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The Ruins of Terrorism

It is really difficult to ignore the severity of the disaster introduced by terrorism and panics today's civilized, peaceful and modernized world. As a matter of fact, extremism and terrorism are reciprocal and have badly influenced all the norms and values of human society and have marked a dreadful stigma on the prominence and significance of human beings. A glance at human history portrays that so far millions of the people have been exterminated. Most of these extermination has been carried out by the terrorist and extremist groups, which have strong relations with different ethnic groups. Modern societies believe that they sacrifice a lot to bring transparent changes in the third world countries. They, undoubtedly, support the underprivileged people to modernize and bring peacefulness and success among them but there are many people who do not favor this because their minds are restricted to the imprisonment of radicalism and religious torture cells where our thousands of young people have been disgustingly pushed in the deep valley of illiteracy, obliviousness and savagery. They are bound to be confined to their wells as they do not have the capacity to see and think out of it. Their limited attitude, which is basically nourished through their habituation, finds nothing more than a single straight line that they have to follow. They are, as a matter of fact, the blinds with the eyesight and the brainless with the brains. It is no more a secret that the coldhearted and inhumane extremists subdue the people with the sectarian ideas supported by tribal customs and religious traditions; they mistreat the devotion and belief of the people. So far, plenty of guiltless and impartial masses have been killed; the decency of the sacred places have been ruined with suicide attacks; unimaginable cruelty on women and children have been made, and regrettably even holy Koran has been used and that in our own country to plant a bomb. Hence, isn't it the real face of extremism, savagery and of course terrorism? The terrorists and extremist do not have any true and loving faith and religion but they have their specific goals and desires and even do not vacillate to utilize the sacred religion for their inhuman and wicked desires.

It can be observed that nowadays the extremists by the dint of their violent attitude have attracted the attention of everybody towards them; most of them are purely liable for every kind of exploitation and destruction. Particularly the Islamic countries have been rebuked for such violence and carnages. Mostly, the Islamic militants have been called terrorists. What is the real reason? The main reason obvious and that is the fact that the extremists are involved in the massacre of innumerable people in Syria, Libya, Egypt, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan. It is pretty sure that extremism is the founding stone of terrorism and in all the countries mentioned above the people have been displaying their extremism in a violent manner. They have been tricked in the name of religion and they fail to use their minds to recognize what they are trained. They only follow blindly the teachings and take the worst possible actions. There are some so-called clergies who want to mask the fact by claiming that extremism may lead the humanity towards the divine exaltation, nevertheless they deliberately disregard the spirits of humanity. We must know their primitive practices and frustrated religious and tribal system with their outdated and ill-intended teachings that are nothing except mistreating the human beings.

Nowadays we can effortlessly find out the melancholies and insecure circumstances which are unquestionably the eventual aftermaths of extremism. Currently the reputation and integrity of our religion and civilization are in immense danger just because of extremism. And the approach that is established in the minds of most of the people is really a matter of worry; therefore, it is necessary to protest against this ignorance, which has caused us inflexible and distressing attitude. We are caught in the worst kind of quagmire of extremism and seemingly we do not have any way of getting out of it. The more we try to get out of it, the more we sink into it. We actually need to know that the way we are making efforts is erroneous and we require doing something else in order to get out of it. We need to cognize this crystal clear fact that extremism has rewarded us the demeaning gift of terrorism, which is, without a tinge of doubt, intolerable for every sensible, literate and human-loving person. David Cecil's rightly observes; "It is often said that mankind needs a faith if the world is to be improved. In fact, unless the faith is vigilantly and regularly checked by a sense of man's fallibility, it is likely to make the world worse. From Torquemada to Robespierre and Hitler the men who have made mankind suffer the most have been inspired to do so have been inspired to do so by a strong faith; so strong that it led them to think their crimes were acts of virtue necessary to help them achieve their aim, which was to build some sort of an ideal kingdom on earth."



