHICH YOUR (OWN) HANDS SENT FORTH. FOR ALLAH IS NEVER UNJUST TO HIS SERVANTS--(DEEDS) AFTER THE MANNER OF THE PEOPLE OF PHARAOH AND OF THOSE BEFORE THEM. THEY REJECTED THE SIGNS OF ALLAH, AND ALLAH PUNISHED THEM FOR THEIR CRIMES FOR ALLAH IS STRONG, AND STRICT IN PUNISHMENT.'" (SURAH 8, VERSES 50-52)

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WHAT WE EXPECT AND HOPE FOR IS WHAT WAS PREPARED FOR THE FIRST

PHARAOH AND FOR EVERY SUBSEQUENT PHARAOH: HELL FIRE FROM THE FIRST MOMENT AND UNTIL THE MOMENT OF RESURRECTION - "IN FRONT OF THE FIRE WILL THEY BE BROUGHT, MORNING AND EVENING: AND (TN: THE SENTENCE WILL BE) ON THE DAY WHEN THE HOUR COMES TO PASS: 'CAST YE THE PEOPLE OF PHARAOH INTO THE SEVEREST PENALTY.'" (SURAH 40, VERSE 46)

PART ONE

THE PHARAOH HAS PERISHED AND THE RULE OF THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS HAS BEEN ENTRENCHED IN SYRIA.

MUSLIM BRETHREN, O MUSLIM YOUTH OF THE SUNNAH AND THE JAMA'AH IN SYRIA, LEBANON AND ALL THE GREATER SYRIA COUNTRIES,

FAR FROM THE ECSTASY OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHAT HAS PREOCCUPIED PEOPLE'S MINDS, WE MUST TAKE A PAUSE THAT IS DICTATED TO US FIRST AND FOREMOST BY OUR RELIGION AND ITS SHARI'AH, THEN BY REASON, MANLINESS, COURAGE AND CHIVALRY.

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THE PAUSE IS DICTATED TO US, MOREOVER, BY THE NEED TO PONDER OUR CONDITION AND THE CONDITION OF OUR KINSMEN AND COUNTRY - THE CONDITION OF AGONY, REPRESSION, AND PLOTS SURROUNDING US AND OF THE HARDSHIP WITH WHICH WE GO TO BED AND WAKE UP, AND WHICH SPOILS OUR WORLD AND OUR RELIGION FOR US. WE MUST TAKE THE PAUSE TO CONSIDER THE THREAT CONFRONTING US: A THREAT THAT PUTS US, FOLLOWERS OF THE SUNNAH AND THE JAMA'AH IN THE GREATER SYRIA, FACE TO FACE WITH THE REALITY OF WHETHER WE ARE OR ARE NOT TO BE THERE, WHETHER WE REMAIN IN THE GREATER SYRIA OR DISAPPEAR FROM IT AND WHETHER WE, THE FOLLOWERS OF THE SUNNAH WHO ARE FAITHFUL TO ALLAH'S RELIGION, SURVIVE IN THE BLESSED GREATER SYRIA OR THE ATHEIST JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, ALAWITE NUSAYRI AND OTHER APOSTATE SECTS SURVIVE IN IT.

YES, WE ARE CONFRONTED IN OUR COUNTRIES WITH EPIC BATTLES IN WHICH THE TRUE STRUGGLE FOR US IS WHETHER TO BE OR NOT TO BE; WHETHER ALLAH'S RELIGION AND THE SUNNAH OF HIS PROPHET, MAY PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, PREVAIL OVER US OR THE BANNERS OF THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS AND THE ALLEGED FORTHCOMING NORMALIZATION WITH THE APOSTATE, LACKEY AND HYPOCRITICAL FORCES PREVAIL OVER US IN THESE LANDS.

AL-ASAD HAS DIED, LONG LIVE AL-ASAD! THE PREDECESSOR PERISHED AND THE SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN CROWNED. DO YOU LOOK AT AND UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON? LOOK AT THESE FARCES AND CONSIDER

WHAT IS BEHIND THEM SO THAT YOU MAY EXPLORE WHAT WILL FOLLOW THEM AND MAY REALIZE AND BECOME CERTAIN OF WHAT IS REQUIRED OF US, WE THE FOLLOWERS OF THE SUNNAH.

A SERIES OF ACTS OF LIQUIDATION HAVE TAKEN PLACE AND ARE STILL TAKING PLACE BETWEEN THE ALAWITE NUSAYRI LEADERS WHO ARE STRUGGLING FOR POWER.

HAFIZ AL-ASAD, THE PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST, IS OVERWHELMED BY A MONARCHIC TENDENCY AND SO HE PREPARES HIS SON, BASIL, TO SUCCEED HIM AS THE ALAWITE NUSAYRI KING OF SYRIA.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR THIS SUCCESSOR WITH THE AMERICANS, THE JEWS, AND THE HEADS OF APOSTASY AMONG THE ARAB LEADERS. EVERYTHING WAS ARRANGED, BUT ALLAH TOOK AWAY THE CROWN PRINCE, AND THE CALCULATIONS WERE MUDDLED.

