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## Afghanistan Entangles in Protracted Rivalry Game Due to its Geographical Location and Rich Mineral Resources.

## People Horrified Under Taliban Committing Heinous Crimes as Pawns of this Game

After assassination of Ahmad Shah Masoud the staunch resistance commander against terror groups in Afghanistan on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2001, the twin towers in New York were attacked on 9/11 by al-Qaeda (as it is said) which caused the collapse of the Taliban in Afghanistan. Regardless of the nature of the country's occupation, Afghanistan got the opportunity to attract billions of dollars in economic and military aids. However, due to the opportunity provided for two decades and huge foreign financial and technical assistance, it was possible to use that opportunity effectively for the stability, prosperity, security and development of the country. But it did not happen for the lack of national will, administrative corruption and betrayal of the leadership, the puppet and mafia-dominated governments of Hamid Karzai and Ashraf Ghani. They paved the way for the return of the Taliban to power. The re-emergence of the Taliban in power was formed based on domestic and international factors. If the opportunity provided for decades and tens of billions of international aids was managed and used effectively; it could completely change the situation in Afghanistan. The country would not have suffered this huge disaster. After two decades as a result of the protracted war the Taliban terrorist group were put back in power by the USA in collusion with Pakistan.

## **The rule of the Taliban and the suffering of the Afghan people:**

- The one-year rule of the Taliban in Afghanistan has had disastrous consequences for the people and the country. Taliban's stubborn attempt has had the worst effect in all areas of the social life of the Afghan people, demonstrating a false and exclusive interpretation of Islam. With this approach, the Taliban showed that they are not only alien to the knowledge and technique of running the country, but they are also unaware of their responsibility, the realities and needs of the country today and tomorrow, and the developments in the region and the world. If they had understood they would have paid attention and felt responsible for the depth, width and scope of the disaster that occurred as a result of their presence and actions in the political, economic, social, cultural, security, stability and welfare fields in the past year.

## **Taliban's Intelligence Department or a Dreadful Hell:**

According to Abdul Samad Alkozy, a resident in Iran, " a reliable report from someone who works in the Taliban intelligence department in Herat province highlights the truth of horror, oppression, injustice, torture, killing, discrimination, corruption, sexual assault other anti-human brutalities exercised by the hellish apparatus for the people of Herat, especially former military, political and civil activists, the media, opposition and protesting political parties and some people related to the Taliban opposition either because of religious, political, ethnic, sects and race based on false and hatred reports. The reporter did not reveal his identity which will end up his life and of his family.

He added that the dissemination of the demons and the devils are transformed there, and the illiterate Taliban during the interrogation process acts savagely. Their interrogation tools are not documents or shreds of evidence, but all kinds of inhumane means are used for torture. During torture, they close the accused eyes and mouth firmly to stop their screams not to be heard outside. So far dozens of healthy people have been brought for investigation to the so-called "Monitoring department" of the crime chamber. After torture, their corpses have either been delivered to their relatives or buried secretly. The coffin of those who are from other provinces, the central and northern provinces, have also been buried with disrespect.

There were even people with a few photos and comments against the Taliban or anti -Taliban who were killed after brutal torture. There are no human rights and media institutions to report this crime. The Taliban do not allow the slightest information to propagate about the crimes of the intelligence in Herat province. Of course, the situation in all provinces of Afghanistan is the same, but especially it is worse in central and northern provinces including the capital of Kabul, than in other provinces.

All kinds of discrimination against the suspects range, including ethnic, linguistic, religious, party, place of residence and locality. To the Taliban, the people coming from Panjshir, Andrab, Khost in Baghlan and Hazara from Balkan, Parwan and Kapisa province, Takhar and Badakhshan are prosecuted on charges of ethnicity inclination to the National Resistance

Front, while the people of these provinces count for millions.

The tyrannical Taliban in the torture rooms of the Herat provinces brutally punish the prisoners. The defendant is tied firmly to a wet blanket like a child, puts a boulder on top of his chest, and then pours a full bucket of water into his mouth which flows out through his ears. Many of the defendants died in this brutal way. Whipping, flogging, thrashing, thonging, wood and electric cable are used daily as a common exercise. The frail and sick defendants are treated inhumanely. Adequate and healthy food is not given to the suspects. It is forbidden to inform the family about those under surveillance and torture. Taliban officials, the Governor, the Security Command, and so on, are afraid to get in contact with this hell in defence of the innocent.

The action of the Taliban caused losses, crisis, unfortunate and catastrophic effects on all aspects of society's life, which are briefly mentioned below:

### **In the Political Domain:**

According to the Doha peace agreement, the Taliban could not form a comprehensive national government with other political parties, as a result of which the political development process could not begin and a legitimate government was not formed. On the contrary, they consolidated group, religious, ethnic, linguistic power and wealth monopoly.

