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Germany's Alliances with Islam

Spiritual insights into historical alliances and their impacts

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Introduction

Today's theme is a guest contribution by Rosemarie Stresemann. She is a retired teacher and co-worker for the Initiative "Together for Berlin". In addition, she is part of the leadership team for "Call of the Watchmen", a prayer movement for Germany.

This study by R. Stresemann is thoroughly researched and is highly explosive in nature since she shines light on a topic which, up till now, neither from secular, nor from spiritual research of the German post-war history, has not attracted much attention. It is Germany's relationship to the Islamic world and the serious impacts it has on the entire world. It shows, once again, how Germany was involved long-term in setting the course of world history during the 20th century; the consequences of which reach as far as to the present day.

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Long before the discussion began about the presence of Islam in Germany, Kaiser Wilhelm II, and after him Hitler, had already decided that Germany and Islam should form an alliance. It always concerned the enforcement of power in political interests, which was to make Germany "great". These alliances were the opposite of God's calling for Germany, to stand at Israel's side. Up until today, the spiritual effects of these alliances have profound, disruptive consequences.

The Alliance of Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Kaiser Wilhelm II declared himself to be the "Protector of 300 million Muslims" in an after-dinner speech in Damascus during his trip to the Middle East in 1898. He concluded a friendship, trade and shipping contract with the Ottoman Sultan. Shortly before Theodor Herzl had sought out the Kaiser during his trip to the Middle East and proposed to him his idea of an autonomous Jewish state as a German protectorate within the Ottoman Empire. The Kaiser did not however want to support a Jewish state at the expense of friendship with Islamic states. He did not want to displease the Ottoman Sultan but rather gain him as a friend in order to enforce his own power politics against Great Britain.

The first German “jihad” plan

The German diplomat and specialist in Middle Eastern affairs, Baron Max von Oppenheim (1860-1946), had developed a “jihad concept” at the beginning of World War I with the intent of destabilising British power in the area. He presented it to the Kaiser. It carried the title: “Revolutionising the Islamic territories of our enemies”.

The tactic of this plan was to use the Islamic teaching of jihad as a means of war against the German enemies (Great Britain, France and Russia). In this way a third front would be opened against Great Britain and France in the war by creating insurgency in the Islamic world. The plan of Oppenheim was all about the destabilisation of the “Islamic territories of our enemies” by calling for jihad along with Islamic insurrection and acts of terrorism.

Max von Oppenheim was an Islam expert. He knew that militant Islamic jihad was in fact intended to be used to create an Islamic state – an Islamic caliphate – in the war against unbelievers. He now developed a completely new concept of jihad: The Kaiser, who was regarded as a representative of Christian power (!), should incite Islamic jihad to attain his own (Christian) power ambitions/goals and then exploit it for German war purposes.

Thus a politically construed version of Islamic jihad was born – out of a German strategy!

The plan was accepted by the Kaiser just two months after the start of the war and had to be set in motion.

Accordingly a new department was opened in the Foreign Office in Berlin - the Intelligence Bureau for the Middle East – the Oriental Department. The Muslim population would now be spurred on to insurrection from this planning department.¹ The department had the mission to influence all Muslim prisoners of war such that they took a stand for Germany. For this the Muslim war prisoners got their own mosque and were trained for jihad by special imams.

They lived in specially constructed camps (so-called “crescent camps”) in Wünsdorf (south of Berlin). On July 13th 1915, the first mosque on German soil that was actually intended for the practice of religion with a 23 meter high minaret was dedicated.²

In fact “jihad” was called for by the Sultan in Constantinople (now Istanbul) by way of a “Fatwa” (an Islamic legal ruling) in the middle of November 1914 after the Ottomans joined the war.

