

Terrorists and Their Supporters in Afghanistan: Commit Crimes against Humanity

Attack on Maternity Hospital in Kabul Stands as an Example.

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Who is behind this heinous genocide? Apparently committed by Taliban with the help of their villainous defenders inside the Kabul Regime, but the perpetrator has not been confirmed yet.

When recently a group of gunmen stormed the maternity hospital in Dashte Barchi, situated in the western part of Kabul, the sound of bullets reverberated through the ward. The assailants indiscriminately set off an hour long shoot out targeting the cradle of newborn babies, killing over 40 people including the defenders (swaddled newly born babies), their mothers, nurses, workers, and health service personnel. There was a rain of dead bodies. However, the exact number of victims is not yet known.

The clinic is supported by an international aid group *Doctors Without Borders*, also known by their French acronym MSF. Frederic Bonnot, MSF's head of programmes in Afghanistan said, "The militants went through the rooms, shooting women in their beds. It was methodical." According to the reports from the hospital later, three women were killed in the delivery room, dying shortly before their unborn babies should have drawn their first breath.

This senseless brutal and inhumane act of cowardly violence was condemned across much of Afghan society nationally and globally. India demands accountability of sponsors of terror in Afghanistan and has called the terror attacks against innocent civilians in Afghanistan, "crime against humanity" and sought accountability of the perpetrators and sponsors of terrorism. Such reprehensible attacks on mothers, newly born babies, nurses, and mourning families are appalling and constitute crimes against humanity.

Conflicting reports reflect involvement of some secret hand behind the scenes in committing such a horrible crime amidst the current sensitive condition looming over the country due to COVID -19 pandemic crises. This happened at the time when the peace process in Doha was recently signed between the leader of Taliban and the American negotiator, Zalmay Khalilzad. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, with the Taliban condemning the attack and denying any role. But Afghan authorities and analysts say the militants' campaign of violence created an "enabling environment for the attack." **Ashraf Ghani blames the Taliban for the attack while**

Zalmay Khalilzad points his finger to the ISIS. Both the Taliban and the ISIS are the same terror groups, notwithstanding sponsored by the same source, Pakistan.

Kabul regime claims that the assailants were shot dead during fighting with police. The women and babies' dead bodies were shown scattered around and ripped off with bullets stained in blood. But surprisingly, not even a single dead body of terrorists was shown on TV for public observation and assurance. No evidence and eyewitness suggest the death of the attackers.

Ashraf Ghani, the president in Kabul palace facetiously called on security forces to draw their swords from its sheath and be ready for response, while he is releasing thousands of Taliban terrorists and criminals from prisons with gifts, cash in hand and new clothes who have committed atrocious crimes and atrocities all around the country for years. There is sufficient evidence based on previous terrorist attacks which has remained undiscovered without the perpetrators being brought to justice. The so-called government fact-finding missions many times returned empty hand and their reports were just a waste of time to deceive people and sweep the matter under the carpet.

Taliban and their allies committed appalling crimes such as massacres against Afghan civilians, denied UN food supplies to 160,000 starving civilians and conducted a policy of scorched earth, burning vast areas of fertile land and destroying tens of thousands of homes, schools, gardens, bridges, electric poles, roads and other infrastructure. According to the United Nations, the Taliban and their allies were responsible for 76% of Afghan civilian casualties in 2010, 80% in 2011, and 80% in 2012. This process of killing and destruction continues to be carried out up until the present day. Taliban has also engaged in cultural genocide, destroying numerous monuments including the famous 1500-year old Buddhas of Bamiyan. Recently, 700 of Taliban were convicted with a death sentence ordered by the supreme court. Their crimes punishable by death include mass murder, terrorism, war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, aggravated robbery, kidnapping and bombing. But Ashraf Ghani due to his ethnic affiliation with Taliban has not allowed yet the court order to be accomplished.

After the crime, Ghani called on the commando forces to draw their swords from the sheath and show their strength to the Taliban. But the United States has blamed ISIS for the attacks and claims that ISIS wants to disrupt the peace process. It is clear from the tone of the United States that it opposes aggressive attacks by Afghan forces against the Taliban, and yet the US agreement with the Taliban remains in place. **This war has entered a new phase after the signing of the US agreement with the Taliban. The Taliban have retaliated despite the promise they made to reduce violence, which has provoked mixed reactions.**

According to the United Nations Taliban has recently killed 13 members of the Afghan security forces in the northern province of Balkh. More than 500 civilians have been killed in Afghanistan in the first three months of the year, even after an agreement between the USA and the Taliban on withdrawing foreign forces was signed to bring the so-called peace to the war-torn Afghanistan.