- Ignoring the items agreed upon in the Doha negotiations, they invaded Panjshir and forcibly occupied some districts of that province; brutally killing, forced migration, evacuation and displacement, arresting, imprisoning and torturing civilians and innocent people. blatantly violating human rights and committing heinous war crimes;
- They consider the international community's demand for the establishment of an inclusive government, respect for human rights, women's rights, and girls' education as interference in Afghanistan's internal affairs;
- They reject talks with political opponents and say that the time for talks with political opponents has passed. The Taliban terror groups administration insists that people can live inside the country only if they express their allegiance or be satisfied as ordinary citizens.
- Power and wealth were monopolized by this terror group. They encroach on power and think that authority they achieved as conquest, wealth as booty, and people's lives control as an honour. They justify their crimes by accusing people of ideological problems and so on. In case of a complaint, they will try and punish the plaintiff using their police, intelligence and judicial forces;

## The impact of one year in power on economy:

Cutting off foreign aid, freezing more than 9 billion dollars of Afghanistan's foreign exchange reserves, closing bank accounts, economic recession, decrease in the gross domestic product (nearly 40%), decrease in per capita income, high unemployment, inflation and decrease in people's purchasing power, extreme poverty, capital outflow from the country both material and human power, lack of investment, insecurity (physical and psychological) is a clear manifestation of the Taliban in power.

The budget deficit in the amount of 231 billion Afghanis (equivalent to nearly \$ 2.5 billion); shows 203 billion afghanis of normal budget and \$ 27.9 billion of developmental budget, with \$44 billion of the budget deficits. They have compensated for the budget deficit through increasing domestic income and increasing export income and have been able to turn the economic cycle. This is while the economy of Afghanistan is considered at the level of \$ 2 billion with the help of the United Nations, with cash aid (dollars) in the humanitarian aid sector and the circulation of Afghani currency a shaky and unstable state of balance is artificially maintained.

◀ During the year, 75% of the country's budget was equal to 40% of the gross domestic product and depended on foreign aid. In the years 2001-2022, Afghanistan's economy decreased by 40% in the last 12 months, that is, the gross domestic product in the past was estimated at \$ 20 billion, but now it has decreased to \$ 12 billion. The unemployment of 700-900 people per unit of work is due to that defect mentioned. Over 60 per cent of working women have become unemployed, and the economic loss is from \$ 600 to \$1 billion. Currently, the economy of Afghanistan has reached a small balance. The reason for being in balance is owing to the low supply of Afghani money and foreign currency in the market. The central bank has not been able to print money and it has \$ 2 billion of which one billion is foreign aids.

Afghanistan has been pushed into indiscriminate extraction and export of mines, especially coal, arbitrary use of government income and budget expenses in the absence of parliament and law. In general, looking at the treasure and using the wealth irresponsibly, considering it as a blessing of God has pushed Afghanistan into an alarming economic situation.

- Obstructing and destroying the country's economic growth opportunities and national income, excessive extraction and export of mines and natural resources, group and political use of self-made budget resources. There is no development budget in the country. The absence of a development budget means no prospect

for future prosperity. (Of the total budget of 232 billion Afghanis of the Taliban in 1401, only 27.9 billion Afghanis make the development budget.

### **In the field of social and civil liberties**

- Intensification of national mistrust and ethnic hypocrisy, limiting women in political, economic, and educational activities, suppressing women's petitions, demonstrations, illegal torture of political opponents, former government employees, protesting women and any dissenting voice. The illegal trial of opponents against human dignity and international law is common in the barbaric administration of the Taliban. But the world community has been watching as bystanders.

### **In the Cultural Context:**

- Open enmity with local culture and values, especially indifferent to the flee of teachers and antagonism to Persian Dari language. Showing indifference to the security of religious centres of Shiites, Indians and Sikhs, job bans for music artists, prevention and restrictions on the artistic activities of cinema, theatre, media, journalism and freedom of speech, escape of activists and the closure of some print, audio and video media is the outcome of the Taliban, installed in power based on the secret agreement of the so-called peace negotiations in Doha, Qatar.