AL-ASAD THEN BROUGHT HIS SECOND SON, BASHAR, A DOCTOR (TN: DENTIST) WHO STUDIED IN BRITAIN IN CENTERS OF FORNICATION AND CORRUPTION. HE WAS YOUNG AND HAD NO EXPERIENCE WITH POLITICS OR WITH THE MILITARY. BUT THE INTERESTS OF THE ALAWITES, JEWS AND OF THE WORLD CRUSADER FORCES HAD TO IMPOSE HIM. IN A HURRY AND OVER A PERIOD OF ABOUT SIX YEARS, ARRANGEMENTS WERE AGAIN MADE FOR THE SUCCESSION AND THE CROWN PRINCE.

AS IN THE CASE OF MONARCHIC FAMILIES SINCE MONARCHIES AND THE STRUGGLE FOR POWER AMONG PALACE PRINCE CAME INTO EXISTENCE, ALAWITE NUSAYRI RIVALS AND SOME APOSTATES ATTRIBUTED TO THE FOLLOWERS OF THE SUNNAH ASPIRED TO BE SUCCESSORS, AND SO THERE HAD TO BE LIQUIDATIONS, CONSIDERING THAT HAFIZ' HEALTH WAS DETERIORATING AND PLOTS WERE ACCELERATING.

THE TOP PRIORITY WAS GIVEN TO THE ACCORDS OF SURRENDER TO AND NORMALIZATION WITH THE JEWS, AND THE MATTER WAS REVIVED. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE IN LEBANON FOR THE FEUDING FORCES TO SHARE POWER. SOME RIVALS, EVEN AMONG MEMBERS OF THE ALAWITE NUSAYRI SECT, WERE KNOCKED OUT. UNDER THE GUISE OF FIGHTING CORRUPTION, THE CHIEF THIEF PLAYED THE ROLE OF THE SHERIFF, AND THERE HAD TO BE SACRIFICIAL LAMBS. WHILE HAFIZ WAS ON HIS DEATHBED, THE PITCH OF THE LIQUIDATION FEVER ACCELERATED, REACHING SOME BIG HEADS, SUCH AS THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, THE INTELLIGENCE CHIEF, THE ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS, ETC.

(TN: MADELEINE) ALBRIGHT, THE ZIONIST JEW, ARRIVED TO SUPERVISE THE TRANSFER OF POWER AND MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FARUQ AL-((SHAR')) OPENLY AND WITH OTHERS SECRETLY. REPORTS INDICATE THAT AL-ASAD BREATHED HIS LAST BREATH JUST BEFORE OR DURING THE

VISIT. AMERICA'S GRAY-HAIRED WOMAN MADE CERTAIN OF THE TRANSFER OF POWER WITHIN THE NUSAYRI HOUSE, RATHER WITHIN THE AL-ASAD FAMILY, AS SHE MADE CERTAIN OF THE AGREEMENTS WITH THE JEWS, AND THEN DEPARTED. AL-ASAD'S DEATH WAS ANNOUNCED, AND THE ACTS OF THE THEATRICAL CONTINUED TO BE PLAYED DOMESTICALLY, REGIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. DOMESTICALLY, PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY SPEAKER 'ABD-AL-QADIR ((QADDURAH)), THE VETERAN LACKEY OF THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS, ANNOUNCED ON TELEVISION THAT MEMBERS OF THE SYRIAN PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY (ELECTED UNDER THE BAYONETS OF THE ARMY AND THE INTELLIGENCE, OF COURSE) HAD WHISPERED TO HIM THEIR WISH TO NOMINATE BASHAR. BUT SINCE THE AGE OF 34 IS BELOW THE LEGAL AGE OF 40, AT WHICH THE CONSTITUTION PERMITS A PERSON TO BE NOMINATED, THE DEPUTIES, BEING LOYAL TO THE MARCH OF THE LEADER FATHER, REQUESTED THAT THE CONSTITUTION BE ABOLISHED AND THAT BASHAR'S AGE BE SET AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL AGE. THE SPEAKER GAVE THE ASSEMBLY HALF AN HOUR TO DECIDE, AND THE DECISION WAS ANNOUNCED. IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DECIDED TO TRAMPLE THE POSITIVE CONSTITUTION UNDER THE FEET. WITHIN ONE DAY, BASHAR AL-ASAD LEAPED FROM THE RANK THAT HIS FATHER HAD GRANTED HIM, NAMELY A COLONEL, TO THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL. THE FOLLOWING DAY, HE LEAPT TO THE POSITION OF GENERAL COMMANDER OF THE ARMY AND THE ARMED FORCES. THE ARMY GAVE HIM ITS PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ((TLAS)) (VAR: TALAS), THE NUSAYRI MINISTER OF DEFENSE, DECLARED THE ARMY'S LOYALTY TO THE NEW PRESIDENT.

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THEN CAME THE BA'TH PARTY'S ROLE, AND IT DECLARED THAT ALL ITS MEMBERS DEMANDED THAT BASHAR BE THE SOCIALIST BA'TH PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL.

BUT THE THEATRICAL HAD TO HAVE AN APPLAUDING AUDIENCE DOMESTICALLY. SO, SOME PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES SHOWED UP ON TELEVISION, THROWING THEIR HEAD COVERS AWAY, BEATING THEIR HEADS WITH THEIR HANDS AND TEARING THEIR CLOTHES IN GRIEF FOR THE DECEASED AND IN JOY FOR THE NEW CROWN PRINCE.

