

Conclusion

ALT represents a truly historic opportunity for the Arab Nation to recover from the legacy of centuries of stagnation and backwardness, provided the present Arab revolution in the making triumphs over the resilient political economy, legal and political structures of authoritarian rule, and the deleterious effects of the imperialist-Zionist project in the Arab region that tolerated, aided, and abetted authoritarian rule in spite of its flagrant violations of human rights and other atrocities committed in the region.

The success of this revolution entails building democratic governance, underpinned by human rights, throughout the region as well as at the pan-Arab level. This should be in the form of efficient regional integration mechanisms as the gateway to far-reaching and deep societal reforms sufficient to establish a historic path of human renaissance in the Arab region.

It is maintained here that the renaissance scenario is still a possible outcome of the ALT despite current setbacks and crises in many of the Arab countries it touched. To help attain it, once the initial conditions are satisfied, the main contours of this benign future scenario are outlined in part 2 as a vote of confidence in the eventual success of the ALT.

However, success is by no means a guaranteed outcome.

The interplay of self-serving politics of struggling authoritarian regimes in coalition with imperialist-Zionist interests in the Arab region could possibly lead to an epic disaster. This could create a new map of mini states in the region built around religious and sectarian affiliations and even based on ethnic “purity.”

Another possible disaster whose seeds might have been already sowed would be a protracted regional war, escalating into World War III, thanks to the American-led new war on terrorism focused on the barbarian entity ISIS, for which an international coalition has been formed, including many Arab and regional members.

The resolution of this conflict, which must surely favor the human renaissance scenario, is a historic task facing the coming generations of young Arab women and men. The current generation played the crucial role in the eruption of the ALT popular uprisings and obtained its initial sweet successes. The coming generations will endure subsequent trials of the ALT and continue to resist subjugation and build a better future.