Apart from this, it also has a social dimension and that is the ethnic and linguistic differences in Afghanistan. The fact that Afghanistan has not been able to become a united nation in the past years is the reason for the incidents that the imported governments used to continue their power by using the presence of American forces to divide and rule or by using the forward policy of the old British colonialism. Now, ethnic divisions are an obvious phenomenon. On the part of the governments, instead of ethnic coexistence, negative language competition has been promoted and, in some cases, they have deliberately wanted to limit, describe and destroy the universal Dari Persian language which is spoken by almost all people in Afghanistan. They have carried out these actions using different policies. They had a prejudiced tendency toward the language of the majority of society, and the national terms were used unilaterally in the military, state and administrative sectors, as well as in the economic issue and naming of places. With these intellectual and social obstacles, the Taliban have made their anti-Persian actions and activities public and people are observing it. Both in the first period of Taliban rule twenty years ago and the last year as well as the Hamed Karzai and Ghani Ahmadzai corrupt governments. The administrative language

in offices has always been preferably Persian - Dari, while it is the language of inter-ethnic and trans-ethnic communication in Afghanistan. And the Persian language is now under the Taliban treated discriminatingly, humiliatingly and as second-class language. This approach is also carried out in the press, limiting the Persian Dari language.

### **In the Educational and Cultural Field.**

- The closure of girls' schools above the sixth grade and disruption of educational system in schools and universities, the flee of professors and teachers and the entire chain of the educational system has been disrupted in Afghanistan, with a human capital crisis and unclear future. The slogan of calling infidels is so common under the Taliban to defame their opponents. They are unaware of today's scientific and technical knowledge; simulation and seduction of the west is the desire of the young generation.

The reason for the closure of girls' schools is denying the young generations of learning and maiming their high culture and unaware of their magnificent civilization. Persian – Dari language has a history of a thousand years ago, which is the basic pillar of culture in today's Afghanistan. This language has great poets such as Hatzalah Badghisi, Rabia Balkhi, Hamaira Nejat Dastgir Zadeh and hundreds of political, cultural and scientific elites from the women's group. The culture of Persian – Dari speaking communities is full of virtues, guidance, and proverbs. Proverbs have the authority of argument in logic, such as “no cat will catch a mouse for the consent of God.” “A guilty conscience feels continue fear.” “The highset branch is not the safest roost.” “Help a lame dog over a stile. “Safety lies in the middle course.”

Surprisingly, the Taliban appointed an uneducated and illiterate inspector to invite people to do what is good and not to do what is bad, especially when the head inspector wears the clothes of people who have the most knowledge of the day, technology and language. Those who have access to the technology, modern science, trade and business can access all Islamic history books by pressing a button on Google. While the Taliban are drowned in their ignorance.

### **In International Relations Sphere:**

Failure to form a legitimate national government that can gain international legitimacy and the attention and assistance of the world community. In the end, the isolation of the country and its exposure to external interventions and the secluded life of terrorist groups and the intensification of the atmosphere of mistrust and what was mentioned above are a summary of the harmful consequences of the Taliban group's reign of terror in the past year.

## **No Security and People are Living in Horror:**

A year has passed since the Taliban came to power. During this period, the people of Afghanistan are witnessing the inhumane crimes of the Taliban group. Their crimes are worse than Hitler's fascists and Jews in favour of the Zionist policy against the Palestinians. Rape, cruelty, bullying, lying, bad language, discrimination and hatred against progress, knowledge, civilization and high human values are the characteristics of the Taliban group, which they proved in action in the past year. They hide their crimes under the name of Sharia law and religious scholars' judgement. The Taliban's crimes against humanity are clearly and undeniably carried out throughout the country, which has turned life into hell for the people of Afghanistan.

The international community talks about anxiety, crisis, denial of rights and discriminatory policies by the Taliban, but in reality, these false heralds of human rights have placed Afghanistan in the depth of an unparalleled human tragedy of oppression and discrimination. The Taliban was put to power in an organized conspiracy. Due to the tyranny of the Taliban, the smallest civil protest is silenced with bullets. No one hears the cries of the oppressed to rush to their aid. The Taliban lie and claim that they are implementing the sacred orders of God. It is clear to the people of Afghanistan how and with the support of which country they came to power to rule and play with their fate.

The crimes committed by the Taliban are clearly defined in international conventions as war crimes and severe crimes against human rights. In Afghanistan, under the rule of the Taliban, crimes have been intensively committed as follows till now and continue.

1- Imprisoning innocent people - thousands of ordinary people, including men, women, girls and boys have been imprisoned, tortured or shot dead. Young people without compelling reasons have been imprisoned in the provinces of Panjshir, Baghlan, Faryab, Jawzjan, Sar-e- Pol, Daikundi, Ghazni and Herat. They have systematically been tortured, harassed and killed on false suspicions and unjustified accusations on the possible pretext of being associated with anti-Taliban armed resistance groups.

2- Imprisoning families, women, children, friends and relatives related to anti-Taliban resistance fighters and their inhumane tortures in detention centres

3- Field executions and shootings of people have been carried out without trial and proof of a crime. People who have been captured and imprisoned based on racial prejudice, ethnic hatred and local and regional ties.

