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**“Together for Peace”**

Every year on this day, most of the countries of the world celebrate International Peace Day. This year, as usual, the United Nations urged all nations to conduct activities under the theme “Respect, Safety and Dignity for All.”

This day was first established by the United Nations General Assembly in the year 1981. And, in 2011, the UN General Assembly voted to designate the day as a period of non-violence and ceasefire. On this day, the United Nations urges all nations to bring peace and harmony to their communities and to make a collective commitment to peace. It would be able to concentrate on other issues that are hurdles in the way of peace and development.

Unfortunately, no peace has been ever found for over forty years, no war has lasted long. Wars have always devastated human civilizations. Wars have also brought destruction, regional and national losses and thus they have not been rejected as unnecessary and this fact is really very painful.

It is difficult to believe that knowing the horrors of wars, human beings have always considered them necessary and almost all nations in the world are really ready for wars. There are important requirements that are neglected in the society and not the energy and efforts are utilized to make a nation ready for lasting peace and strong military.

It is to note that there are many countries on the face of earth that would not utilize the resources of the nation for improving the standard of the living of the people but would spend them magnificently on acquiring modern weapons. In fact, human beings are preparing for their own destruction and extinction of sciences.

Just consider the amount and the characteristics of modern weapons; they have the tendency to raise human beings from the surface of the earth. The standard of modern weapons of mass destruction at the disposal of world nations can destroy the entire world.

Unluckily, some of the human beings are of the view that peace can only be achieved through wars and therefore, wars are necessary in human societies. This is the biggest misconception human beings have been engaged in war. War and confrontations can bring its nature is destructive. Even war that brings peace that is only after the suffering of humanity. Therefore, peace is a world without human beings, he required at all?

Most of the wars have been possible because the nations have been very interested in fighting. Nations are supposed to be the legal power as power has enabled them to play major role in international policies and activities. In the meanwhile, they have neglected the basic philosophy of the development of states and politics. Politicians are interested in the power struggle in front of them. They can be used to build peace and tranquility within the world. Moreover, if all the political achievements of human beings are not able to bring peace them, what is the purpose of all those achievements?" And Mohammed Ali Jinnah, the former prime minister of Pakistan, said that "What is the use of Harmoniums in making music?"

One of the basic reasons of wars has been the tendency to subjugate others and try to revenge them for any perceived misdemeanor. And the series of retaliations have mostly formed an unbreakable chain of recurring circle and the wars have developed several generations. This fact is true both collectively and in individual lives.

Nations and individuals who have kept on retaliating have not been able to achieve great results. The human beings of today’s society behave as they are blind towards all the beautiful aspects of the world. As a result, they are making themselves ready for more and more wars.

For our country, Afghanistan, peace stands paramount as the country is suffering from war, instability and resultant problems from war and misery.

On this day, the efforts to restore peace in the country are increased, and the legal and political entities and the private sector should cooperate with one another so to achieve lasting peace. And, it would be in the benefit of everyone.

**The Need for Keeping and Performing Religious Rituals in Afghanistan**

By Abdul Hamid Arifi

Freedom of religion is one of the fundamental rights of man under the United Nations international law and the legal education of the clients. Protecting this right contributes to the intellectual maturity of a society. Based on the Islamic and faith and religious and consult in it with their conflict and humanity and free.

Freedom of religion means that mankind should be able to adopt their religion to preserve their religion. The right to choose religion is enshrined in the United Nations and is not derived from any concept or bias. On the other hand, the state does not have the authority to mandate religious groups or for other reasons to bring about campaigns against religious discrimination and provide the opportunity for promoting religious rituals for all citizens.

In brief, ensuring the security of practicing religious rituals and promoting human rights are key responsibilities of the government so that citizens can be able to perform their religious rituals with peace of mind. The state has been appreciated in international documents and emphasized the importance of what everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom of thought, belief, and religion or without and also in or outside of community or in or outside of public; to mani

Peace is really vital for today’s world, particularly when different nations and groups can be fought against each other. For the developing and under-developed countries, it is a prerequisite for other sorts of development. Without sustainable peace, promoting the prosperity of nothing is more than a figment of one’s imagination.

With peace, society would be on the track of a healthy evolution and it would be able to concentrate on other issues that are hurdles in the way of peace and development.

Until the present, there is no way to distance.

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