Saudi Arabia and Pakistan, to be Devoured by their Frankensteins, IS and Taliban

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Right now Islamic militants have become dominant force in Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Syria and Tunisia. One factor, common to these countries, is that before the turmoil, they were the only countries, in MENA (Middle East and North African) region, ruled by secular dictators for last several decades. Countries like Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar are funding the Islamic militants in these countries. It was Saudi Arabia’s money which was behind the foundation of Afghan Mujahideens, al-Qaeda and later on Talibans, but these militant organizations were not a threat to the Saudi rulers. Now the IS, partly funded by Saudi Arabia, is becoming a threat to the Saudi rulers. In order to keep IS out, Saudi Arabia is building a 600 mile long Great Wall, a combined fence and ditch to separate the country from Iraq in the north. The wall includes five layers of fencing with watch towers, night-vision cameras and radar cameras. Saudi Arabia is planning to build a similar wall along its Yemeni border to keep Islamic militants, operating in Yemen, out. But it is a question of time that Saudi Arabia would fall to these Islamic militants. In late 1980s and 1990s, Pakistan created al-Qaeda, an offshoot of Mujahideens and later on Taliban to rule Afghanistan by proxy, but now Talibanization of Pakistan is in process. Due to its economic woes, the US would not be able keep its forces in Afghanistan for long. Once the US forces would leave Afghanistan, it would be a question of time that both Afghanistan and Pakistan would fall to Islamic forces like IS and al-Qaeda. Fall of countries, like Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, would result in a temporary establishment of an Islamic Empire, a catastrophe for the entire world. In last Century, Hitler was trying to create the Third Reich, a super-colonial power, when colonialism was on decline. Instead of creating a super colonial power, he hastened the collapse of colonialism. Due to the advancement of science, especially the internet through which information travels from one part of globe to another within second, religion based fundamentalism is on decline. Like the sudden collapse of colonialism due to Hitler, the coming Islamic Empire would hasten the end of fundamentalism in the Islam, the only religion being enforced by several countries.

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