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 The reality of *an-Nusairiyah* and how they managed to rule Syria?

Imam Al-Bukhari reported from Osama ibn Zayd (may Allah be pleased with them) that after the Qurayshi Kuffar leaders were killed in the battle of Badr, Ibn Ubbay ibn Salool and those with him said: This is (meaning Islam) something which has been established. So they made the pledge of Islam- meaning outwardly and hid their Kufr.

That was the beginning of *an-Nifaq* (hypocrisy) among the Muslim *Ummah*. From that day the hypocrites continued planning and plotting against Islam.

During the Caliphate of Othman ibn Affan, may Allah be pleased with him, a new form of hypocrisy appeared which aimed at replacing Islam with some corrupt ideologies which they took from the Greek philosophy and from the Magian (magus), Jewish and Christian beliefs. They covered them with the wrap of love of *ahl al-Bait*, the family of the prophet (*sallahe Allahu alaihi wasallama*) so as not to be discovered. They added some Islamic rites to the mix in order to deceive people that they are Muslims. That was the *nifaq* (hypocrisy) which was invented by Abdullah ibn Saba', the Jewish. From the ideas of Abdullah ibn Saba' many *Batiniyyah* sects (secret sects which have different interpretation of Islam- also they say that the Qur'anic texts have outward meaning and inner one) emerged. The most famous of these sects are: *al-Imamiyyah*, *al-Ismailiyyah*, *an-Nusairiyah* and *al-Durziyyah*.

The most obscure and difficult to understand of all these sects and most deviant is the *an-Nusairiyah* sect. In recent time it has been known as the *Alawi* sect and it is believed the French were the ones who called it *Alawi* - and so it became known by the name.

An-Nusairiyah sect appeared in the third Hijri century. It was called after the man who invented it; Muhammad ibn Nusair al-Basri who claimed prophet hood. He went to extreme with regard to the position of *ahl al-Bait* and exalted them to the level of divinity.

One of people who knew *an-Nusairiyah* very well was Imam *Ibn Taymiyah*, may Allah have mercy upon him because he lived with them in *sham* (Syria), read their books and knew their beliefs. He mentioned about them that: "They do not pray the five prayers; they do not fast the month of Ramadan; they do not make Hajj; they do not pay Zakat and they also do not accept that these things are *wajib* (obligations.) They legalise *al-Khamr* (alcohol) and the rest of the prohibitions. They pretend to be *Shia'* and loyal to *ahl al-Bait*; in front of ignorant people; however, in reality they do not believe in Allah or His Messenger or His book or in any of the commandments or the prohibitions. They neither believe in reward nor in punishment, nor in *al-Jannah* or *an-Nar* (heaven or hell.) *Ibn Taymiyah* also mentioned that they betrayed Muslims and helped the Crusaders in Syria against them. They helped the *Tatar* (moguls) in Iraq against Muslims as well.

They ruled Syria in our present time with the help of the French colonisation. When people in *sham* fought against the French, the French did not leave until they made the *Batiniyyah* sects established in the country because they helped them during their occupation of Syria. The French strengthened them and put them in command in the military institutions and in the most important positions.

Then after that came the wicked plan of hiding the sectarianism of *an-Nusairiyah* by creating a new structure to include everyone. The new structure was the Ba'ath party which

they established in collaboration with the Christians. They made belief in Arabism the main principle of the party to replace belief in Islam. They aimed at deceiving *ahl as-Sunnah* by the slogans of liberty and socialism – which at that time had glittering fame. They shifted the loyalty of people from Islam to the party instead, and they remained in control of the party.

The Ba'ath party managed to take over power by a military coup more than forty years ago in 1970 - in the name of the party while hiding their sectarianism with their president pretending to be a Muslim, reading the Qur'an and perhaps attending the prayers with Muslims. All of that was in order to deceive the public.

When in control, they removed *ahl as-Sunnah* from important positions, humiliated and harmed them. They i.e. *an-Nusairiyah* carried out several massacres against *ahl as-Sunnah* in Tadmur desert prison in 1980 in which more than 700 people were killed, and in Tadmur women prison where they killed 120 women being the mothers and sisters of men who were wanted by the regime, and in Hamah massacre in 1982 where the city was bombarded by fighter jets and shelled by rockets, guns and tanks – like what is happening nowadays – leaving between 30 to 40 thousand people dead. These were just a few of the massacres perpetrated by the sectarian regime against *ahl as-Sunnah* in Syria.

It is ironic that *ahl as-Sunnah* who are the majority in Syria were to remain for more than forty years under the control *an-Musairiyah al-Batiniyyah* who are a minority of no more than ten per cent of the population.

When the Syrian people had enough of the Ba'ath and *an-Nusairiyah* they stood up and revolted against the regime in the current great revolution which has been on for the third year – entered into its third year last March 2013.

We ask Allah (*subhanahu wa ta'ala*) to remove the difficulties and hardships of the people of Syria and to make the outcome of what is happening good for Islam and Muslims. O Allah! Accept their dead as *Shuhada*, cure the injured, release the prisoners and give them victory over their enemy and your enemy, the tyrant Bashas al-Asad.

The betrayals of the hypocrites from among the *al-Batiniyyah* sects are well known in the history of Islam. Baghdad in the past and in recent time fell as a result of their betrayal and their collaboration with the *Kuffar*.

Imam *Ibn Taymiyah* (may Allah have mercy upon him) said: *An-Nusairiyah* were most quick and keen to surrender the Muslim fortresses to the enemy of Islam. What *Ibn Taymiyah* mentioned centuries ago happened forty six years ago when the *an-Nusairiyah* surrendered the Golan Heights in Syria to Israel. The notorious Hafiz Al-Asad, the Ba'athist and *Nusairi* who was the Syrian Minister for Defence at the time announced the fall of *Al-Qunaytira*, the capital town of the Golan Heights in the hands of the Israelis before it had fallen. On Saturday the 10th of June 1967 he made a military statement saying that: The Israeli forces captured *Al-Qunaytira* after a fierce fighting in unequalled circumstances. The enemy had moved in with huge number of tanks and occupied the town.

This announcement was made 48 hours before the arrival of the first Israeli soldier in the town.

This betrayal of Hafiz Al-Asad was disclosed by many ministers and leaders in the Syrian regime in their memories and interviews. Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-'Akta', the Syrian Minister for Health at the time, said: "I was on a tour in the war front in *Al-Qunaytira* town when the statement of the fall of *Al-Qunaytira* was made. I thought there was a mistake so I contacted the Minister for Defence Hafiz Asad and told him that *Al-Qunaytira* had not fallen to the enemy, that I was in *Al-Qunaytira* and no Israeli soldier has come near it. I was shocked to hear words of abuse and threats if I talk like that and interfere in things that do not concern me. I apologised to him and knew it was a conspiracy. I returned to Damascus on the following day and rendered my resignation."

The history *an-Nusairia* sect in Syria is full of tragedies and afflictions against the people of the blessed land.

All Muslims everywhere should be weary and take their precautions against the hypocrites and the deviant *Batinyyah* sects. They should not trust them or take them as friends or allies.

May Allah protect the Muslim lands from the evils of the *Batinyyah* sects and give Muslims the upper hand over them. O Allah! Give the Muslims in Syria victory over the Ba'athist and *an-Nusairiyah*.