

# In The Name of Allaah, The Most Merciful, The Bestower of Mercy.

## The Pursuit of Digital Sovereignty

[A Brief Rebuttal of The Pessimists and Envious Saboteurs]

Abu Hurairah [may Allaah be pleased with him] said, "**The Prophet peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him** said, 'Verily, the leader is a shield behind whom they fight and he protects them. If he commands (people to) fear Allaah [The Exalted] and justice, then he will have a reward. If he commands something else, then it will be against him'". [Ṣaḥeeh Muslim 1841]

Regarding the Prophet's [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] statement, "**The leader is a shield**", Imaam An-Nawawi [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, 'Meaning, he is like a shelter because he prevents the enemy from harming the Muslims, prevent the people from (harming) one another (i.e. establish justice), protects the Muslim nation and the people fear his authority (i.e. because he will establish justice against the oppressor). And the meaning of the Prophet's [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] statement, '**Behind whom they fight**', meaning, alongside him they fight against the disbelievers (i.e. those at war with his country), the rebels, the khaarijites and all the perpetrators of corruption and oppression'". [Sharh Saheeh Muslim Vol 12. page 193. Publisher: Daar Al-Kutub al-Ilmiyyah. 1st Edition 1421 AH (2000)]

Indeed, we all know that social media emerged with a new set of technology tools that allows people to interact, communicate and share their own content with others from all different walks of life. However, this beneficial means of communication has also been exploited by deceitful, evil and manipulative people, especially those who organize and control the narrative on social media in order to destabilize Muslim nations. They spread fake news within few seconds and translate that into many other languages - both internally and externally - in the name of free speech. Therefore, Muslims who understand the infallible divine revelation do not - as a fundamental rule - determine free speech based on the views of anyone; rather they fear the consequences of one's speech in this life and the next life. They do not measure free speech based on the boundaries defined by social media networks, rather they guard themselves against every speech that will lead to destruction in this life and the next. Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ وَنَعَلْمَا تَوْسُوسًا بِهِ نَفْسُهُ ۖ وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ

إِذْ يَتَلَفَّى الْمُتَلَفِّئَانِ عَنِ الْيَمِينِ وَعَنِ الشِّمَالِ قَعِيدٌ

مَا يَلْفِظُ مِنْ قَوْلٍ إِلَّا لَدَيْهِ رَقِيبٌ عَتِيدٌ

And indeed We have created man, and We know what his ownself whispers to him. And We are nearer to him than his jugular vein (by Our Knowledge). (Remember!) that the two receivers (recording angels) receive (each human being after he or she has attained the age of puberty), one sitting on the right and one on the left (to note his or her actions). Not a word does he (or she) utter, but there is a watcher by him ready (to record it). [Surah Qaaf. Aayaat 16-18]

The Messenger [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] said: "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, should not hurt his neighbor and whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, should serve his guest generously and whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, should speak what is good or keep silent." [Al-Bukhaari 6136]

The Prophet [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] said: "When the son of Adam wakes up in the morning, all the limbs humble themselves before the tongue and say: "Fear Allaah for our sake, (for) we are with you; if you are upright, we will be upright; and if you are crooked, we will become crooked". **[Tirmidhee Number 2407: Chapter: What has been reported concerning preservation of the tongue] [Hadeeth Delared Hasan By Imaam Albaani]**

The Messenger [peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him] said: "Whoever can guarantee (the chastity of) what is between his two jaw bones and what is between his two legs (i.e. his mouth, his tongue and his private parts), I guarantee Paradise for him". **[Saheeh al-bukhaari, Book of Ar-Riqaaq, Vol 8, page: 263. Hadeeth Number: 6474]**

Imaam Abdul-Azeez Bin Baaz [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, "This requires two affairs: a lot of remembrance (of Allaah) and keeping away from gatherings of heedlessness and doubts, and that which will result in fornication and nonsense speech. **[Al-Hulalul Ibreeziyyah Min At-Taliqaat Al-Baaziyyah Alaa Saheeh al-Bukhari. Vol 4. Page:244. Footnote:2]**

Al-Hasan Bin Saaleh [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said: "I scrutinized Wara (apprehensive fear) thoroughly and did it find it more lacking in anything than the tongue". **[Siyar: 7/368]**

Imaam Fudayl Ibn Iyaad [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said: "Neither hajj nor taking up positions during battle, nor Jihaad are more difficult than restraining the tongue". **[Jaami-ul Uloom Wal-Hikam. page 145]**

Therefore, due to the abuse of free speech and freedom of expression via social media networks and platforms, many Muslim authorities have mentioned the need for digital sovereignty regardless of the opposition they might face from tech companies, because they have the right to curb the influence of those who seek to destabilize their lands in the name of freedom, liberty and free speech. It is very clear to many of us that the internet and social media are game-changers in many affairs, because they greatly influence the manner in which many people communicate and interact, as well as the fact that it can be utilise to manipulate human behavior and emotions, destabilize the state and influence public opinion in an Un-Islamic way.