The British suffered so many problems with Arab terrorist organizations which were being stirred up by Germany that they tried by all the means at their disposal to draw the Sheikh of Mecca onto their side, before Germany could get to him, as the head man in Mecca, to also call for jihad from there. They could only draw him onto the British side with a lot of money and the promise of his own Arab kingdom as a reward for an uprising against the Ottoman Empire. **With this promise a political**

¹ cf. Wolfgang G. Schwanitz, Die Berliner Djhadisierung des Islams – Wie Max von Oppenheim die islamische Revolution schürte P. 19 ff. Wolfgang G. Schwanitz, Auslandsinformationen, Sankt Augustin, 10. Nov. 2004 Publisher: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V. also to be found under:

http://www.kas.de/db_files/dokumente/auslandsinformationen/7_dokument_dok_pdf_5678_1.pdf

² cf. <http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halbmondlager>

weakness was exposed which has a bearing even today on the unresolved Palestinian conflict.³

The jihad genie is out of the bottle

The idea propagated by the Germans to drive out foreign occupying forces by the use of jihad proved itself to be an idea that, once set in motion, could no longer be stopped. After World War I the idea was taken up in the Arab world by the Muslim Brotherhood and incorporated into their concept of Islamic jihad which to this day stands behind all terrorist attacks, and the idea was further “refined”. A German Baron initiated all this – a non-Muslim who called the “jihad genie” to come out to the aid of German interests. Since 1914 this genie has been gaining power. When Hitler came to power, Baron Max von Oppenheim was no longer in the service of the Foreign Office. However in 1940 he was driven to again lay out his old ideas in Berlin in order to support the German advance in North Africa. There was now no longer a Sultan-Caliph and no longer an Ottoman Empire – but there was once again this idea of Oppenheim’s to destabilise the British and French rule in the Muslim Arab regions through insurrection. In considering Oppenheim’s suggestions, the Foreign Office developed a complete set of actions to initiate insurrection among the Arabs. The experience of the Oriental Department from World War I was of great help. Many of the employees from the time of the Kaiser were still working there!

The Foreign Office now suggested broadening the propaganda, empowering the military intelligence staff of Wilhelm Canaris to start uprisings in Palestine and Jordan - including the delivery of weapons – and also paying money to the Grand Mufti.⁴

Islamist from the outset - the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem

A mufti was the highest religious-judicial authority in Islamic matters within a political region of the old Ottoman Empire. His interpretation of the Quran was legally binding. In 1921 the British had appointed the son of the very influential Arab family clan of the Husseinis, whose ancestry could be traced back to Mohammed, to “Grand Mufti of Palestine” in the area of the Mandate for Palestine. They gave the honorary title of “Grand Mufti” to the very young 28 year old Haj Amin al-Husseini (1893-1974) and thereby strengthened his standing in the Arab world.

Thereby, they gave one of the first followers of the Moslem Brothers – a newly formed Islamic movement – a decisive position of power in Palestine.

Islamism

At the same time as National Socialism as an ideology and political force was emerging in Germany, the strengthening of which from 1933 on directly led to the Holocaust, another movement came into being in the Arab world, in fact in Egypt: The Muslim Brotherhood, which launched Islamism as a political ideology.

³cf.[http://www.jafi.org.il/JewishAgency/English/Jewish+Education/German\(Israel+und+Zionismus/Konzepte/Britisches+Mandat/Britisches+Mandat.htm](http://www.jafi.org.il/JewishAgency/English/Jewish+Education/German(Israel+und+Zionismus/Konzepte/Britisches+Mandat/Britisches+Mandat.htm)

⁴ cf. Gerhard Höpp: Der Koran als „Geheime Reichssache“. Fragments of German - Islam-Politics between 1938 und 1945 under www.zmo.de/biblio/nachlass/hoepf/01_22_057.pdf

The Muslim Brotherhood was founded in 1928 by Hassan al-Banna in Egypt and to this day is the ideological platform for all Islamists including al-Qaida. It was developed according to the "Führerprinzip" (leadership principle), had paramilitary units and wanted a system of government on the basis of Sharia law and a Caliphate.

They placed at its centre the concept of "jihad" – with the yearning desire to die as martyrs in the war against unbelievers.

Al-Banna promoted a new interpretation of the Quran: "The Quran has set a duty before the believers to love death more than life. Only the one who masters the "art of death" can prevail."⁵

Core issue of the Nazi propaganda: the danger of world-wide Jewry

The starting point in Nazi propaganda was always to portray the "danger of Jewry". In Hitler's world view, there was a "world-wide Jewish conspiracy". Everything that happened in world history was attributed to a Jewish plot. Behind communism, capitalism, materialism – and later behind the warring allied powers of America, Russia and Great Britain – always stood the real enemy who was clearly named by the Nazis: the Jew.