4- Sexual assaults on young girls under the name of second, third and fourth marriage; these forced marriages are defined as violations of honour and adultery according to the explicit rules of Islamic jurisprudence and the verses of the Qur'an. Forced marriages are completely impermissible and forbidden. The perpetrators of this criminal act are sentenced to severe punishment. But the administration of the Taliban is silent about these crimes committed by its members, and supporters, and completely ignored and denied.

Now that the life of women is at serious risk of physical harm by the intelligence of the Taliban, it is the right time that the international organizations and diplomatic gatherings to understand that the case of Afghanistan is nothing more than a tragedy of the century.

Mrs Elaha Delawar, a four-year medical student of Kabul University, was sexually assaulted by the Saeed Khosti, the former speaker of the minister of Interior Affairs. She was forcefully married and repeatedly tortured. She revealed her condition to public by putting a video clip on YouTube from her hiding place. She needs to be transferred from Afghanistan to a safe place. She should be allowed tell her tragic story under the guarantee and protection of the United Nation and Saeed Khosti should be handed over to the international court of justice.

5- Ethnic cleansing - Native people in Panjshir, Badakhshan, Takhar, Samangan, Balkh, and Jawzjan are forcefully pushed to vacate their houses and their land and property are confiscated and they are forced at gunpoint to leave the area to an unknown place. They replace them with people transferred from the south and northwest areas of Pakistan to live and settle in their vacated properties.

6- Taliban's powerful people seize people's properties by force in commercial and expensive areas at a cheap price.

7- They intensify ethnic disunity in the manner of the Nazis of Hitler. They impose heavy fines and taxes on people, which are beyond the ability of the poor to pay.

8- In the central areas of Afghanistan, where the Hazara and Shia people live, the Taliban forces them to pay a fine, retribution called a blood price. While these families have no responsibility for any past incidents. The Taliban make a

condition for every family to pay one million Afghanis or ten machine guns, or they will be forced to move and vacate the area. This is another cruel way of ethnic cleansing.

The problem of the nomads with the indigenous people of the central regions of Afghanistan during the rule of Ashraf Ghani and owing to the provocation of some former parliamentarians who favoured and encouraged ethnic prejudices, favouring Pashtun nomads to settle unlawfully in the area turned into a bloody wound, causing death tools of both sides of the dispute every year. But the corrupt government never sought a fair solution to this problem by determining the boundaries and rights to use the pastures by the nomads and indigenous people. Therefore, provocations were continuously going on from within the parliament in the former government, especially by the authority who exercised prejudice due to their ethnic favouritism.

To solve the problem of nomads and the indigenous people in the central regions, a just solution ought to be sought so that both sides of the dispute reach an understanding and the issues causing provocation to be removed. The Taliban contribute to promoting and deepening the roots of hatred and discrimination.

9- The Taliban forced and threaten the local people in Panjshir and Baghlan to tell the resistance guerrillas to surrender and to stop resisting the administration of the Taliban, a ridiculous and stupid demand. How can the people ask the resistance forces to stop opposing the criminal Taliban?

10- The Taliban kidnap shopkeepers and businessmen and imprison them in police stations to get money from them by force.

11- Like wild animals, the Taliban raid people's houses at night for no reason, raid people's closets and suitcases, scatter the contents around and litter the room, steal jewellery, and insult and beat people.

12- The people under the Taliban administration do not have any immunity and no safety. People's privacy is violated. They stop people and forcefully open their phones and get all their confidential information including family pictures. Several times, many people have been arrested and imprisoned for viewing family photos of ex-military personnel seen on their phones. In most cases, the Taliban get personal information from friends and family members who are in better economic conditions. In this way, the Taliban trace people, imprison them and then seize their money by force. They continue to call these friends who have obtained their information at night. They call the people and tell them that their friend, relative or family member is injured in a car accident, come here as soon

as possible. When these people arrive at the place, they are trapped and become victims of the Taliban

### **What is the duty of human rights organizations against these crimes?**

They should prepare a list of those Taliban who has committed criminal acts, sexual assault, illegal killings, torture, harassment, issued orders of forced displacement, intensification of ethnic hatreds, threats and pressure on people due to their ethnic affiliations and those who have war crimes and other inhumane treatment of prisoners. They should try to arrange to hand over the Taliban criminals to the International Court of Justice and the Amnesty International Organisations. The actions of the Taliban are similar to the murder and rape of the government of Hafizullah Amin in the notorious Puli- Charkhi prison in Kabul, where people's honour was violated, and mass murders happened. The regime was imprisoning women, men and youths as its daily routine work.

Some politicians are silent against the Taliban's crimes due to their ethnic and linguistic tendencies.

They justify somehow the Taliban's actions or ignore them, while they should expose the Taliban's anti-human acts and ideology and put themselves in the national position of defending the people of Afghanistan.

**To be continued,**