

Speech of H.E. Dr. Talal Abu-Ghazaleh at the 10th Bosphorus Summit 2019 in Istanbul, Turkey

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Dr. Talal:

I do not have a written speech, so I want to address you from heart to heart. Mr. Cengiz Özgencil, I wish to congratulate you and your ICP family on the 10th anniversary of ICP, you excel over yourself every year, and I am honored to be the honorary chair for the 10th year, and perhaps it is the time to hand over to a new more dynamic chairman, but I will continue to be committed to this important endeavor. I am humbled to stand in front of such an august audience of delegates, presidents, leaders and friends. Your Excellency Mr. Faisal Al-Fayez, the president of Jordan Senate, I wish to salute you on this occasion, and I want also to recognize my great friend, the previous president of Germany Mr. Christian Wulff.

Distinguished delegates, all of you are more knowledgeable than me and senior than me, so consider me as a student presenting his thesis to you hoping that I will pass the test.

My presentation is in 15 points in 15 minutes about a world and orderless world in term while, we live in a world without any order and in term while in at least ten measures crises.

1. This world is taking us from trade liberalization to trade protectionism, so it is inevitable that we will end up with trade wars, we are moving from our world to my country, and every leader now because of this trend by some major countries is saying now my country comes first.
2. We live in a bankrupt world, technically the world is bankrupt, the GDP of the world is 83 trillion, the total DEBT of the world is 3 times the GDP, any economist will tell you that if your DEBT is three times your national product you are bankrupt, that is a good recipe for a war.

3. We are moving from a world under disciplines including the Britain Woods agreements which were forced after world war 2, world bank, IMF and particularly the World Trade Organization to make them paralyzed, there is literal paralyses in the World Trade Organization, I can say that because I served on the board of WTO of experts and the principles of WTO were national treatment which means every country has to treat the products and services of every other country as national products equal treatment.
4. There is a struggle between the super powers over leadership of innovation world, we live in the 4th industrial revolution, and the future is all about innovation and the two major powers the US and China are fighting over rights - intellectual property rights, and in my opinion, this is the most serious dispute between the two global powers, and as the president of the largest intellectual property company in the world, I can tell you that this dispute is dynamite.
5. Internet fragmentation, the U.S, to whom we are grateful for inventing the internet, refuses to establish any system of governance on the internet, and that causes an indefinite number of problems for the world, but one major volatile issue is the multi-lingualization of the internet, and China today who is the user of 25% of the American internet; has developed its own internet and we can imagine what kind of fragmentation would happen if we have two internets to become international, and this is an expected problem and I spoke and wrote about it to the leadership of U.S Senate and I am scared of the fragmentation of the Internet.
6. The fact that there is no governance on the internet creates lots of problems including the disability to control terrorism, the unfairness in treatment of individuals and governments because this media has no control over whatever anybody, or any state or institution once to say, the American say that this is a space which is outside this world, it is virtual world where there are no boundaries and no rulers. I chaired and established and founded the first internet governance forum when I was the chairman of the U.N Global Alliance for ICT for development, and I called for governance on the internet and ownership, just to have some roles to govern the internet, and until now, this form meets every year to discuss issues without any (7:55), so ethical standards on the internet are a great danger to the world.

7. The dollar which was made king in the meetings in Britain giving up with the sterling and making the dollar the only reserve and the only currency for evaluation. There are talks now by very important politicians all over the world calling for a new global currency and that can create the worst disaster in the financial economic markets.
8. The fight over oil as a strategic commodity, actually this is how it is defined in the US policy that oil is not a product, it is a strategic assets and the fight over it is because of its power more than for its value.
9. Openness movements are not to be disregarded, one country after the other is facing revolutions against democracy, you elect people democratically and soon you say we want the fall of this regime which we have elected. And that is also under the impact of the internet, the internet creators say that the internet is the only area or space where we have full democracy, where a president is equal in his power and his presence on the internet as any other individual.
10. There is a fight that will soon become very visible between humans and robots, and this is not to be disregarded, there is a research team at Cambridge University called "terminator" trying to develop policies against allowing robots to control the world, and us be servants of the robots! That is a real threat, it is not a joke.
11. Climate change in 10 years is estimated to be a great disaster for a humanity and for the world, for everything of the world and the super power refused to sit around the table to really take measures which are easy if you use artificial intelligence; you can have solutions in no time but it needs consensus between the global powers of this world.
12. Artificial intelligence will change everything in this world, not just things, machines, computers, and us, it will change our capability we will end up with two categories of human beings, those who are inferior because they did not have the chance to benefit from the enabling power of artificial intelligence and those who are superior race physically, mentally and in every way!
13. One center in the U.S wrote a research paper on the death of the democracy! There is talk about whether democracy can work as it is now, so from fail democracy to what? unless we are able as a gold community to find solutions; otherwise we will run into a world of disasters.

14. so I would like to say that 2020 is a year of a number of crises not just only one, and I claim that these crises will calumniate an economic crisis unheard of before, a state of stagflation - stagnation and inflation at the same time, and as many research centers claim, we will be moving into real military war and the war is expected to be between two superior powers; the US, China and Russia. That will end up - the objective war is it will be able to force the two powers to sit at the table and negotiate a new world order in which the US and China will be the co-leaders of the world and we will move from a mono-ruled world to a dual-ruled world. But that's all good news, because after wars and crises, good things come and we must realize that in every crisis there is an opportunity, it depends on us, how we can make this opportunity, and we should also to remember that history and geography determine the future, think of Europe where the marshal plan came after destruction and helped the U.S and Europe to become prospers and we started with the renaissance.

15. So I claim in my closing statement that after this year of this disasters, we will start to live in a new world order and a new renaissance under a new global marshal plan like. I do not claim that I won any truth, I am only a student who studies, summarizes and make conclusions and I stand always to be corrected and thank you for tolerating me.