Main Causes of Ethnic Conflict in Afghanistan and Solutions

Afghanistan is witnessing growing ethnic tensions these days. Ethnic tensions on some familiar levels in Ghazni, have driven an ad hoc approach by the Afghan Independent Electoral Commission, and focusing on the civilians in Farah province who demanded the release of police chief of Quaiser district, Nazimuddin Qarai are the most outstanding ethnic tensions testing the government’s management concern nowadays.

There are many causes for ethnic conflicts in Afghanistan. However, the main causes are listed as below:

**Tribalism**
Tribalism is assumed as one of the causes of ethnic conflict in Afghanistan. According to social scholars, loyal to ethnic groups but not distributed equally among the citizens it can cause conflicts. From the beginning of Modern Afghanistan till today, ethnic leaders have used tribalism to win power. And this motive of gaining power just has divided the citizens of the conflict areas.

**Marginalization of Some Ethnic Groups in the Country**
Marginalization of certain ethnic groups from accessing the required education, health, and international resources by unqualified leaders have impoverished and denied opportunities to majority of Afghans which has impeded true nationalism and unity in Afghanistan.

**Afghanistan’s Role in the Indo-Pakistan Conflict**
This conflict is one of the main issues in the list of causes and issues which have affected the Afghan society. As a result of the Indian invasion in 1971 Pakistan has failed to reconcile its act and this has led to agitations by citizens.

**Resource Control**
It is the cause of the other causes of ethnic conflict in Afghanistan. It is one of the main issues in any country and if resources are not distributed equally among the citizens it can cause conflicts. Marginalization of certain ethnic groups from accessing the required education, health, and international resources by unqualified leaders has impoverished and denied opportunities to majority of Afghans which has led to protest by citizens.

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