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By the end of 19th and early 20th centuries, the concept of "nation state" that emerged in the Europe spread and put a gradual end to colonialism. However, transformed global powers after the first and second world wars, introduced newer but more subtle versions of colonialism, and thus made sure that colonialism lived on in practice, although its name had been banished.

Developing science and technology, especially communication advances, made it possible to access information much quicker and easier compared to past centuries, and made the people of the world more conscious and aware of the developments in the world. This, inevitably led to fierce social backlashes against attempts of any old-fashioned occupation, conquest,

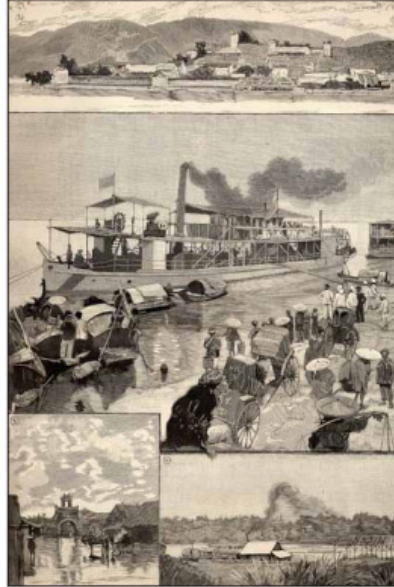
enslavement, and colonisation. For this reason, more subtle, more elaborate methods that spanned long periods of time, and backed by laws, were called for.

Bearing in mind these new requirements, the super powers of the world rapidly started developing new colonisation projects after WWII, and rushed to put them into practice. The largest and most wide-scaled one amongst those projects had been the Great Middle East Project that targeted the Middle East and the Islamic world in general. Skyes-Picot was outdated and for that reason, the map of the whole Islamic world had to be redrawn from Morocco to Indonesia. Arab Spring riots, propaganda against Muslim countries like Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Egypt, Syria that led to wars, upheavals and conflicts, separatist terrorist movements in Turkey and its southern borders and sectarian clashes, had all been parts of that project, and aimed to finalise the new map.

It may be true that the era of colonialism is over, but its practices are still around. However, they are no longer referred to with taboo names like "colonialism" or "imperialism" but instead, with concepts like "democracy", "freedom", "self-determination", "independence of the oppressed", which, no doubt, sound more justified.

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a people be deprived of its own means of subsistence.

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Indeed, the European countries consider these laws as potentially dangerous for their national integrity and therefore almost all of the countries put reservations that limited the implementation of such laws. It is also because of this reason, UN laws had not also been accepted without reservations. If it weren't for those reservations and declarations, Catalonia and Basque in Spain, Scotland and Wales in the UK, Veneto in Italy, Flemish region that doesn't want to share the wealth in Belgium, and Island of Corsica in France would be drawn to separation and follow in the footsteps of the shattered Balkans. Interestingly enough, although many countries vigorously object to any suggestions of autonomy or division when it concerns them, they seem overtly supportive of the idea of a full acceptance of the Charter when it applies to the Middle East,

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Superpowers of the world today, make promises of establishing independent states to communist terror groups like the PKK, which had killed tens of thousands of innocent people, or fascist mafia groups and provide them with military and financial support, on pretence of "democratic autonomy" and "liberation of people". On the other hand, they remain eerily quiet and indifferent, when it comes to the rescue of truly oppressed and proscribed peoples like Rohingya, East Turkistan and Kashmir, who have been deprived of their human rights for decades.

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