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"The Peace on The Horizon - 70 Years after The World War 2 in the Middle East"(56/End)

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Epilogue

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People expected that the peaceful and safety life would follow to "Arab Spring". But Arab Spring has ironically produced massive refugees in the Middle East that have never been before. People lived plainly in their hometowns before. But when the civil war took place in their country, they had no choice but to escape across the border. Firstly, their border was the product of The Sykes-Pico Agreement signed between UK and France in 1916. The border had been drawn before they were born. Now, Border was going to melt down under their eyes by Islamic State (IS).

Japanese people surrounded by the sea and having no terrestrial border lines can enjoy peace as common. Therefore, it is very difficult for Japanese to understand the pain of refugees in the Middle East who suffered from the conflict about the terrestrial border and were expelled from their hometown.

"Even if a nation state was broken, their rivers and mountains remain." This phrase is one of the Oriental way of thinking. It seems difficult to share the same view in the monotheistic world of Islam. Among the elderly people of the Arabs, "Inshallah (If Good wills)" is widely accepted for his own fate. But young people is not able to accept passive philosophy as his parents. He gets angry to the contradiction and inequality in the secular world. He believes the promised heaven in the afterlife. He commits suicide bombing making a martyr of himself and rushes to heaven.

Young people who prefer IT rather than martyrdom looks for social reform by using the Internet's SNS. They call for an anti-government demonstration through SNS to overthrow dictatorship. The young generation defeated the dictatorship. It was the so-called Arab Spring. But the movement did not continue. Why? It was proved that the society became activated easily when called on the Internet. To activate the society was easy, but to change it was not so easy.

In the Arab world the outcome of the student democratic movement was taken over by tribal powers or religious forces. The democratic forces lamented that their fruits have been stolen. That was the truth of the modern Arab and Islamic world. In the Arab-Islamic world, the ties of the "blood" of tribe, and the bond of "religion" of Islam took root in firmly. But there was no bond of "ideology" like democracy. Ideology is a product of acquired wisdom. However, the conflict cannot be solved by the ties of "blood" or the bond of "religion". If any new ideology would be born in the Middle East, which is not necessarily a product of West Europe like democracy, it might be possible to open the door for the peace.

The tweet of the ordinary citizens can be heard. They say that the long and severe age of dictatorship before Arab Spring was more peaceful than now. Judging from the chaos situation in these days, there is some truth in the story. Peace in freedom is short and peace in oppression lasts long. It is an ironic paradox.

During 70 years after the World War II, history changed swiftly. People of today accustomed to the speed of change may be assertive that the history changes during his life. Eternal peace is laying in front of that illusion. People in the Middle East is chasing for the dream that a great leader will appear and receive the laurel from the goddess of peace someday in the future.

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