Hitler's anti-Semitism and the Nazi regime became the source of inspiration for the Muslim Brotherhood and for the Mufti. In 1938 at an "Islamic Parliamentary Conference in support of Palestine", the Arabic version of Hitler's book "My Struggle", as well as the infamous book "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" was propagated.

Mufti – a follower of the Nazis

The youth organisation of his Palestine Arab Party carried the name "Nazi-Scout".

Nazi slogans were printed on flyers and swastikas were used as symbols.

Hitler received telegrams with good wishes from Palestine as he was announcing the Nuremberg Race Laws in 1935.

The most important common precepts between the Islamic and Nazi world views

These were summarised later by the Grand Mufti as follows:

1. Monotheism – unity in leadership, leadership principle (Führerprinzip)
2. Appreciation of obedience and discipline
3. War and the honour of falling in battle
4. Community spirit according to the motto: common interest before self-interest
5. High regard for motherhood and prohibition of abortion
6. Relationship to Jews - "in the fight against Jews, Islam und National Socialism come very close together"
7. Glorification of work and production: "Islam protects und honours work, whatever it may be."⁶

⁵ Küntzel, ibid. P. 23

⁶ Matthias Küntzel quotes from a lecture by a Mufti in *Djihad und Judenhaß*. Freiburg: 2003, P. 39

Soon after the seizure of power in 1933 the Grand Mufti made contact with the German government agencies – he had contacts with Eichmann and to the SS (Hitler's protection squadron). He was looking for a coalition with Hitler in order to achieve his claims for power over a Greater Arabia. The Grand Mufti was not only an Islamist, but also a proponent of Arab nationalism. He dreamed of a Greater Arabia in which all Arabs from the Atlantic to the Persian Gulf would be united under his leadership. In 1937 the British Peel Commission made a proposal to divide the area of the Mandate for Palestine into a small Jewish state and a larger Muslim Arab state. In this way the alarmed Nazis decided to strengthen the Arabs in order to prevent the establishment of a "Jewish State".

German support for the Arab uprising in Palestine

Starting in 1937 the German Nazis were training recruits who were in the revolutionary movement of the Grand Mufti. The whole region was covered with Canaris' spy network.

The SS trained more terrorists in the coming years!

Between 1939 and 1941, with the help of Germany, the Grand Mufti organised a revolution against the British in Iraq. The Germans had promised military support, but then were not however in a position to provide it. The revolution collapsed and the Grand Mufti had to flee. On November 6th 1941 he finally arrived in Berlin.

The death alliance with Hitler

Soon after arriving in Berlin, on November 28th the Grand Mufti was welcomed by Hitler. This meeting resulted in a far-reaching alliance between Germany and an Islamic leader. Hitler ensured the Mufti his support in establishing a Greater Arabia when Germany occupied the region.

The Alliance was clearly defined:

Prevention of a national homeland for Jews in Palestine.

Extinction of Judaism, not only in Europe but also in the entire Arabian realm, especially in Palestine.

Thanks to the envoy Schmidt, who was present when this discussion took place and who kept a record, we know the content of this alliance. Here are the most important extracts from the record:

The Führer (Hitler) then delivered the following statements to the Grand Mufti and asked him to treasure them deeply in his heart:

1. He (Hitler) will continue the fight until the European Jewish-communist empire is completely destroyed.

2. In the course of this fight the German army will reach the southern end of the Caucasus region at a point in time which today cannot be defined exactly but is not too far in the future.

3. As soon as this point in time is reached, the Führer (Hitler) will personally deliver to the Arab world the assurance that the hour of deliverance has arrived. The goal of

Germany is simply to annihilate all the Jews who are living in Arab areas under the protection of the British Mandate. At this moment the Grand Mufti would also then be the most qualified speaker for the Arab world.”⁷

In plain language this agreement not only signified an alliance with an Arab leader, but it was also an alliance between two spiritual powers. In Germany (more precisely in Berlin) two anti-Semitic world views joined forces: **Fascism and Islam**, which had far-reaching effects on the future. In 1943 the Grand Mufti declared in a speech in the German Air Force building (today the Berlin City Council House) the firm and lasting basis of the alliance: “... the Germans have never done anything to harm a Muslim. They fight against our common enemy who persecute the Arabs and Muslims. But above all they have in any event solved the problem of the Jews. These grounds for a good relationship, especially the last, make our friendship with Germany not just temporary, dependent on certain conditions, but a permanent and lasting friendship based on common interests.”