Some of those who have mastered the art of sophistry, concealment, deceit and misrepresentation say, "Do not violate the rights of the people and do not limit their access to information", so that they can use their media platforms to give a repugnant image to that which is based on clear proof and understood in a manner it should be with certainty; use attractive slogans, misrepresentation to make people understand concepts in a way contrary to its true reality, divert the unsuspecting readers and listeners away from something that should prompt them to the fact that they are mistaken or bombard them with a lot of ambiguous information and thus leave them in a state of doubt. These deceivers are voice their opposition when Muslim authorities pursue digital sovereignty to protect their societies - ranting and raving, spreading propaganda and accusing them of digital dictatorship, because the Muslim authorities block their avenues of manipulation by way of which they divide and rule, incite the gullible, corrupt the manners of the Muslim youth and destabilize the Muslim nations.

[See [https://salaficentre.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Social\\_Media\\_Platforms.pdf](https://salaficentre.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Social_Media_Platforms.pdf) ] here:

This is one of their goals on social media platforms, whilst waiting for their stooges and internal conspirators to emerge with slogans in the name of so called liberty and freedom of expression; then the gullible follow them after being duped through adorned and beautified slogans. Both the Khawarij and some of the deceitful western ideologues have used social media networks and platforms to bring Muslims in the streets and thus the ignorant amongst us destroy our homelands our own hands. This is exactly what Al-Allaamah Saaleh Al-Fawzaan [may Allaah preserve him] stated as follows: <https://abdurrahman.org/2013/04/18/security-or-sustenance-which-of-the-two-was-asked-for-first-shaikh-salih-al-fawzaan-videoar-en-subtitles/>

Therefore, one should not be deceived by the slogans of the internal conspirators, even if they beautify their statements and swear by Allaah that they intend good, because it has been clearly witnessed that they call to rebellion, bloodshed and anarchy. Allaah [The Exalted] said:

وَمِنَ النَّاسِ مَن يُعْجِبُكَ قَوْلُهُ فِي الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا وَيُشْهَدُ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا فِي قَلْبِهِ ۖ وَهُوَ أَلَدُّ الْخِصَامِ  
وَإِذَا تَوَلَّىٰ سَعَىٰ فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيُفْسِدَ فِيهَا وَيُهْلِكَ الْحَرْثَ وَالنَّسْلَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفٰسَادَ  
وَإِذَا قِيلَ لَهُ اتَّقِ اللَّهَ أَخَذَتْهُ الْعِزَّةُ بِالْإِثْمِ ۖ فَحَسْبُهُ جَهَنَّمُ وَلَبِئْسَ الْمِهَادُ

And of mankind there is he whose speech may please you (O Muhammad), in this worldly life, and he calls Allah to witness as to that which is in his heart, yet he is the most quarrelsome of the opponents. And when he turns away, his effort in the land is to make mischief therein and to destroy the crops and the cattle, and Allah likes not mischief. And when it is said to him, "Fear Allah", he is led by arrogance to (more) crime. So enough for him is Hell, and worst indeed is that place to rest! [Surah Al-Baqarah. Aayaat 204-206]

– And of mankind there is he whose speech may please you in this worldly life]: Meaning, the one who hears his speech is pleased when he

speaks and he thinks that he has uttered beneficial speech.

He emphasises what he says [وَيُشْهِدُ اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا فِي قَلْبِهِ] – and he calls Allah to witness as to that which is in his heart]: Meaning, he states that Allaah knows that what is in his heart agrees with what he says, even though he is lying regarding what he says because his speech contradicts his deeds. His speech would have agreed with his deeds had he being truthful, because this the case regarding the believers- those who are not hypocrites. And due to this Allaah said: [وَهُوَ أَلَدُّ الْخِصَامِ] – yet he is the most quarrelsome of the opponents]: Meaning, when you disagree with him, you'll find him to be the most quarrelsome, bigoted and difficult person to deal with, as well as the ugly characteristics that results from this behaviour, which are the opposite of the manners of the believers- those who make ease their way, submit to the truth and pardon people.

