**The Extension of Takfiri Terrorism Group is More Worrisome Than Taliban**

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Theexpandingnews ofTalaki terrorism group is reportedly heard in Afghanistan after it lost its so-calledcaliphate inSyria and Iraq. It is said that more than 5,000 IS forces that fled from Syria and Iraq, have sheltered in Afghanistan and they will be a serious threat to security of the country. The first vice president, Abdul Rashid Dostum has warned that Taliban group would emerge to take Taliban’s place of the government. He also said that Taliban presence was a matter of concern in Afghan-istan, adding that the terrorist group would take place in the battle against Taliban. Dostum said to his supporters that he had shared his concern over Afghan threat with President Ghani, but he assured that “Afghan soldiers would take revenge”. Few days later, the National Director-ate of Security’s Special List has arrested at least six members of Daish (Islamic State) extremist group, in an operation conducted in Kabul. Nearly, the arrested members were involved in planning, transferring of weapons and explosives, and relocating of Daish members to Nagharkhar—a southern province. However, there is no mention about exact place where the security forces conducted the operation, but the statement said a number of weapons were also seized from Daish loyalists. Reputedly, the detained individuals are identified as Mohammad Ahsan, Suhail Ahmad, Alikhsan Younas and Mohammad Younas, son of Haf Fabrak and Abdul Rashid. The group was secretly operating under the direction of Daish. Mohammad Khan, an ex-member of the group in central Kabul. The terrorist group has so far asserted responsibility for several attacks on Afghan government officials and security personnel in the country. The Afghanistan affiliate refers to itself as the Khorasan Province—a name applied to parts of Afghanistan, Iran and central Asia in the middle ages. After recent operation of Alexander Bortnikov, the head of the Federal Security Service of the Russian Federation and Scott Miller, the US commander of special support forces as they alarmed the group’s leaders about US military operation, the Daish had said that more than 5,000 IS forces that fled from Syria and Iraq have sheltered in Afghanistan and they will be a serious threat to security of the entire region. Scott Miller has also said that Daish is a well in some region of Afghanistan fighting against Afghan government in coordination with other terrorist groups. In recent months, there were many reports of full coordination between Daish and Al-Qaeda and the other two terrorist groups. Nevertheless, the presence of Takfiri group is now in Afghanistan internally, they announced their operation in the Khorasan Province, which in 2015, has historically encompassed parts of modern day Iran, Central Asia, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Despite initial skepticism about the group’s existence and moderate interest from the inter- nationals allies, Takfiri group has been responsible for nearly 100 attacks against civilians in Afghanistan and Pakistan, as well as roughly 200 attacks in Western Europe. By late 2019, the group appeared to be on the rise, and by mid- 2020, it is on the verge of having more than 5,000 members, which has raised concerns in South and Central Asia. The Takfiri group is more dangerous than Taliban. In recent months, the Taliban have said that they have no ambitions to monopolize power in a post-war Afghanistan, while IS is committed to overthrowing the Kabul government on its path to establishing a global caliphate. However, the Islamic State group has lost its caliphate in Syria and Iraq, but in the forbidding mountains of northeastern Afghanistan the group has expanded its footprint, creating a powerful counterinsurgency and external terrorist security officials.

Thirstly, the terrorist groups, especially Daish Takfiri group is the most ignorant and foolish people of the world as they are used as an aimless tool by intelligence networks. Unfortunately, many regional and global powers directly or indirectly use them as weapons against their adversaries, to stir up political and economic interests. Seemingly, no other area in the region will be better played ground by Afghan socialist officers and international and local elite of terrorists. Over the past several years, there were many reports that certain countries provide aerial and logistic supports to the extremist groups. Consequently, if we fail to make a comprehensive combating strategy and instead prefer to fight alone against the Takfiri group, Afghanistan may once again to go threat of terrorist groups but this round will be even more threat than the last. Even an American military analyst recently said that Afghan extremist group is more atrocious than other terrorist groups. If this group extends its influence to the country it will be a real threat to Afghanistan. President Ghani has warned that Afghanistan will once again dominate large parts of Afghanistan, and they will try to display their latest style of violence that have not shown in the past.

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