MARCHES CONSISTING OF INTELLIGENCE MEN, PARTY LACKEYS AND THE ALAWITE NUSAYRI CROWD THAT HAS SETTLED IN DAMASCUS THROUGHOUT THE PAST 30 YEARS OF THEIR CONTROL OF POWER WERE ORGANIZED IN THE STREETS.

SECURITY PATROLS SPREAD OUT, TANKS GUARDED THE CAPITAL'S ENTRANCES AND A STATE OF ALERT WAS DECLARED IN THE ARMY FOR FEAR OF UNREST.

WAS THERE ANY OPPOSITION IN THIS THEATRICAL FARCE? REGRETTABLY,

YES!!! WE SAY REGRETTABLY BECAUSE THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION FROM SUNNI MUSLIMS BECAUSE THEY RANGE FROM DEAD, TO HEEDLESS, TO FEARFUL AND TO SHIRKER. THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION FROM MUSLIM ULEMA BECAUSE THERE REMAINS NONE AMONG THEM WHO RAISES HIS HEAD.

THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION FROM AN ISLAMIC MOVEMENT BECAUSE THERE ARE NO ISLAMIC MOVEMENTS ANY MORE. AL-ASAD SUFFOCATED AND OPPRESSED THEM. THOSE THAT REMAIN CONSIST EITHER OF DRUGGED DERVISHES IN THEIR SUFI SHRINES, WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN A FREE REIN; OF FUGITIVES FROM THE REAL RESPONSIBILITY WHO ALLEGE TO HAVE DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO LEARNING AND TO SPREADING KNOWLEDGE; OR OF PREACHERS WHO HAVE PROCLAIMED POLITICS AS THE GREATEST THING AND WHO HAVE ABANDONED MEN TO THEIR CREATOR AND GIVEN WHAT IS GOD'S UNTO GOD AND WHAT IS CAESAR'S UNTO CAESAR. AS FOR THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD PEOPLE WHO HAD OPPOSED HAFIZ AL-ASAD FOR 20 YEARS, THEY SPENT RECENT YEARS AT AL-ASAD'S DOOR, BEGGING FOR THE COMPASSION FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION. BUT HE TURNED AWAY FROM THEM AND EXPELLED THEM. PERHAPS THEY HOPE THAT THE HEART OF AL-ASAD JUNIOR WILL BE BIG ENOUGH TO ENCOMPASS WHAT HIS PREDECESSOR'S HEART COULD NOT. THEY HAVE MADE NO STATEMENT TO DATE. THE PEOPLE ARE ASLEEP. TELEVISION CAMERAS PHOTOGRAPH PEDESTRIANS (TN: LIKELY MEANING "ORDINARY MEN"). AS USUAL, EACH IS PURSUING HIS LIVELIHOOD. THEIR HOPES HAVE BEEN DASHED. THOSE AMONG THEM WHO REJECT (TN: THE REGIME) DENOUNCE IT WITH THEIR HEARTS, AND THEIR ONLY WEAPON IS SUPPLICATION AND HOPE IN ALLAH. THE ONLY OPPONENT IS FROM WITHIN THE RULING AL-NUSAYRI HOUSE, NAMELY RIF'AT AL-((ASAD)).

FROM HIS EXILE IN SPAIN, RIF'AT AL-ASAD DECLARED, "I AM THE LEGITIMACY IN SYRIA. WHAT IS HAPPENING IS NOTHING BUT A FARCE, AND I WILL MOVE SOON." HALF OF RIF'AT'S CHILDREN SUPPORT HIM AND THE OTHER HALF SUPPORT BASHAR. THE FAMILY'S THIRD BRANCH, NAMELY JAMIL AL-ASAD AND HIS CHILDREN, WHO ARE REFUGEES IN FRANCE, PLUS THE VETERAN ALAWITE NUSAYRI OFFICERS WHO BUILT THE NUSAYRI MONARCHY AND SAW IT TURN INTO A MORDACIOUS KINGDOM BELONGING TO HAFIZ AL-ASAD'S CHILDREN, HAVE JOINED THE OPPOSITION. THIS IS THE ONLY DOMESTIC OPPOSITION TO RAISE ITS HEAD. THIS OPPOSITION IS, IN FACT, A STRUGGLE FOR POWER IN THE SHAPE OF OPPOSITION. RIF'AT, THE AUTHOR OF HAMAH'S AND TADMUR'S (TN: OR "PALMYRA'S") MASSACRES, HAS NOT FORGOTTEN TO EMBELLISH HIS WORDS WITH THE ALLEGATION OF DEFENDING DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM. HE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN TO LAMENT HIS BROTHER'S SUCKING OF THE PEOPLE'S BLOOD AND HIS DEVOURING OF THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS!! WHAT IS TRAGI-COMIC IS THAT RIF'AT IS NOTABLE IN TERMS OF WHERE HE RANKS AMONG THE WORLD'S BILLIONAIRES. IT SUFFICES TO KNOW THAT AN IMMENSE SHARE OF THE INVESTMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL TUNNEL DUG BETWEEN FRANCE AND BRITAIN UNDER THE BRITISH CHANNEL IS FROM RIF'AT AL-ASAD.

WHERE DID HE GET THIS MONEY? IF HAFIZ HAS SUCKED THE PEOPLE'S SUSTENANCE, THEN WHAT HAS RIF'AT SUCKED TO BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BILLIONAIRES?

