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## **The Peace on The Horizon - 75 Years after The World War 2 in the Middle East(8)**

### Prologue (8)

#### 008. Three identities in the Middle East (3/3)



The third identity is political or economic ideology with principle and assertion. After being relieved from the bondage of religion in Western Europe in Middle Ages, the conflict of ideology has appeared. Through the era of Industrial Revolution, ideology has transformed into capitalism. In the historical process, inequality of wealth distribution became a problem. The socialism and communism ideology have spread globally.

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) born after the Russian Revolution had spread socialism worldwide. Western capitalism and Soviet socialism fought together against Nazism in Germany in the World War II although they were incompatible each other. But as soon as the World War II was over, US-led West alliance conflicted sharply with USSR-led East alliance. It was called "the Cold War". Even if it was called "the Cold War", in fact, hot wars occurred in every corner of the world as the proxy wars. The Middle East has also become one of the front line. Before free from the religious wars inside Islam, the Middle East has been caught up in the ideological war. The disorder has expanded moreover.

Let's check chronological order between "ethnicity(blood)", "religion" and "ideology". "Ethnicity" is inherent and genetically native as DNA. In comparison, "religion" and "ideology" are acquired after berth. In most cases, "religion" sticks to children during uninhibited childhood. Christian babies are baptized, and Muslim babies grow up hearing the prayer's words "Azan" from the mosque like lullaby. In contrast, "ideology" is imprinted into the brains of individuals through education (especially through higher education). In other words, these three elements are taken in chronological order beginning with

"ethnicity", then "religion", and "Ideology" in the last.

Taking nation or state level into consideration, the ethnic states, the religious states and ideological states (capitalism or socialism) emerged in different chronological order. In Western Europe three identities have appeared separately in history with a considerable time span. They never coexisted. However, in the Middle East three identities have been broken out in parallel in the short history of 70 years after World War II. That was the reason why so many disorder and tragedy were born in the Middle East.

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