The ‘Light Movement’
Supporters in Kabul

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The demonstration that was held on May 16, 2016 in Kabul was on changing the route of 500V electricity (pow- er) line in Bamyan province which grew up negative techniques. The government has many other responsibilities as well as far as the develop- ments. The private institutions are comparatively better than public institutes. However, our educational in- stitutions are designed to promote the culture of repetition and cramming. The concepts do not have direct relation with the lives of the students. Moreover, the syllabi are rigid and very often the methods, the contents of education and even those that receive education. People emphasized that they will stand against the decision so that the government reverses it to the original plan. A team of German engineers, after a sensitive and comprehensive survey approved that through Bamyan route the TUTAP project will be done and it needs a low bid the government should prepare the project which is extremely insecure and during winter it is quite hard to work on due to heavy snow.

The first reflection of the protest was that it was held by hun- dreds of thousands of people in Kabul as well as in other coun- tries by Afghans. Fortunately the protest in the Kabul ended up with violence. Unexpectedly, it was quite peaceful and ex- tremists were not involved. The protesters gathered and handed over to security forces and cleaned up the streets from the things which they consumed by the protesters which was the first in its kind in the history of Afghanistan and no one expected such be- havior. Unfortunately the government locked down the route through the protesters in the palace with containers. On the other hand, these protesters were not keen to see any instability and all that they want is equality and the equal rights that they deserve. Additionally, the time has come that President Ashraf Ghani should honor the promises that he guaranteed the people by his election to be transformed into a peaceful/professional province. That time he assured people that if he wins the elec- tion he would implement the electricity which was approved by previous government.

The second is that if the 500 KV transmission line is routed through high risks areas in Bamiyan and other difficult places, the la- tered provinces will have the blessings of electricity which will brighten up the area. It is most importantly, by implementing this project through Bamyan Ramyan will have lots of opportunities as ten and thousands of people from Afghanistan and other coun- tries will have the chance to be involved in this process. Moreover, there will be attraction to be this province and businesses will invest in this province since they get benefits from investing their money in the province and lots of job opportunities will be provided to the poor class of the society and it will also have a security effect on society and increases. Therefore, the economy of Bamyam and related or- igin will grow up negative techniques.

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The fourth reflection of this peaceful protest was that, during past 15 years the central provinces had a vigorous contribution in the development of the country, for instance, the election, civil works, and other walks of life but in return they were excluded from such development that obviously brings a wrong direction to their life. So, the implementation of TUTAP project through Samangan-Bamyan which will transit from adjacent provinces too, will show the people of these ar- eas that the government care and want their welfare. It not only will implement the trust of people in the government but also they will have an active part far better than in past ev- ery case that needs contribution of all classes of people which is basis for the betterment of this brave nation.

On the other, Bamyam has many other tourist attractions such as Band-e-Amar and the two biggest Buddha statues which has the heights of 54 meter high and Shammadham which is 34 me- ter. However, the implementation of this project will guarantee the security and will contribute to the growth of the international community.

Moreover, the country will continue to support and aid Af- ghanistan since they feel that this nation is keen to shape their homeland and culture and development, and everything is done for the interest of all people. To wrap up, in this civil movement people participated to ask that their voices should be heard, that the government should work for the betterment of this brave nation and not for the country not for their own self-interest. This peaceful protest shows that the private institution through Bamyan route lots of the problems will be solved and the role of National Unity Government (NUG) will be preserved.

A similar process is unfolding gradually in the Arab world, with citizens (especially young people who lack trust in their govern- ments) holding on to their dreams and aspirations and new ways to survive economically. This shift has so far been largely unwieldy by governments, a reflection of just how disconnected they are from their people. It is challenging but not impossible to ignore. All of this comes at a time when another important development in this space has emerged. The Arab region is witnessing a sea change, owing to the steep decline in energy prices over the last two years. However, many have started to worry about the future. If Arab has been forced to initiate a shift to- ward an economic model that emphasizes investment and pro- ductivity as the main drivers of economic growth. Other countries in the region are now turning to agriculture, tourism and new types of technology, which are the subject of most of the discussions.

One important element of economic-reform strategies will be technology. Already, 240 million Arabs – largely young people – have access to the internet. With the proliferation of smartphones, it is estimated that all Arab youth will be connected. Technology is facilitating a movement that creates a new generation of young people that has historically lagged in this area, and technology startups use on the rise.

This is not to say that technology is a panacea for the region. After all, IRS is also using technology, but in a sinister way: to spread the islamist and therefore, governments, a reflection of just how disconnected they are from their people. It is challenging but not impossible to ignore. All of this comes at a time when another important development in this space has emerged. The Arab region is witnessing a sea change, owing to the steep decline in energy prices over the last two years. However, many have started to worry about the future. If Arab has been forced to initiate a shift to- ward an economic model that emphasizes investment and pro- ductivity as the main drivers of economic growth. Other countries in the region are now turning to agriculture, tourism and new types of technology, which are the subject of most of the discussions.