AT PRESENT, THIS IS THE ONLY OPPOSITION AT THE DOMESTIC LEVEL. AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, TOPPING THE LIST OF THOSE EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND REGRET FOR THE DECEASED WAS ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YEHUD ((BARAK)), WHO HAS REAFFIRMED THE PEACE PROCESSION WITH SYRIA. HE SENT AN ISRAELI KNESSET DELEGATION THAT INCLUDED ISRAELI ARABS. THE LIST ALSO INCLUDED, OF COURSE, ALL ARAB HEADS OF STATE AND POLITICIANS, ESPECIALLY FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, LED BY HUSNI ((MUBARAK)), JORDAN'S KING, THE SAUDI CROWN PRINCE, THE UAE PRESIDENT, AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. THEY ALL PLAYED THE SAME TUNE: GRIEF AND MERCY FOR THE SOUL OF THE DEPARTED AND HOPES THAT HIS SON WOULD CARRY ON WITH THE FATHER'S TRIUMPHANT MARCH. THIS WAS REGIONAL HARMONY. EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT THESE LEADERS ARE BUT INSTRUMENTS UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE JEWISH-U.S. MAESTRO, THE NEW WORLD ORDER CONDUCTOR.

INTERNATIONALLY, THE UNITED STATES DECLARED ITS SATISFACTION, AND ITS HOPE FOR A SMOOTH TRANSFER OF POWER. CLINTON SPOKE TO BASHAR, CONVEYING HIS CONGRATULATIONS AND SUPPORT. ((CHIRAC)), THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE, ATTENDED (TN: BASHAR'S INAUGURATION) BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT FRANCE HAS ITS PAST AND PRESENT HISTORY IN SYRIA AND LEBANON AND THE FACT THAT IT HAS BEEN THE FOSTER MOTHER OF THE ALAWITE NUSAYRI SECT SINCE THE DEIFICATION OF SALMAN AL-((MURSHID)), THE NUSAYRIS' ALLEGED IDOL.

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FRANCE IS ALSO THE FOSTER MOTHER OF LEBANON'S MARONITE CHRISTIANS. FRANCE, ALONG WITH ISRAEL'S JEWS, HAS ENTRUSTED SYRIA'S NUSAYRIS TO WATCH OVER THE MARONITES' STATUS AND POWER.

IRAN PARTICIPATED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, OF COURSE. ITS PRESIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A LARGE DELEGATION OF AYATULLAHS, ATTENDED BECAUSE IRAN'S RAFIDITES (TN: SHIITES) CONSIDER SYRIA'S NUSAYRIS AN EXTENSION OF THE FORCES OF SHIISM FROM KARACHI TO IRAN, IRAQ, SYRIA AND TO LEBANON. THEY ARE ENGAGED IN A TERRIBLE EFFORT TO CONVERT SYRIA'S SUNNIS TO SHIISM (WE WILL SET ASIDE A SEPARATE STUDY FOR THIS TOPIC, ALLAH WILLING). DURING THE FUNERAL CEREMONIES, THE IMAGE SEEN ON THE TV SCREEN WAS NOT DIMINISHED BY THE FACT THAT IT WAS EMBELLISHED WITH THE WHITE TURBANS OF A GROUP OF (TN: SUNNI) ULEMA AND SHAYKHS FROM SYRIA AND OF A SIMILAR DELEGATION FROM LEBANON. THE COMPOSITION WAS THUS MADE COMPLETE. IT IS THE OPTION OF THE NEW WORLD JEWISH-CRUSADER ORDER THAT THE ALAWITE NUSAYRI OCCUPATION AND

CONTROL OF SYRIA'S AND LEBANON'S SUNNI POPULATION CONTINUE. BASHAR AL-ASAD, THE NEW NUSAYRI KING, IS THE DOMESTIC AND EXTERNAL CHOICE OF ALL OF ISLAM'S ENEMIES.

THE PHARAOH PASSED AWAY AND HIS SUCCESSOR HAS COME. THE HIRED AND IGNORANT DEMAGOGUES, WHO HAVE SOLD THEIR RELIGION FOR THEIR WORLD, HAVE RAISED THE SLOGAN "SOUL AND BLOOD WE WILL SACRIFICE FOR YOU, O BASHAR," AS THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY REITERATED "FOREVER, O HAFIZ AL-ASAD" FOR HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM.

THE KARMATHIAN (TN: "QARAMITAH" IN ARABIC, A RADICAL SHIITE SECT) ALAWITE NUSAYRIS HAVE ACTED DESPOTICALLY, THEIR STATE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND KINGSHIP IS BEING PASSED AMONG THEM FROM FATHER TO SON. -SO WHERE DO WE STAND VIS-A-VIS ALL THESE FARCES? WHERE ARE THE FOLLOWERS OF THE SUNNAH? WHERE ARE THEIR SHAYKHS? WHERE ARE THEIR TRIBES? WHERE ARE THEIR YOUNG MEN? WHERE ARE THEIR PREACHERS? WHERE ARE THE MUJAHIDUN AMONG THEM?

BROTHER MUSLIMS, O SUNNIS IN SYRIA, LEBANON AND THE GREATER SYRIA, O MUSLIMS EVERYWHERE, THIS IS THE BLESSED GREATER SYRIA, OF WHICH THE JEWS HAVE DEVOURED PALESTINE AND WHERE THE MASONS AND THE BRITISH HAVE CONTROLLED EAST JORDAN THROUGH THE LACKEY (TN: KING) HUSAYN WHO TRANSFERRED POWER TO HIS SON IN THE SAME MANNER. HERE IS THE MAJOR PART OF THE GREATER SYRIA, NAMELY SYRIA AND LEBANON, BEING DEVOURED BY THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS, THEIR CHRISTIAN ALLIES AND THE MALICIOUS SECTS.