The Legitimate Corruption in Afghanistan

By Murtaza Mandagar

Justifying a crime is worse than committing a crime. Because when a crime is being justified, then it becomes lawful and paves the way for other crimes that may happen in future and even legitimizes them. Besides widespread corruption, there are many kinds of invisible corruptions in Afghanistan which have hidden behind the secured shelter of law. The word corruption is widely understood to be the improper use of a public or official position for private gain. Corruption is the second dilemma after insecurity that Afghanistan is dealing with. Unlike its common concept, corruption is not only bribery; it consists of bribery, patronage, nepotism and all kinds of illegal use of official position in benefit of personal, party, ethnic or sectarian groups. By several investigations being launched on corruption, these kinds of corruption are well-known but there are many kinds of unknown corruptions which have never been pointed out. A country in which majority of people live under poverty line and most of its human resource is unemployed, the thousands of dollars in salaries of some officials are nothing but corruption. In a country called Afghanistan, some receive thousands of dollars as salaries but some others receive the same amount in Afghanis. The extreme gap between salaries of officials seems to be a kind of corruption which has been justified by law. This article claims that the deep gap between salaries of officials is itself a concrete corruption and as well as one of the main causes of bribery and administrative corruption in Afghanistan. The inadequate salaries of civil servants not only cause bribery in government offices but as well as causes Tanbali and Kam-kari in public sector. Corruption in Afghanistan:

The word corruption "Fisad" has a lengthy record in Dari language by different concepts such as immorality and rebellion but corruption in its new concept "Fisad Edari" is a new expression in Dari literature and a new phenomenon in Afghanistan governance. The degradation concept of "corruption" into one of its meaning shows how corruption has prevailed which has changed the meaning of a word. According to UNDP findings in 2012, corruption was the second problem Afghanistan faced after insecurity and more shameful, Afghanistan is the second corrupt country in all over the world. Since corruption is a great challenge on progress of Afghanistan, fighting corruption is the duty of every responsible citizen to analyze it by all its facts and figures.

Corruption has deep roots inside social and political structure of Afghanistan. However, recognizing all its causes and effects is out of capacity of this writing, the social injustice is being considered to be one of the main and unknown causes of corruption in Afghanistan. A further distinction can be made between political or "grand" corruption on the one hand and administrative or "petty" corruption on the other. While the former refers to acts of corruption perpetrated

by high-ranking politicians and decision-makers, the latter concerns offences committed by mid- and lower-level public officials who are responsible for administrative procedures and services provided to the public. Political corruption is being committed by high-ranking officials and most of countries are afflicted in this type of corruption. Political corruption has political and administrative causes and has not yet infected cultural and public behavior. Because political corruption is happening among numerous politicians, it is not as much threatening as administrative corruption. While corruption is not being restrained, it will spread further and infiltrate into soul of a community and infect its culture and tradition. In this level it would be too difficult to control the entire nation from the disease of corruption.

Afghanistan is dealing with both political and administrative corruptions and the second one seems to be more frequent than the former one. There is no doubt that most of the corrupt officials desperately refer to corruption. The abnormal situation of their lives unwillingly impel them to corruption. To speak down to earth out of verbosity, the inadequate salaries of civil servants is not enough to cover the monthly expenses of a family and obligate them to cover the rest of their expenses by illegal ways. The inadequate salaries of civil servants on one hand and their incomparable salaries with those working in private sectors, NGOs and high-rank on other hand provoke civil servants to compete in illegal ways e.g. when a person working in private sector is receiving thousands of Dollars, it makes his/her friend who receives this amount in Afghani to compete him/her by referring to bribery.

The low salary of lower-level civil servants is nothing but a cruelty which has been forced by decision-making officials. According to definition of corruption, the injustice categorization of salaries in Afghanistan is a type of corruption made by high-ranked officials and justified by laws which has been made by themselves. So the injustice regarding salaries in Afghanistan is being called "legitimate corruption", corruption which has hidden behind law and no one dare to name it corruption or fight against it. The justified corruption is more likely to be unacceptable than the explicit corruption. The injustice division of salaries is itself corruption, causes more corruption and bribery and is morally wrong. To fight corruption basically, first of all we should root out its causes and restrict the proper situation for growing corruption. The misery in lives of vast majority of people on one hand and luxurious lives of minority officials on other hand need a reform in salaries. A law is needed to be passed to set a range of salaries for different positions without large differences in salary scales. Instead of squandering lots of money in fighting corruption, better to fight the causes of corruption by considering justice in determining and distributing salaries.