[وَإِذَا تَوَلَّىٰ سَعَىٰ فِي الْأَرْضِ لِيُفْسِدَ فِيهَا وَيُهْلِكَ الْحَرْثَ وَالنَّسْلَ ۗ وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفُسَادَ] – And when he turns away, his effort in the land is to make mischief therein and to destroy the crops and the cattle, and Allah likes not mischief]- Meaning, when this person – the one whose speech amazes you – is not in your presence, he strives to commit sins which is tantamount to corruption in the earth, so cattle and crops are destroyed as a result of that corruption. The blessings in the vegetations, fruits and livestock decrease and become little due to evil deeds.

[وَاللَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْفُسَادَ] – and Allah likes not mischief]: Meaning, when it is the case that Allaah does not like corruption, then He has an intense hatred for the person who sows corruption in the earth, even if such a person utters a good speech merely on the tongue (i.e. says one thing and does something else).

This verse contains proof regarding the fact that the statements uttered by individuals are not a proof regarding their truthfulness or whether they are upon falsehood, neither that they are righteous nor wicked until deeds ascertain them. And it is obligatory to examine the condition of those who bear witness, the one who is in the right and the falsifier amongst the people based on the righteousness of their deeds – examine the clear indications and their behaviour, and not to be deceived by how they portray themselves and the praise they give themselves.

Then Allaah mentioned that when this person – the one who causes corruption in the earth through acts of disobedience to Allaah – is commanded to fear Allaah, he becomes arrogant and haughty, [أَخَذَتْهُ الْعِزَّةُ بِالْإِثْمِ] -he is led by arrogance to (more) crime]. So, he combines between disobedience to Allaah and being arrogant towards the sincere advisers. [End of quote: Excerpt from Tafseer As-Sadi]

Despite the clarifications and warnings given by the upright Salafi scholars regarding the evils of the internet due to the plots of those who utilise it to sow the seeds of conflict in Muslim nations, some of the deceitful western ideologues are quick to criticize Muslim governments when they take swift action by shuttingdown some popular video-sharing and microblogging

platforms. Imagine the evil that is expected when the corrupt ideologues and rabble-rousers have free and immediate access to a Muslim nation where there are about 34 million bandwidth subscribers, 33 million on some social networking sites and 12 million users on a microblogging platform! Indeed, it is pleasing to the hearts of the believers when Muslim authorities shutdown any network that sows the seeds of discord, violence and chaos -all in the name of peaceful protest and freedom of expression. Safeguarding the religion, blood, sanity, honour and wealth of the Muslim nation takes precedence over profit making, un-Islamic public opinion, so called right to freedom of expression and so called freedom of peaceful assembly.

Do the treacherous Khaarijites and deceitful ideologues expect the Muslim governments to give them easy access to everyone? Indeed, it is pleasing to the hearts when one learns that some telecommunication companies and prominent phone operators in the Muslim lands want domestically developed apps instead of foreign ones, so that the data of the citizens is safeguarded within the country, and so that anyone who violates the law- especially those who call to social unrest- are prosecuted. These Muslim authorities pursue this affair in order to ensure cybersecurity in the digital world, protect the cyber homeland - protection of personal data and digital sovereignty rights, so that data is not used by deceitful external enemies of the state for manipulation.

Many non-Muslim nations see the need to restrict foreign apps and technologies that threaten national security, foreign policy and the economy. They consider this as something absolutely necessary in order to protect the nation's internet-connected banks, trading systems, oil and water pipelines, dams, hospitals etc. How amazing that the pessimists and saboteurs do not say much when these non-Muslim countries embark upon this task, but you hear them ranting and raving when Muslim nations do so, because they want to utilise social media for rebellion and social unrest.

Some Muslim nations and rulers have also clearly stated that complete dependence on foreign technology would leave many of their state systems vulnerable. Complete dependence in this affair would necessitate the operation of very important infrastructure and communications infrastructure that are completely located in foreign data centres and under foreign-applicable laws. Therefore, who in his right mind would attack Muslim rulers for pursuing digital sovereignty by way of which Muslim nations are protected by the will of Allaah.