IT IS SAD AND LAMENTABLE THAT THE REGION'S DEMOGRAPHIC MAKEUP IS IN TOTAL CONTRAST WITH THIS SITUATION. THE RELATIVE PERCENTAGES OF THE SUNNIS IN THE GREATER SYRIA ARE AS FOLLOWS: 83 PERCENT OF SYRIA'S NEARLY 18 MILLION PEOPLE. COMPARED TO EIGHT PERCENT ALAWITE NUSAYRIS, FOUR PERCENT CHRISTIANS AND FIVE PERCENT DRUZE, SHIITES AND OTHER SECTS.

IN LEBANON, ONE THIRD OF THE POPULATION, NEARLY TWO MILLIONS, IS SUNNI, ANOTHER THIRD IS CHRISTIAN AND LESS THAN A THIRD IS SHIITE, PLUS NEARLY ONE HALF MILLION FROM OTHER SECTS.

AS FOR JORDAN, THE ENTIRE (TN: MUSLIM) POPULATION OF NEARLY 4.5 MILLION IS SUNNI, COMPARED TO ONE HALF MILLION CHRISTIANS. AS FOR PALESTINE, THERE REMAINS THERE NEARLY 1.5 MILLION SUNNI MUSLIMS, WITH FIVE MILLION OCCUPYING JEWS COMPETING WITH THEM FOR THEIR LANDS, PLUS NEARLY FIVE MILLION MUSLIM PALESTINIANS IN THE DIASPORA.

ISN'T IT SAD, LAMENTABLE AND AGONIZING THAT THERE ARE IN THE BLESSED GREATER SYRIA NEARLY 25 MILLION COMPLETELY UNARMED AND

POWERLESS SUNNIS COMPETING WITH OTHER ARMED SECTS THAT ARE SUPPORTED BY THE WORLD POWERS AND PROVIDED WITH ALL FORMS OF POWER AND WEAPONS?! ISRAEL'S JEWS, THE BIGGEST GROUP, POSSESS THE MAIN POWER AND FORCE, FOLLOWED BY SYRIA'S ALAWITE NUSAYRIS, AN ARMED SECT THAT CONTROLS POWER IN SYRIA AND LEBANON. NEXT COME THE SHIITES OF LEBANON, AND A SHIITE MINORITY IN SYRIA, WHO CONSTITUTE AN ARMED AND ENTRENCHED SECT SUPPORTED WITH MONEY AND WEAPONS BY IRAN, A MAJOR REGIONAL POWER. NEXT COME THE DRUZE OF LEBANON, WITH A DRUZE MINORITY IN SOUTHERN SYRIA, NORTHWEST JORDAN AND THE OCCUPIED GOLAN HEIGHTS. THEY ARE AN ARMED SECT, ESPECIALLY IN LEBANON, AND AN ALLY OF ISRAEL'S IN PALESTINE.

SO, WHERE DO YOU STAND, O FOLLOWERS OF THE SUNNAH, VIS-A-VIS THE WORDS OF YOUR LORD, "THE UNBELIEVERS WISH, IF YE WERE NEGLIGENT OF YOUR ARMS AND YOUR BAGGAGE, TO ASSAULT YOU IN A SINGLE RUSH." (SURAH 4, VERSE 102) YOU HAVE NEGLECTED YOUR WEAPONS AND YOUR BAGGAGE AND YOU HAVE TRUSTED TO THIS WORLD AND TO BUSINESS, ACADEMIC DEGREES, MONEY AND CHILDREN. CONSEQUENTLY, THE UNBELIEVERS HAVE ASSAULTED YOU ALL AT ONCE, AND NOW HERE YOU ARE: THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY LIVING IN THE WORST HUMILIATION, AND IN WORSE CONDITION THAN THE SMALLEST MINORITY. WE HAVE REALIZED THE THREAT OF ALLAH'S MESSENGER, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, THAT SAYS: "IF YOU CLING TO TRADE AND TO PLOWING THE LAND AND IF YOU ABANDON THE JIHAD, ALLAH WILL IMPOSE ON YOU HUMILIATION THAT HE WILL NOT REMOVE UNTIL YOU RETURN TO YOUR RELIGION." (TN: LOOSE TRANSLATION OF HADITH)

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YES, YOU HAVE FALLEN INTO THAT AGAINST WHICH YOU SHOULD HAVE GUARDED AND THE (TN: MESSENGER'S) THREAT HAS COME TRUE. HERE WE ARE LIVING IN HUMILIATION. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS THE SOLUTION THAT ALLAH'S MESSENGER, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, HAS DESCRIBED AND COMMANDED: RETURN TO YOUR RELIGION AND RESUME THE JIHAD; RETURN TO THE WEAPONS AND STOP YOUR NEGLIGENCE. YOU HAVE NEGLECTED YOUR WEAPONS AND THE UNBELIEVERS HAVE ASSAULTED YOU ALL AT ONCE. THE SOLUTION IS IN FRONT OF YOU AND IS KNOWN TO YOU, AND IT IS AS ALLAH, MAY HE BE EXALTED HAS SAID, "IF YE WILL HELP (THE CAUSE OF) ALLAH, HE WILL HELP YOU, AND PLANT YOUR FEET FIRMLY." (SURAH 47, VERSE 7)

