A Democratic Political System Ensures Citizens Involvement in Decision Making Process

Awareness and positive involvement of the citizens in civic and political matters play a key role in the political stability and development of any political system. This is why democracy demands from the common man a certain level of ability and character: rational conduct and active participation in the government. In Afghanistan, political parties, politicians and transition programs have been marked with too much preoccupation in nation building. Afghan politics is characterized by greed, love of power, violence, assassination, thuggery and election rigging. Unfortunately, violence has become equal to Afghan political culture such that virtually all elections held so far in the country are violent ridden. It is common that, during the election, there are reported cases of voting, distribution of money, manipulation of voters’ rolls, distribution of electoral materials, ballot box snatching, unlawful possession of firearms and other electoral offences. This political scenario engendered hankers political participation and alienation among many Afghan citizens. In a democratic political system, the citizens shall be involved in the political process and decision making by joining political process, political party, voting during election, participating in electoral campaign, community affairs and other political activities. Indeed, the level and pattern of political participation of the citizens determine, to some extent, the success of the political system. In political parties, public opinion is seen by a number of people as a dirty game which must be avoided. This goes back to the background of un-democratic politics in Afghanistan. And undemocratic tendencies, deceptions, violence and uncertainties that characterize the political system are the results of such a political system in the past. In fact, political apathy displaced by some Afghan citizens during general elections, can be lami-

To this category is integrated in the government’s body, it will be able to orchestrate broader illegal activities. Thus, the issue of terrorism is more complicated than one imagines. If this category is employed as pawns in political games, they are trained and equipped for many reasons. First, there is a pattern of terrorist fighting for multiple objectives. It seems that mercenary members of insurgent groups have surpassed that of ideologues. They are simply paid to fight. It is also believed that a number of individuals who are involved in systematic crimes such as smuggling country’s mineral resources are affiliated with insurgent groups. For instance, a number of mine workers in Afghanistan were killed by unknown armed men. It indicates that smugglers and even irresponsible armed groups have hands in gloves with insurgents. Hence, the bulk of terrorist groups is more in the fight for finances. If such groups integrate into the government’s body, they will be able to orchestrate broader illegal activities. Second, there seems many mysterious hands to back terrorist groups. That is to say, the reinforcement of terrorist groups, mainly the Taliban insuriance is known, engaging one’s doubt about their supporting sources. It is not only the insurgencies’ strong and modern weapons, but also the support of some blank states, drugs, and military tactics. Since a number of terrorist groups are used as pawns in the fight for finance, they are trained and armed with heavy weapons and instruments. Members of retired militaries and intelligences of countries and the military are helping them, providing them with information and organization attacks. Thus, the issue of terrorism is more complicated than one imagines. If this category is integrated in the government’s body, it will be highly perilous and their masters will get across to the top secrets of their rival countries.

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