Civilians - The Victim of Terror

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Children
Highly Vulnerable in Afghanistan

The circumstances in Afghanistan have not been very kind to the children; especially, particularly the children. Therefore, it can be observed that children have to go through myriad of problems in peace as well as war. They have the potential to be the guardians of the future of the country and play constructive role in the society. Unfortunately, they are not provided enough opportunities to do so. The societies that have intentions to change their future, pay special attention to the children, Afghan society that needs to do something extraordinary. Regarding the future it has almost neglected the children, which has resulted in their pathetic conditions and will ultimately influence the future of the society as a whole.

Children face different sorts of problems in different parts of country and the roots of all these problems are functional mechanisms to defend the rights of children. Recently, United Nations Special Representative for Children in Conflict, Leila Zerrougui has said that government is not addressing children’s issues adequately and raised concern regarding children’s safety. She also said that the closure of schools in insecure parts of Afghanistan is a treaty, “We have schools that are closed because they are under threat, we have schools that are closed because which wouldn’t be like to go to school.”

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Children have never lost any opportunity of recruiting children among their ranks because of their poverty and lack of education. Recruitment is not only the source of income for the Afghan security forces, in the past, had recruited children among their ranks because of the lack of human resources. Now, that has been controlled in a large extent and there are hopes that the practice will be abolished.

Recruitment of children by Taliban militarily results not only in violation against children and their abuse. The attitude of a trained labor who are working in the streets to collect the garbage has been changed. The current activities in training camps involve severe kind of violence and maltreatment. From the perspective of the children, because of the conflict-related violence, their future has been marked. The children are victims of the national and international security forces, which, though relatively are much lower than the ones committed by the Taliban. Unfortunately, the deaths or injuries in this regard have been the result of the violent activities. The children are living in instances of bomb attacks which not only take precious lives but tend to inflict fear among parents and community. And attacks of the terrorists on schools and hospitals. Such attacks do not only take precious lives but tend to inflict fear among parents and community. And attacks of the terrorists on schools and hospitals. Such attacks do not.

The International Monetary Fund, for example, has just warned Ukraine from running out of cash next month, saying its economy is growing too fast for it to pay off brutal debts. Ukraine’s government is haggling with Russia and others for more cash to cover its debts. The IMF says it needs 10 billion dollars or more to keep its economy from collapsing. The World Bank has also warned that the country is on the brink of default.

The report documented a doubling of civilian casualties due to violence in 2014 and the deliberate targeting of children, journalists, and institutions involved in aid.

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