O BRETHREN, O SUNNI YOUNG MEN, O MUSLIMS,

A MOST IMPORTANT MEANS OF REVIVAL AND AWAKENING FROM THIS NEGLIGENCE IS FOR YOU TO RETURN TO ALLAH IN WORD AND DEED, IN HEART AND BODY. THE NEGLIGENCE HAS GONE ON FOR TOO LONG AND CORRUPTION AND REBELLION HAVE SPREAD. ALL KINDS OF CORRUPTION

HAVE PROLIFERATED, RANGING FROM SONG, WOMEN SINGERS AND MUSIC TO THE SPREAD OF USURY, ALCOHOL - FROM WHICH NOT MANY YOUTH HAVE ESCAPED - UNVEILED WOMEN, OBSCENITY, FORNICATION AND TV DISHES THAT HAVE INTRODUCED IMMORAL EDUCATION INTO MANY A HOME. THE AGONY THAT YOU ARE SUFFERING IS NOTHING BUT A FORM OF PUNISHMENT. AS THE TRADITIONS SAY, "NO PUNISHMENT IS INFLICTED FOR NO OFFENSE, AND NO PUNISHMENT IS REMOVED WITHOUT REPENTANCE."

A MOST IMPORTANT CAUSE OF THE HUMILIATION YOU ARE EXPERIENCING IS NEGLIGENCE OF THE WEAPONS, AND ALLAH HAS SAID, "THE UNBELIEVERS WISH, IF YE WERE NEGLIGENT OF YOUR ARMS" AND IF YOU WOULD ABANDON THE JIHAD. ALLAH'S MESSENGER, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, HAS SAID, "NO PEOPLE HAVE ABANDONED THE JIHAD AND NOT BEEN HUMILIATED." (TN: LOOSE TRANSLATION OF HADITH)

THIS HUMILIATION CAN BE REMOVED ONLY WITH JIHAD AND WEAPONS. A TOP PRIORITY OF THE AWAKENING, REVIVAL AND HUMILIATION REMOVAL IS TO KNOW YOUR ENEMIES WHO HAVE DOMINATED YOU: THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS, THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS.

AS FOR THE JEWS AND THE CHRISTIANS, WE KNOW THEM. BUT WHO ARE THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS, WHOM THE FRENCH CALLED "ALAWITES" DURING THE OCCUPATION TO MISLEAD PEOPLE AND TO ATTACH THEM TO MUSLIMS? SOME HYPOCRITICAL WHITE-TURBANED ULEMA, WHO HAVE CONCEALED ALLAH'S REVEALED SIGNS AND GUIDANCE AND WHO HAVE NOT EXPLAINED TO YOU THE TRUE CONDITION, RELIGION AND CREED OF THESE NUSAYRIS, FOLLOWED THE FRENCH IN MISLEADING YOU. INSTEAD OF EXPLAINING TO YOU, THESE ULEMA HAVE MISLED YOU TO BELIEVE THAT THE NUSAYRIS ARE MUSLIMS. ONE OF THEM EVEN WENT AS FAR AS TO DECLARE THAT IF THERE IS A SALADIN IN THIS NATION, THEN HE IS THE FAITHFUL PRESIDENT HAFIZ AL-ASAD, AS AL-((BUTI)) (NFI) ALLEGED!! MAY ALLAH'S CURSE BE UPON FALSE WITNESSES.

WHAT IS THE TRUE WITNESS? WHO ARE THESE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS? WHAT IS THEIR RELIGION? WHAT IS THEIR CREED? WHAT IS THEIR ORIGIN? WHAT IS THEIR PAST? WHAT IS THEIR PRESENT? AND WHAT FUTURE AWAITS US WITH THEM?

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PART TWO

ALAWITE NUSAYRIYAH... COMMUNITY, CREED, HISTORY AND HOW ISLAM JUDGES THEM

ALAWITE NUSAYRIYAH IS ONE OF THE FANATIC SHIITE GROUPS THAT HAVE STEMMED FROM THE SHIITE CREED AND EMANATED FROM A MIXTURE OF

BELIEFS AND RITES BASED IN MAZDAIC, JEWISH, PERSIAN, CHRISTIAN, ISLAMIC AND BUDDHIST ORIGINS AND IN ANCIENT PHILOSOPHIES THAT WERE PREVALENT AT THE TIME. IT WAS FOUNDED IN THE MID-THIRD CENTURY OF THE HEGIRA BY MUHAMMAD BIN-NUSAYR AL-NUMAYRI, WHO CLAIMED TO BE A PROPHET AND WHO ALLEGED THAT IMAM ABU-AL-HASAN AL-'ASKARI (THE 11TH IMAM OF THE IMAMI JA'FARI SHIITES) WAS A GOD AND THAT AL-'ASKARI IS THE ONE WHO SENT HIM AS A PROPHET. HE THEN DECLARED A MIXTURE OF BELIEFS AND IDEAS THAT FORMED THE STARTING POINT FOR THIS SECT'S RELIGION. PART OF WHAT HE PREACHED WERE THE IDEAS OF THE TRANSMIGRATION OF SOULS, THE PERMISSIBILITY OF FORNICATION WITH THE UNMARRIAGEABLE AND SEX BETWEEN MEN. HE ALLEGED THAT THIS IS A MANIFESTATION OF HUMILITY AND SUBMISSION AND THAT IT IS ONE OF THE GOOD LUSTS AND A GOOD THING PERMITTED BY ALLAH, MAY HE BE PRAISED AND HELD HIGH ABOVE SUCH A THING.

