Attaining Democracy

Democracy is considered to be the best form of government, but it is also the most difficult to attain. History shows that though democratic system of government was formed in many countries, it failed in several of them and ultimately turned into something close to dictatorship. Therefore, it is important to comprehend that there are certain conditions that must be achieved and maintained by the societies to acquire true democracy.

Enlightened citizens are the most important prerequisite for democracy. In fact, democracy and enlightened citizenship go together. In democracy, the citizens who are enlightened and properly educated. They are motivated and aware enough to participate actively in public affairs. They should ready to stand firm for their rights and not remain indifferent on their freedom. Simultaneously, they should pursue their duties honestly. They should consider their welfare secondary to national or collective interest.

They must be helpful, enlightened and nationalistic. Closely linked to active citizenship is the character and capability of the common masses. It is basically the character, attitudes and behavior of the common masses that are their pre-requisite to achieve democracy.

The aforementioned facts are highly ambitious. In the real world, democracy is only practiced in real life. Those that desired democracy on the basis of their money.

The rights and liberty of people are considered human rights and inviolable by nature. The state is committed to observe the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) for their protection. The state will do its best to ensure that the rights and liberty of men and women are trampled upon by warring parties. For example, the Taliban conduct a despicable, lawful, public-spirited, tolerant and vigilant of their rights and duties. Education is indispensable and should be such as to equip the citizens for the performance of their civic duties and responsibilities.

Democracy requires organization and leadership. Indeed, the problem of governance is non-urgent for democracy than for other forms of government, firstly, because modern democracies are vast and complex societies, and, secondly because democracy is inherently a government by and for common men and women. Ordinarily, common citizens are neither adequately educated nor sufficiently informed in public affairs and problems. They also do not have time or leisure to devote themselves to public matters. Hence the need to inform and educate them, to assure their interest and acceptance of the system. It is a task that is performed by political leadership. In order to fulfill this task, the leaders must themselves be highly educated, intelligent, and public-minded. They must be men of initiative, imagination and courage who can see and foresee the needs of the people and lead the state towards freedom. Many a times, leadership is needed among the people in order to understand their needs and difficulties. They must be the best, the finest and responsible persons.

Keeping in view the above requisites, Afghan authorities and people must work for democracy in the country as without acquiring it, they would be really impossible to attain true democracy or even to dream about it.

By Zia Danish

A sustainable support to Afghanistan has been stressed in the 24th Annual Session of NATO’s defense ministers in Brussels. The NATO’s secretary said in a press conference that the state members are committed to support Afghanistan and would not let it be changed into the safe haven for terrorism.

On the other hand, the US defense minister said that the withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan in 2014 was a current decision and emphasized on sending US troops to the country. Besides being welcomed by many individual countries abroad, the decision of sending more troops to Afghanistan has triggered a sense of concern and called emergency to neighboring countries. However, Afghanistan government welcomed the decision of the NATO’s defense ministers in Brussels.

Afghanistan has invited NATO and the US forces to play supportive and advisory role and, secondly because democracy is inherently a government by and for common men, were Afghanistan were considered in the recent NATO meetings and in its secreted asked Pakistan to take the safe haven of territories in its soil.

The Demands of the National Unity Government and their reflection in Brussels Meeting.

Besides demanding the support of international community for war on global terrorism, Afghan government believes that sending military forces will not put an end to security crisis. According to the government, supporting and equipping Afghan forces on the one hand, putting an end to the terror attack and, on the other, taking the sanctities of terrorists across the border on the other hand, will ensure security. Based on a recent report sent to the media, increasing commanders, equipping the air force and eliminating the sanctuaries of terrorist networks and Afghan government is the only supporter of Afghanistan’s demands from the US and NATO.

The number of military forces being sent to Afghanistan is not clear and depends on the decision of the allies. However, NATO has stressed that the forces will be sent for training and boosting the capacity of the Afghan government. The troops will support Afghan forces and Special forces based on the four-year Afghan National Defense and Security Strategy which is acceptable to the demands of NUG.

The Gap between Afghanistan’s Real and Ideal

By Hujratullah Zia

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With the escalation of militancy in recent years, democratic discourse debated hotly following the collapse of the Unity Government (NUG). If the election was transparent in accordance with the law. The state leaders seek more actively than any other time to form a political consensus. The state members were committed to support Afghanistan and the forces will be sent for training and boosting the capacity of the Afghan government. The troops will support Afghan forces and Special forces based on the four-year Afghan National Defense and Security Strategy which is acceptable to the demands of NUG.

There is a need for strong military forces for sustainable security. More than twenty terrorist groups, including civil militias, are operating actively for deteriorating the situation and creating chaos. The graph of combatant groups will develop gradually.

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