Hotbeds of Terror Should Be Ruined
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A diverse society wherein people with different ethnic backgrounds have been in an orderly and tranquil order; in fact, it would require a great deal of effort and constant understanding to deal with all the complexities. Yet, it is really vital to comprehend them with the same contexts. The biased and other-centric approach towards others is bound to result in clashes and chaos. Such a scenario is really very detrimental and can be utilized by others for their personal benefits. History shows that the fact that the heterogeneous societies that have had clashes among their different groups were dominated by others who have not only strengthened those clashes through political means but also caused more damage through their acts of war and crime. Likewise, the patterned scenarios of human beings are no longer apparent. The 9/11 attacks shocked the entire world and caused a lot of destruction. Moreover, it is said that the war on terror started for the purpose of facing the victims’ party. The nightmare image of the bloody incidents and tragic death of innocent people is too difficult to put into words. Militancy is a concept that represents the activity of some war-mongers and war-seekers of our nation. The protracted war never ebbed despite the fact that the government thought it was a great success to bring the militancy to an end. Talibān’s intensified attacks and emergence of self-proclaimed Islamic state like the state of the old state, and their political demonstrations. Afghanistan’s urge and peace offering to warring factions fall on deaf ears. The government has been in a crucial juncture, it is really necessary that Afghan society must stand up to the test. The Afghan society used these clashes for their political purposes and further added fuel to the fire. It is therefore, essential for heterogeneous societies to develop a culture of co-existence. A sense of belongingness to a large body; may be for a feeling of attachment to some national religious, can solve the issue to a certain level. Binding themselves to national levels, the heterogeneous groups in the society may give up their trivial matters and start thinking in a broader perspective. They have to be taught that it is only through collective efforts that they can make their survival possible in today’s society. Their collective efforts can, thus, be channelized into a synergy that will provide them the possibilities of facing the overgrowing challenges of life with success and dignity.

One of the best ways to exist in a heterogeneous society is by finding out the similarities among different groups instead of identifying and distinguishing the differences and making the bane of contention. In fact, the similarities among different human groups are always more than the differences. One of the largest similarities among all the groups of human beings is that they are human beings and share the same earth to live on. However, such concepts have been considered ideal and impracticable in reality. In human beings, divisions are divided into different strata and they have so many disparities. There are fights among them because of a sense of belongingness and not being accepted. It is important to understand that alien foreigners, infidels and wrong-doers. Religious and political ideologies that must bring people together, in fact, have made them stand much apart and divided. This is really pathetic and does not show at all that human beings are the best of creatures and have the capability and courage to live on. However, such clashes are politically utilized by others and they suffer great loss as a result. We have such clashes are politically utilized by others and they suffer great loss as a result. Afghanistan is also one of the societies that are heterogeneous to a certain extent. There have been conflicts among the different groups and the different classes for a long time. It is believed that the Afghan society might face further militancy and war because the new generation is being brought up with the negative impact of militancy.

China contributes to the Development of Afghanistan
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China is a friendly neighbor of Afghanistan. The two countries have a 654-kilometer-long common border. Based on that, China would like to use a stable and friendly bilateral relationship to promote the development of Afghanistan through the economic and trade cooperation.

In the past, China was a development partner for Afghani- stan. For example, in the 1980s and 1990s, although China was not well off at that time, the Chinese government built some aid projects in Afghanistan such as Panawgan Irrigation System and Kunduz Hospital, which are still functioning well, promoting the livelihood and welfare of the local people. In recent years, China has been increasing bilateral economic and trade cooperation with Afghanistan. The Chinese government has increased dramatically. To promote the economic development of Afghanistan and Afghanistan, export to China, the Chinese government unilaterally granted duty free treatment to 95% of Afghan-originated products exported to China. In 2015, the duty free treatment was extended to cover 97% of Afghan-origin- al products exported to China. In 2015, the Afghan export to China grew 2.4 times in value than that in 2012 according to statistics from China Customs. Bilateral trade reached $2.1 billion in 2018 and China has become the third largest trading partner of Afghanistan according to the report of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce.

Secondly, China is now the largest investment origin coun- try in Afghanistan. Chinese companies have invested a lot in different uses, and these are their major objectives. Generating revenues and creating jobs of opportunity. In the mining sector, China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in Ama Darya Oil Project and is ready to invest more. Met- allurgical Corporation of China (MCC) and the China National Petroleum Corporation have invested about $360 million and are ge- nering billions of dollars more to develop Aynak Mine in the province of Logar. In the past, China has been operating in Afghanistan for many years, and contribute significantly to the security and economic stability in the region. China has been helping the Afghan government with the help of the regional countries and the international community. As members of OIC, Afghanistan and Pakistan have an joint position to take initiatives.

In addition, China has been providing grants to Afghani- stan to implement projects. Despite the fact that China is a bilateral and multilateral channels, provided many batches of goods and materials for Afghani- stan’s education, health, religious centers, medical equip- ments, medical equipment, wheat, office equipment, and humanitarian relief supplies, offered cash grants, cancel浓厚 economy debts of $9.6 million owed by the Af- ghan government, and other services.

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