CURRENT LOCATIONS OF THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS:

ALAWITE NUSAYRIS ARE DISTRIBUTED NOWADAYS IN CLOSELY INTERSPERSED AREAS OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND THEY CONSIST OF NUMEROUS SUB-CLANS AND CLANS, SUCH AL-KHAYYATIN, AL-HADDADIN, AL-MATHAWIRAH, AL-KALBIYYIN AND OTHER CLANS. THEIR GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. SYRIA: IT IS ONE OF THE NUSAYRIS' MOST IMPORTANT AREAS BY VIRTUE OF THE SECT'S POPULATION DENSITY IN THE COUNTRY AND BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT THE SECT HAS CONTROLLED SYRIA AND ESTABLISHED IN IT A SECTARIAN DICTATORIAL REGIME, OPPRESSING THE REST OF THE SYRIAN CITIZENS. IN SYRIA, THE NUSAYRIS ARE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

- LATAKIA MOUNTAINS (TN: "JIBAL AL-LADHIQIYAH" IN ARABIC): CALLED THE ALAWITE NUSAYRI MOUNTAINS AND LOCATED IN NORTHWEST SYRIA, ADJACENT TO THE COAST. THE FRENCH CALLED THEM THE ALAWITE MOUNTAINS TO DECEIVE MUSLIMS THERE AND TO CONCEAL THE FACT THAT THIS SECT IS A DISTINCTIVE APOSTATE SECT.

- HIMS AREA: THIS AREA, ESPECIALLY THE RURAL PARTS, IS INHABITED BY A CONSIDERABLE PERCENTAGE OF NUSAYRIS. HIMS, THE ANCIENT CITY, HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO ORGANIZED IMMIGRATION OF NUSAYRIS. SINCE THEY GAINED CONTROL OF SYRIA, THE CITY HAS BEEN SUBJECTED, ACCORDING TO LEAKED REPORTS, TO A SCHEME THAT INDICATES THE NUSAYRIS' PLAN TO MAKE THE CITY THE CAPITAL OF A MINI-STATE OF THEIRS IN CASE THEY ARE EVICTED FROM POWER IN SYRIA. THIS SCHEME IS INDICATED AND SUPPORTED BY THE CIVILIAN AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND ECONOMIC PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN THE SAID MOUNTAINS AREA, AND IN HIMS AND ITS

VICINITY.

- TALL KALAKH AREA: IT IS AN AREA IN WESTERN SYRIA, CLOSE TO LEBANON AND THE (TN: MEDITERRANEAN) SEA. THERE IS ALSO A NUSAYRI MINORITY IN THE VILLAGES OF AL-BAGHALIYAH AND AL-ZAHRAH OF ALEPPO GOVERNORATE, IN THE GOLAN AREA OF AL-QUNAYTIRAH GOVERNORATE, IN HAWRAN AND IN THE AREAS OF NAB' AL-SAKHR, 'AYN SHAMS, ZIMRIN, MANKAT AL-HATAB, BI'R AL-SABAL AND IN AL-HAYJANAH, NEAR DAMASCUS. BUT SINCE THEY ASSUMED POWER IN SYRIA, THERE HAS BEEN SOME CHANGE IN THEIR DEMOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION BECAUSE MOST OF THEIR POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERSHIPS, ALONG WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR FOLLOWERS, HAVE MOVED TO GOVERNMENT AREAS AND AREAS OF MAJOR ACTIVITIES. MOST OF THEM HAVE EMIGRATED TO DAMASCUS, ESTABLISHING FOR THEMSELVES A Foothold THERE. THEY HAVE ALSO ESTABLISHED SEMI-COLONIES IN DUMMAR, BARZAH, AL-QADAM, AL-MA'DAMIYAH, AL-YARMUK CAMP AND AL-SITT ZAYNAB.

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SOME NUSAYRIS HAVE ALSO MARRIED MUSLIM MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ABSENCE OF RELIGIOUS AWARENESS, AND IN AN EFFORT BY SOME WEAK SOULS TO CURRY FAVORS WITH THE RULING AUTHORITIES. THESE MARRIAGES ARE NULL LEGALLY BECAUSE THEY INVOLVE UNBELIEVERS. SIMILAR EMIGRATION HAS ALSO TAKEN PLACE IN OTHER SYRIAN GOVERNORATES, BUT BY LESSER DEGREES. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN NUSAYRI EMIGRATION TO THE ECONOMIC WEALTH AREAS AND TO INDUSTRIAL GATHERINGS. MEANWHILE, THE MOUNTAIN HAS REMAINED THEIR MAIN HOME AND THE SEAT OF THEIR WEALTH AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC PROJECTS. IN SYRIA, NUSAYRIS ARE ESTIMATED AT NEARLY EIGHT PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, I.E. NEARLY TWO MILLION PEOPLE.

