**Fall of Kunduz Underlines Grey Security Areas**

K unduz is one of the 34 provinces with round about 1 million inhabitants. It is located in the proximity of Tajikistan – hence one of the potential Northern Pakistan’s TAPI pipeline project, is the most western province. Formally, Taliban launched a surprise attack on the said province. Following the attack, the Afghan government has immediately been in contact with the UN and other international bodies. A number of factors may have contributed to the fall of Kunduz. A prominent factor is the continuous failure of the Afghan government to secure the civilians, especially in urban areas.

The Taliban ideology and mercenary fighters pay heed to human rights. Afghan people, especially women, were bereft of their basic rights under the Taliban regime. The fall of Kunduz surely marks security loophole and lack of coordination between various departments. In addition, the Taliban have had overrunning the local prison and freed all prisoners, looted all banks, cordoned off the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) offices, and cut off all electricity in the city. In addition, they reportedly stole a large amount of military equipment from Ghizi airfield. Taliban soldiers driving through the streets of Kunduz in official armored vehicles and military tanks are a terror to the local population. Any unwise move may lead to the loss of hundreds of innocents.

The Taliban have been waging war since a US-led coalition invaded Afghanistan in 2001. After the fall of the Taliban government, the US and its allies intervened in Afghanistan, leading to a war that was initially characterized by a US-led invasion orchestrated in support of the former government. The US-led invasion resulted in the overthrow of the Taliban government and the establishment of a new government led by Hamid Karzai. The US-led invasion ended in a war that lasted for more than 20 years, during which the US and its allies faced many challenges, including resistance from the Taliban and other insurgent groups.

The fall of Kunduz is a significant development in the context of the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan. Thefall of Kunduz has significant implications for the stability of Afghanistan and the region. The fall of Kunduz has raised concerns about the security of the Afghan government and the stability of the country. The Taliban’s control of Kunduz has raised concerns about the security of the Afghan government and the stability of the region.

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