In plain language: The **final solution to the Jewish question** was the basis of the lasting friendship.

This death-alliance continues uninterrupted in the entire Islamic world up until today. However, we Germans were not aware of the fact that we have laid the foundation for the success of such organizations as Fatah and Hamas.

“These German-Arab agreements on the aims of the war and the annihilation of Jews were the Middle Eastern equivalent of the Wannsee Conference in 1942.”⁸

The seeds of hate – the propaganda weapon “Radio Zeesen”

In Berlin the Grand Mufti received every conceivable support for the “struggle for freedom for the Arabs” together with his plan for the annihilation of the Jews. From 1941 until the end of the war in 1945, the Grand Mufti directed the Islamist world headquarters for the annihilation of the Jews in the Arab-speaking world. From here he broadcast **Jihad** against the Jews over the most powerful short wave transmitter in the world that was located in Zeesen, south of Berlin.

The radio transmissions of the Grand Mufti reached the entire Arab world in the Middle East as well as Persia (now Iran) and India. They were translated into Turkish, Persian and Hindi.

The Mufti skillfully bonded national socialistic propaganda with quotes from the Koran. Matthias Kuentzel describes the station as the “instrument that transposed an anti-Semitic world view into the Arab world and bonded early Arab Islamism with later National Socialism.”⁹

The cancer of hate propaganda

Through Nazi propaganda the following three anti-Semitic main theories bonded themselves to Islam:

⁷ The complete document at: http://www.ns-archiv.de/verfolgung/antisemitismus/mufti/in_berlin.php (underlining by the author)

⁸ Conclusion from Klaus von Münchhausen <http://www.zeit.de/1990/37/der-traum-vom-grossen-arabien>

⁹ Matthias Künzel, Von Zeesen bis Beirut www.matthiaskuentzel.de/contents/von-zeesen-bis-beirut

1. The Jews are the enemy of all mankind.
2. There is a world-wide Jewish conspiracy to establish Jewish domination over the whole world – Zionism is one manifestation of this conspiracy.
3. “World-wide Jewry” must therefore be fought with all possible means before it is too late.

These theories were repeated constantly in the propaganda of the Grand Mufti and the Muslim Brotherhood and the Palestinian problem was always connected to them. In this way the fight for Palestine was made into a fight against “world-wide Jewry” – “world-wide Zionism”. “Zionism” became a synonym for the expression “world-wide Jewry”, which suggested that the desire of the Jews to live in their own homeland would create a real danger to the whole of mankind.

Consequences of the death alliance for the conflict between the Palestinians and Israel

The Grand Mufti was never interested in peace with Israel. He always propagated jihad. Palestine could not be ruled by unbelievers because areas that have once been conquered by Islam could never be given back to “unbelievers”. He was the first political and religious representative of Palestine in an uninterrupted line of Palestinian leaders who, without compromise, wanted to see Palestine as a pure Islamic country without Jews. After 1945 he escaped to Egypt and, with the support of escaped Nazis, controlled the fate of Palestine.

The Grand Mufti was the one who violently opposed the UN Partition Plan in 1947 and called the Arab states to war. Although not all the Arab leaders were against the Jewish settlement “Israel” in Palestine, the Grand Mufti had gained such a power base in the Arab world by the devious route of an alliance with Hitler that nobody dared to stand in his way. It was the Grand Mufti who created the “Palestinian” myth where all Arabs who were resident in Palestine were given a new identity that was later incorporated into the PLO Charter.