2. TURKEY: IT HAS A CONSIDERABLE PERCENTAGE OF NUSAYRIS, ESTIMATED AT NEARLY THREE MILLIONS. MOST OF THEM INHABIT SOUTHWEST TURKEY, WESTERN (KILIKIA?) AND ISKANDARUN PROVINCE. THEY HAVE GAINED STRENGTH WITH THEIR KINSMEN GAINING CONTROL OF SYRIA, AND MANY OF THEM SNEAKED INTO THE COUNTRY TO SERVE THE SYRIAN MILITARY AUTHORITY. SOME OF THEM RECEIVED WEAPONS, AMMUNITION, AID AND TRAINING IN SYRIA TO TAKE PART IN PLOTS AND UNREST IN TURKEY. THEIR NUMBER IN TURKEY IS ESTIMATED AT TWO MILLIONS (TN: SIC, THE ESTIMATE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS PARAGRAPH HAS BEEN REDUCED BY ONE THIRD).

3. LEBANON: A NUMBER OF NUSAYRIS LIVE IN THE NORTH AND IN 'AKKAR DISTRICT, MOST OF THEM BEING EMIGRANTS FROM SYRIA. THESE NUSAYRIS HAVE ALSO GAINED STRENGTH SINCE THE NUSAYRIS GAINED CONTROL OF POWER IN SYRIA. THEY RECEIVED AID AND WEAPONS AND THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE CIVIL WAR AS EXECUTORS OF THE WISHES OF

THEIR MASTERS IN DAMASCUS AND THE MOUNTAIN. THEIR NUMBER IN LEBANON IS ESTIMATED AT 40,000, AND THEIR IMMIGRATION AND SETTLEMENT IN THE NORTH, THE COASTAL REGION AND TRIPOLI CONTINUES UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE NUSAYRI OCCUPATION OF LEBANON.

4. IRAQ: IT HAS A VERY SMALL MINORITY ESTIMATED AT SEVERAL THOUSAND IN THE AREA OF 'ANAH, NEAR THE SYRIAN BORDER. HISTORICALLY, THIS AREA HAS BEEN A MOST IMPORTANT STRONGHOLD OF THE ALAWITE NUSAYRI SECT'S SHAYKHS.

5. PALESTINE: IT HAS NEARLY 2,000 NUSAYRIS IN THE GALILEE AREA.

ALAWITE NUSAYRI CREED:

AS WE HAVE ALREADY NOTED, THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIYAH IS ONE OF THE FANATIC SHIITE GROUPS THAT HAVE DEIFIED 'ALI, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM. MOST OF THEM STEM FROM THE SABA'I CREED, PREACHED BY THE JEWISH 'ABDALLAH BIN-SABA'. THESE FANATICS IN THEIR ENTIRETY, INCLUDING THE NUSAYRIS, AGREE ON THE TRANSMIGRATION OF SOULS, REINCARNATION (TN: "AL-HULUL" IN ARABIC) AND INTERPRETATION OF HIDDEN MEANINGS. THEY BELIEVE THAT THEIR RELIGION IS A SECRET THAT MUST NOT BE DISCLOSED AND THAT THE YOUNG MUST NOT LEARN IT UNTIL THEY SURPASS THEIR PUBERTY.

THE BELIEFS OF THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS ARE A MIXTURE OF RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL PRINCIPLES, OF WHICH THE MOST IMPORTANT ARE MAZDAISM AND THE THREE DIVINE RELIGIONS. THEY HAVE A TRINITY SYMBOLIZED BY THE LETTERS ('AYN, M, S), I.E. 'ALI, MUHAMMAD, PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM, AND SALMAN AL-((FARISI)) (TN: OR THE "PERSIAN SALMAN"). IN THEIR INTERPRETATION, THE 'AYN MEANS GOD AND DEITY, AND IT IS CALLED THE MEANING OR THE ABSOLUTE "DIVINE SECRET." "M" IS THE REFLECTION OF THE APPARENT MEANING, AND IT SYMBOLIZES MUHAMMAD, MAY ALLAH'S PEACE AND PRAYERS BE UPON HIM. "S" IS A REFLECTION OF THE EVIDENT MEANING, OR THE WAY TO ATTAIN THIS MEANING, NAMELY SALMAN AL-FARISI. SOME OF THE CHRISTIAN INFLUENCES ON THE ALAWITE NUSAYRIS INCLUDE THE NUSAYRIS' CELEBRATION OF SOME CHRISTIAN HOLIDAYS AND THEIR ENGAGING IN RITES FOR THESE HOLIDAYS, SUCH AS CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS, AT WHICH TIME THEY OFFER WINE AND SLAUGHTER CATTLE FOR FOOD; EPIPHANY; THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS; AND SANTA BARBERA'S DAY. THEY ALSO CELEBRATE NAURUZ (VAR: NAWRUZ, NAWROOZ), A MAZDAIC PERSIAN HOLIDAY (TN: 21 MARCH); AND 'ID AL-FIRASH, WHICH COMMEMORATES THE DAY OF THE PROPHET'S EMIGRATION (TN: FROM MECCA TO MEDINA) ON WHICH 'ALI, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM, SLEPT IN THE PROPHET'S BED. THEY ALSO CELEBRATE 'ID AL-GHADIR, WHICH COMMEMORATES THE DAY ON WHICH THE PROPHET TOOK 'ALI, MAY ALLAH BE PLEASED WITH HIM, FOR A BROTHER. AS FOR REINCARNATION, NUSAYRIS