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Unknown Killers Unknown Destinations

By Muhammad Younas

Two customers popped in Fire Brigade Shopping Plaza on Meconogey Road, Quetta City, Pakistan around 4pm on May 27, 2015. One of them walked to Haji Hussain shop, who was sitting on a small stool in his small shop. On seeing the customer, Haji stood up to receive the customer warmly, but he instead received several warm bullets in his body. The other customer, in the meantime, went to the next shop, pulled his gun out and pumped multiple bullets into Muhammad Essa's body. Later on, both killer customers moved to Haji Musa's shop and shot several bullets on his body. The unknown armed men, after that, calmly managed to drive off to an unknown destination. It was not the first time that the unknown killers escaped to an unknown destination. It was the third time in two days, fourth time in fifteen days and 176 times for the past 14 years.

The main City Police Station is situated a few meters away from the killing scene while the Frontier Corps (FC) check post is literally 15 yards away. But it does not make a difference, when it comes to Hazara killings in Pakistan especially Quetta City.

Haji Hussain died on the spot. Haji Musa succumbed to his injuries in the hospital, while Muhammad Essa is getting medical treatment in the hospital.

On May 25, 2015 around 6pm, an unknown armed man, reportedly clad in a Police uniform, appeared at Saleem Complex, Jinnah Road, Quetta City and sprayed bullets on four Hazaras who were sitting in a private clinic - waiting for the doctor to get medical treatment. The killer shot killed two Hazara men on the scene and injured two Hazara women. The unknown armed man afterwards managed to escape to an unknown destination.

Earlier that day, around 12pm midday, a customer walked to Anwar Ali's shop on Shara-e-Iqbal, Quetta City, took his gun out and fired several bullets on Anwar's body. The unknown armed customer, after that, calmly came out of the shop, kicked-start his bike and rode off to an unknown destination. Let me give you one more example. Three Hazara young men in their early 20s were ambushed near Qalandar Makan,

Kansi Road, Quetta City on May 12, 2015. Ali Raza died on the spot while Ashraf Ali and Safar Ali succumbed to their injuries at the hospital. The unknown killers walked away to an unknown destination.

For the past 14 years, over 1400 Hazaras have so far been systematically killed and 5,000 plus injured including women and children in 176 attacks by unknown killers. And not a single killer of Hazara has so far been arrested or brought to justice.

The unknown killers, after killing Hazaras, always go to an unknown destinations somewhere in Quetta City but the local Police and Frontier Corps (FC) due to some "unknown reasons" do not know who the killers are and where their unknown destinations are. However, when it comes to Baloch nationalists, FC easily find them out—even under the mountains from a vast Balochistan province spreading out 347,190 square kilometre area. There is no unknown area or destination for Baloch nationalists but when it comes to Hazara killers, YES, there are some "unknown areas" for them to enjoy. In Pakistan especially in Quetta City, everybody knows that Leshkar-e-Jangvi militants kill Hazara community for being Shia Muslim. Even they themselves ring up to the local newspapers and claim the responsibility of each Hazara killing incident. Human rights organizations especially Human Rights Watch, Asian Human Rights Commission and Amnesty International reports are filled with evidence, but the federal government, provincial government, security agencies unfortunately do not know who they are and where they live. In Pakistan, many believe that the local Police and Frontier Corps have the strength and capability to stop killing of Hazaras in one week by bringing all the killers to justice, but unfortunately they do not want to do it.

I've personally lost hope on the federal government, provincial government and security agencies in providing protection to my community and bringing Hazara killers to justice. But have I lost hope on United Nations, human rights organizations and international community to help stop Hazara ethnic cleansing in Pakistan? The near future may have the right answer.

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