Likewise, it is pleasing to the heart when one hears upright Muslim experts in field of digital technology talking about the need to have cyber and electronic warfare weapons that are deployed to disable the missiles of hostile nations in times of conflict - paralyzing the hostile enemy's Defense Industry and military command and control networks. This reminds us of the statement of Imaam Abdul Azeez Bin Baaz [may Allaah have mercy upon him] as follows: "Amongst the dangerous causes (of weakness)- their (bitter) fruits and what they necessitate – is that which has occurred in terms of weakness in the presence of the enemy and being delayed in everything – except what Allaah wills; inclining towards forbidden desires, preoccupation with what hinders from the path of Allaah and guidance, lack of preparation for the enemy in the

arena of industry, not having sufficient weaponry that frightens the enemy, to help fight him, strive against him in Jihaad, taking one's rights from him, not preparing the bodies for jihad and not spending money in what is obligatory (or befitting) to prepare for the enemy, guard against his evil, defend the religion and the homeland. The preparation is weak or non-existent and the goals are skewed, except that which Allaah wills". The Imaam [may Allaah have mercy upon him] also said, "There should be industry in the Muslim countries, preparation and strength that will enable every individual through every means, so that he has no need of the enemy – until the enemy knows what he has of preparation and talent, and so that the enemy is afraid of him, treats him fairly and gives him his rights. The bodies are to be prepared and should refrain from over-indulging in that type of luxury that will weaken strength and the hearts when required to fight the enemy, and so that one has strength to perform Jihaad. There should be full cooperation between the state and the people on what is required of obedience to Allaah and His Messenger, refraining from what Allaah [The Mighty and Majestic] has forbidden and also cooperating on what is required to make preparations, just as Allaah [The Exalted] said: [وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ – And make ready against them all you can of power]. [Surah Al-Anfaal. Aayah 60]

It is necessary to prepare physically – prepare equipment (of defense and war), and other types of equipment in all respects so that we can suffice with what Allaah [Glorified be He] has given us and not to be in need of what our enemies have, because fighting our enemies with what they have in their hands is very difficult to obtain. If the enemy prevents you from acquiring weapons, then what do you fight with alongside poor insight and little knowledge? It is necessary to prepare what is possible, and what is possible is sufficient as long as the Muslims intend to do without their enemy, fight their enemy, save their country, intending to establish the command of Allaah in the land, and intending (to gain reward) in the Afterlife as much as they can, because indeed Allaah [Glorified and Exalted be He] says: [وَأَعِدُّوا لَهُمْ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُمْ مِنْ قُوَّةٍ – And make ready against them all you can of power], but Allaah did not say, "And make ready against them that which is equal to their power", because that might not be possible to achieve. If the Muslims are sincere, join hands, prepare for their enemy with as much as equipment they can and support the religion ordained by Allaah, then indeed Allaah [Glorified and Exalted be He] will support them, place them in front and above the enemy, and not under the enemy. Allaah – the One who is truthful in His speech and promise – said:

[يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنْصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنْصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَكُمْ] – O you who believe! If you help (in the cause of) Allah, He will help you, and make your foothold firm].

Allaah is neither unable nor in need of the people, but He puts His good servants to trial by way of the evil ones, so that the truthfulness of the truthful ones is distinguished from the lies of the liars, the one who truly strives in the path of Allaah is distinguished from others, and the one desirous of safety (in this life and the next) is distinguished from others. This is the reason, otherwise Allaah is able to aid His allies and destroy His enemies without war- without the need for Jihad, preparation and other things, as He [Glorified be He] says: [ذَلِكَ وَلَوْ يَشَاءُ اللَّهُ لَانْتَصَرَ مِنْهُمْ]

وَلَكِنْ لِيَبْلُوَ بَعْضَكُمْ بِبَعْضٍ – but if it had been Allah’s Will, He Himself could certainly have punished them (without you). But (He lets you fight), in order to test you, some with others]. [Surah Muhammad. Aayah 4] [Source: <https://salaficentre.com/2021/02/17/some-causes-of-weakness-in-the-presence-of-the-enemy-sound-knowledge-obedience-to-allaah-and-his-messenger-and-an-independent-defense-industry-needed-by-imaam-abdul-azeez-bin-baaz/> ]

Finally, this pursuit is solely the responsibility of Muslim governments and those working under their authority - neither the responsibility of Hizb at-Tahreer nor the other Khaarijites (ISIS and their ilk). The Muslim rulers - may Allaah strengthen them - have deplomatic relations with other nations and we ask Allaah to grant them every success in their pursuit to defend Islam and the Muslims, overlook our shortcomings and ours Aameen.

