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Yesterday, December 9th, was celebrated as the International Anti-Corruption Day around the world. The objective of the day is to highlight the evils that are related to corruption and emphasize on the measures that may prove helpful in putting an end to this menace. Basically, United Nations General Assembly adopted the United Nations Convention against Corruption and requested that the Secretary-General designate the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as secretariat for the Convention’s Conference of States Parties (resolution 59/4). The Assembly also designated December 9th as an International Anti-Corruption Day, to raise awareness of corruption and of the role of the Convention in combating and preventing it. The Convention entered into force in December 2005. This year the theme of the Day was “United against corruption for development, peace and security”. There is no doubt in the fact that corruption hampers development, peace and security and Afghanistan stands as a clear example. Rampant corruption in the country has hampered development work and grown into a serious social evil. It has also fueled instability and supported the insurgency, particularly through drug production and smuggling. It is also supported by Afghan institutions and they make it easy on nepotism and favoritism. The skills and capacities of the talented candidates have not been utilized and, therefore, the trust and confidence on the institutions have further reduced. Unquestionably, the situation has deteriorated. As a result, a considerable measurable and resolute menace has been kept on rising. National Unity Government in its first six months, promised to deal with the problem. Nevertheless, they have failed to make any progress. The support and trust from the Afghan authorities and are mostly disappointed. The IWA statement also said political will to fight corruption existed but efforts have been made in vain. The most lasting impact of the first reformist wave was the opening of the way for the emergence of a new intellectual leadership that is ready to use its influence Muslims everywhere. Today, corruption has penetrated into our social fabric. It is a new problem that is being very difficult to solve. Corruption in Afghanistan is that the controlling mechanism itself is involved in it. The government, because of its concern, could not be honest in being direct and open. On most of the occasions the government has blamed the Western supporters to be generating corruption in the country. It is quite bizarre and quite false. It is on insisting that Afghan authorities must carry out serious measures to curb corruption in the country in order to achieve meaningful outcome yet to be produced in this regard. The Western allies have spent billions of dollars in the country, but the results have not been satisfactory. The corruption has become a major threat to the lives and livelihoods of the ordinary people of Afghanistan; otherwise, the aid would further deteriorate Afghan society instead of doing it any good.

Ending Religious Violence in the Middle East

By Mona Emami

The escalation of radicalism, violence, and civil war in the Middle East is a stark reminder that the war on terrorism began in 2010 has exacted a massive toll in human lives and the destruction ofी Islamic states. In the Arab world, people believe that corruption has been on the rise and the situation has deteriorated compared to the past two years. IWA findings show Afghans paid $2 billion in bribe in 2014 and nearly $3 billion in the first six months of 2015. This year, the government revenue it collects from customs and other sources each year, the situation is critical. IWA statement also said political will to fight corruption existed but efforts have been made in vain. The most lasting impact of the first reformist wave was the opening of the way for the emergence of a new intellectual leadership that is ready to use its influence Muslims everywhere. Today, corruption has penetrated into our social fabric. It is a new problem that is being very difficult to solve. Corruption in Afghanistan is that the controlling mechanism itself is involved in it. The government, because of its concern, could not be honest in being direct and open. On most of the occasions the government has blamed the Western supporters to be generating corruption in the country. It is quite bizarre and quite false. It is on insisting that Afghan authorities must carry out serious measures to curb corruption in the country in order to achieve meaningful outcome yet to be produced in this regard. The Western allies have spent billions of dollars in the country, but the results have not been satisfactory. The corruption has become a major threat to the lives and livelihoods of the ordinary people of Afghanistan; otherwise, the aid would further deteriorate Afghan society instead of doing it any good.

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