The PLO leader **Yasser Arafat** came from the line of the Husseini clan. He actually stayed for a long time with his relative the Grand Mufti in Cairo. He was trained there for the Palestine freedom fight amongst other things by a German officer. Arafat was strongly supported financially by the Grand Mufti, especially during the initial phase of the formation of the Fatah movement.¹⁰

Due to lack of space here, it is not possible to discuss in detail how strong the impact of the hate propaganda, disseminated by Berlin, against the Jews was and is. Further remarks can be found in my paper “Death Alliance”. Just one more thing:

Hammas

Hammas considers itself to be the Palestinian wing of the Muslim Brotherhood. The entire anti-Semitic conspiracy theory is reiterated in its charter. There the talk is of “world Zionism”. The struggle by means of terrorism is justified in a literal way by the “Protocols of the Elders of Zion”. Article 32 of the Hammas Charter reads:

¹⁰ Matthias Küntzel, Djihad und Judenhaß; Freiburg 2003 Page 114 ff

“Today it is Palestine and tomorrow it will be other countries. Zionist scheming has no end, and after Palestine they will covetously expand from the Nile to the Euphrates. Only when they have completely consumed the areas on which they have laid their hands, will they proceed with more expansion, and go even further. Their scheme has been laid out in the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, and their present conduct is the best proof of what is said there.”¹¹

Conclusion

To this day the alliances mentioned above have had a profound impact on Germany’s reputation in the Arab world. There, these alliances are remembered !! Hitler’s book “My Struggle” (“Mein Kampf”) is a bestseller in Arabic bookstores. **To this day none of these alliances have been revoked.** There was no sign of regret, not even an understanding of the responsibility for the ramifications these alliances have for Israel, even now. Even when the government speaks of a “special responsibility towards Israel”, the observer senses that this is not on the same level as these alliances. It has the character of an “obligation” and in this, the seed of hate. When the pressure grows upon Israel only our love can hold us to Israel’s side. In order for love to grow we must recognize and resolve false alliances.

We want to pray for this:

Prayer:

1. We bow before God and ask His forgiveness for making an alliance with the enemies of God’s chosen people, as it is written in Psalm 83, which began under the Kaiser and was continued and strengthened in the explicit death alliance between Hitler and the Mufti.

The following points belong to this:

- Friendship alliance of the Kaiser with the Sultan/the Islamic world instead of supporting the establishment of a Jewish state.
 - Development of a “jihad strategy” to further German ambitions for greater power. The appeal for forgiveness that Germany did not want to trust in the God of Israel, but rather searched for its strength in the alliance with Islam.
 - Ask for forgiveness for the seed of hate through the propaganda from Radio Zeesen, which has arisen across the entire world.
 - Confession of guilt and complicity in the constant Palestinian-Israeli conflict through financial, material and military support of Arab uprisings and the spread of the concept of jihad.
2. Let us pray that God causes deep repentance towards Israel in the hearts of the believers in our country, with ramifications not only among the population but also on the political level.
 3. There are several historians who are dealing with this subject; but up until now they are not receiving much attention. Pray that God will bring the hidden effects of these alliances in Germany to light, as well through the media.

¹¹ cf. all articles of the Hamas in German bei <http://usahm.info/Dokumente/Hamasdeu.htm>

4. Especially the Foreign Office is deeply involved in the history of these alliances. Pray that, through the investigation of the involvement of the Foreign Office during the Nazi era, which is currently being made, light will be shed on these things and repentance will be done.
5. Pray that God will show many Christians what is needed in order that our hearts will be changed more profoundly.
6. Anti-Semitism in Germany is a spiritual stronghold. It can only be overcome by deep personal and surrogate repentance. Pray that God will continue to show us where we must bow down so that more light will shine break through the darkness.

For further study of this theme, I recommend:

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An Alliance of Death -

How National Socialism and Islamism formed an alliance in Germany and together plotted the Holocaust.

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Two films, which recently have been made, are a very good initiation into this subject. One belongs to the ZDF-series "*Der Heilige Krieg*" and can be downloaded under "Dschihad für den Kaiser":

<http://www.zdf.de/ZDFmediathek/hauptnavigation/startseite/#/beitrag/video/1416738/Dschihad-f%C3%BCr-den-Kaiser>.

The other film ran, among others, on ARTE and is entitled "Turban und Hakenkreuz – der Großmufti und die Nazis". It can be viewed on YouTube under: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrSvzx6FsKI>

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