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## **Foreign Ideologues Hide Behind "Opinion Pieces" Whilst Speaking About National Security In Muslim Lands**

Allaah [The Most High] said:

لَا تَحْسَبَنَّ الَّذِينَ يَفْرَحُونَ بِمَا آتَوْا وَيُجِبُونَ أَنَّ يُحْمَدُوا بِمَا لَمْ يَفْعَلُوا فَلَا تَحْسَبَنَّهُمْ بِمَفَازَةٍ مِّنَ الْعَذَابِ وَلَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ

Think not that those who rejoice in what they have done (or brought about), and love to be praised for what they have not done,- think not you that they are rescued from the torment, and for them is a painful torment. [Surah Aal Imraan 188]

Imaam As-Sadi [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, “They want to be praised for what they have not done and (some) truth they have not uttered, so they combine evil doing and its statement, and rejoice in that. And they love to be praised for some good they have not done. (1)

When some of the foreign ideologues, demagogues and rabble-rousers are exposed, they claim that the robust criticisms directed at them is only uttered by those who abhor freedom of speech. However, when one carefully examines the views of these people, he or she realizes what they write under “opinion columns” can only be written by the hidden proponents of embedded journalism, which is facilitated in the interest of a global liberalism status quo because they constantly seek to discredit Muslim rulers, especially those Muslim rulers who firmly resist interference in the internal affairs of their countries. The agenda of many of these people who disguised as journalists is nothing but ideology and there is ample evidence to show the manner in which disinformation is disseminated and people being fed false information about Muslim rulers, which then used to fight on behalf of political ideology and destabilize Muslim countries. The people who shoulder this blameworthy responsibility – sometimes- have standing columns which clearly show that they are Ideologues disguised as journalists, but they are quick to accuse people of bigotry and dictatorship when exposed for what they are.

So, they hide behind “opinion pieces” under the guise of freedom of expression, even though it is absolutely manifest that as soon as they voice an opinion regarding such and such Muslim ruler or that he should be removed, or incite the rabble to come to the streets, then indeed this voice of theirs is clearly a political viewpoint. So, why do these people not expect to be criticized and exposed?! They hide behind “opinion pieces” to voice political agendas and certain policies, so why should others not expose them, even though they seek to portray themselves as unbiased and independent. They are not simply writers who voice opinions that people merely consider to be that of someone who wants to be heard, rather many of these people are editors- people who decide on the narrative, the shape, the size, the content and the time in which their articles are released.

And the most dangerous affair regarding these people is that they can influence the way people see reality, distort the way in which full comprehension can be attained, make them understand something in a way contrary to its true reality, perceive something in a way despite the presence of something that should make them realize that they are incorrect, understand something in a way, yet being unaware that there is something contrary to what they think has the same possibility of being the truth or comprehend something in a way despite the presence of something which is contrary to it, but is less likely to be true.

These people have adopted the path of king Louis IX “who was captured whilst on a crusade against the Muslims of Egypt. He was imprisoned and later released after paying a large ransom. However, whilst in prison he utilized his time to think about ways in which to plot against Islaam and the Muslims, so shaytaan inspired him with the following plots- first, the war in the battlefield between the Christians of the west and the Muslims should be replaced with a

war based on ideas and cultural supremacy. Second, prepare the West to corrupt the creed of the Muslims and distort the image of Islaam in the world”. (2)

And what about the likes of Zimmer – a head of Christian Missionaries – who sent Christian missionaries to the various regions of the Arab-Islamic Countries?! Al-Allaamah Abdullaah Bin Humaid [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, “Zimmer gathered them before dispersing them and said, ‘Inform me of what you will be doing in the Muslim countries?’ One of them said, ‘I will convert five to Christianity’. Another said, ‘I will convert two to Christianity, give them the blessings of Christianity and make them thankful’. He said, ‘You have not understood our desired objective! It is not possible to convert the Muslims to Christianity. It is not possible for the Muslims to reject their religion, except if you teach them. The most important thing is that you teach the Muslim children by sowing doubts in their souls about their religion and rejection in their souls against their countries. And eventually when one of them sets up a centre in his country, he will give no importance to anything else except his desires. And when he gathers wealth, he will do so according to his desires. Therefore, he ends up having no religion and no connection with his Creator. Therefore, cultivate the lands of Muhammad [i.e. the Muslim lands] upon this”. And he (Zimmer) said in another speech of his, “Indeed, Islaam is like a tree, therefore cut off its branches. Its branches are the children of the Muslims, therefore teach them so that they can aid you to cut off the tree of Islaam in their countries. You will not be able to cut it off yourselves, rather teach their children to aid you in uprooting it in their countries”. (3)

Imaam Abdul Azeez Bin Baaz [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, “They seek to conquer the intellects of the Muslim children and nurture their hearts upon their views, either by making them feel that their ways are superior in every affair-be it in affairs of creed and religion, or that which they speak with by way of languages, or what they consider to be civilized manners, customs etc.. They seek to nurture a great number of Muslims in the Muslim lands until they are intoxicated with their views and return them to their lands. Then they start praising and promoting them until they become the figureheads in their countries. So they spread their ideas through these people...etc They encourage the Muslims in the Muslim lands to learn their languages at the expense of the Arabic language, which is the language of the Qur’aan- the language by way of which the Muslims perform their acts of worship. They also establish many studies that are intended to cause nuisance and glorify what they call popular literature and national heritage.....etc They prepare a large number of people amongst their people to study Islam and the Arabic language and write books, and take up teaching positions in universities- orientalisists....etc They also spread propaganda that Muslim women in the Muslim lands are oppressed in order to take them out of their homes and place them where they want. But Allaah (The Most High) said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ قُلْ لَأَزْوَاجِكَ وَبَنَاتِكَ وَنِسَاءِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ يُدْنِينَ عَلَيْهِنَّ مِنْ جَلَابِيبِهِنَّ ذَلِكَ أَدْنَى أَنْ يُعْرَفْنَ فَلَا يُؤْذَيْنَ وَكَانَ  
اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا

O Prophet! Tell your wives and your daughters and the women of the believers to draw

their cloaks (veils) all over their bodies. That will be better, that they should be known (as free respectable women) so as not to be annoyed. And Allah is Ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful.” They set up radio programmes designed to mislead gullible young Muslims who do not understand Islam and do not have sufficient knowledge, especially in Africa.... However if the Muslims exercise patience these plots will not harm them. Allaah (The Most High) said: [وَإِنْ تَصْبِرُوا وَتَتَّقُوا لَا يَضُرُّكُمْ كَيْدُهُمْ شَيْئًا إِنَّ اللَّهَ بِمَا يَعْمَلُونَ مُحِيطٌ – But if you remain patient and become Al-Muttaqun (the pious – see V.2:2), not the least harm will their cunning do to you. Surely, Allah surrounds all that they do]”. (4)

Many of them utilise this strategy when voicing their opinions under their “opinion pieces”, but they are quick to accuse others of bigotry when exposed. There is no doubt that they cause a lot of harm, especially to the rabble and naive in the Muslim countries. Therefore, they are to be criticized and exposed, otherwise they should refrain from deception, exaggeration, misrepresenting and mixing truth with falsehood. They are happy when Muslims condemn the Khawarij (terrorists – ISIS and their ilk), but they do not want to be criticized and expose when they seek to corrupt the morals of the Muslims or destabilize Muslim lands in the name of freedom of speech, because they desire leadership and control at all cost. Shaikhul Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah [may Allaah have mercy upon him] said, “The seeker of leadership- even through falsehood- becomes pleased with a statement that contains an exaltation of him, even if it is falsehood. He becomes angered by a statement that contains a rebuke against him, even if it is truth. The believer [i.e. the one with strong Eemaan and fear of Allaah] is pleased with a statement of truth whether it is for or against him. And he is angered by a statement of falsehood whether it is for or against him. That is because Allaah [The Most High] loves truth, truthfulness and justice, and He hates lies and oppression”. (5)

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[Ref 1: Tafseer As-Sadi]

[Ref 2: خطة لويس التاسع – page 6]

[Ref 3: An Excerpt from 'Al-Fataawaa Wad-Duroos Fil Masjid Al-Haraam'. pages: 938-944. slightly paraphrased]

[Ref 4: مجلة البحوث الإسلامية العدد 8 ص 286 293 أجراها مع سماحته قسم التحرير – مجموع فتاوى  
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[Ref 5: Majmoo Al-Fataawaa: 10/600]