Likewise, the attacks in Nangarhar province, eastern Afghanistan, targeted the funeral of a police commander, one member of the council and 32 killed in the explosion and 70 injured. According to officials the scale of the casualties meant the death toll could rise. The UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said that fighting in the first three months of the year caused 1,293 civilian casualties, of which 760 were injured and the rest deaths, including 152 children and 60 women. According to Ghani the death toll in his first presidential term of the national army only reached 45000, while including the civilian amounts to over 150,000.

Currently the majority of Afghan people are struggling to survive, to find food and protect themselves from their enemies, the terror groups, inside and outside the regime apart from COVID- 19 pandemic with no diagnostic testing system and the worsening security condition. This is beyond anything we can imagine, how the impoverished people under lock-down cope up with life desperately looking for food. There are fears that a coronavirus outbreak could be gathering force, as tens of thousands of Afghans have returned from badly hit Iran this year without any quarantine or testing. There are fears it could overwhelm the country's poor health system, and the UN has called for a ceasefire to help prepare for the looming crisis.

Since the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak, Afghanistan has been on a brink of economic collapse. The lockdown and state-imposed quarantine have forced many businesses to close. According to data by the Biruni Institute, a local economic think-tank, because of the pandemic, thousands of people have already lost their jobs in a country, where 80 percent of people live below the poverty line. While millions of dollars are donated only for containing COVID-19 pandemic but lost by the corrupt government.

Many lives disappear every day as the regime and the American occupation forces are the protectors of criminal gangs- terrorists, mercenaries, looters, and plunderers. Their existence provides a legal cover for the massive crimes of killing, attacking, exploding and suicide bombings. The criminal activities are going on unabated in villages, funeral ceremonies, gatherings, processions, hospitals, highways, and places of worship.

People are witness in the American installed regimes' leadership hierarchy in Kabul that the authorities, including Ashraf Ghani, Karzai, Zalmay Khalizad and their ethnic proponents such as Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, Abdul Rasul Sayyaf have been potentially supporting directly and indirectly the Taliban in words and in deeds. They have unceasingly been calculating the trade-off between being in illegitimate power by foreign forces in Kabul and the human cost. They are claiming, "they are after peace with Taliban", who have been constantly committing heinous crimes against humanity. The escape valve from this vicious scenario is to form a national solidarity among liberating forces irrespective of their political tendency, excluding the corrupt elements and national traitors. They are hordes of insects and are expendable.

People still remember the cruel attack three gunmen and suicide bombers have killed at least 25 worshippers, including women and children, and injured many others in a

recent early morning attack on a Sikh Gurdwara, the Indian minority, in the heart of Kabul.

The puppet American regime in Kabul has times and again proved inaction to release the criminal gangs from prisons. This is regardless of how many people may die after re-joining with terror groups because of their intensification of attacks on civilians and national army, while the burials and mourning our people go through will darken any vision of common sense. The two leaders in government, Ghani and Abdullah, turn a blind eye to the findings countering their own will to profit, being somehow in power. However, they are making false claims for equality and justice.

Unfortunately, without the solidarity of all people of Afghanistan the continuation of the current situation make it a peculiarly unstable nation where only barbarians and their evil deeds will dominate at the cost of tug-of-war between ethnic groups for the benefit of Pakistan and other rival forces in the region.

The only country which has historically helped Afghanistan is India. The people of Afghanistan appreciate the Indian government's unsparing assistance and participation in nation building process in various sectors such as education, health, and infrastructure. Pakistan, on the other hand, has always been engaged in destroying Afghanistan through providing safe heaven to various terrorists' groups, training, mobilising, and sending them to perform destructive activities in Afghanistan.

The people of Afghanistan are treated like slaves under the occupation of U.S. forces and its allies. After two decades of suffering the people face a bleak future in a country where a little boy is daily kidnapped, forced to kill or be killed, and when a little girl is sold by her impoverished family or lured by false promises of a better life, and then imprisoned in a brothel and tortured if she resists. Such tragic events should not take place in a so-called civilized world. Despite the Afghan people's suffering, their destiny is now expected to be put in the hands of the Taliban, the criminals, portraying themselves as the liberators! Afghan officials and Taliban leaders met for several hours of talks on Wednesday and are expected to start a prisoner release program soon after. Their release from prisons despite committing crimes against humanity were a precondition for starting intra-Afghan peace talks, which are meant to follow a US withdrawal deal. However, everything is done behind closed doors

Ghani, the incumbent, said the promise of prisoner releases was made unilaterally by the US negotiators. In its wake, a US-brokered peace process between the Taliban and Afghan authorities is falling apart. Ashraf Ghani, ordered troops back on the offensive from an "active defence" stance adopted to prepare for talks, and the Taliban has ended a de facto urban ceasefire with a truck bomb in the eastern city of Gardez, according to foreign press.

The reason to pursue peace is to end this senseless violence. This is not peace, nor its beginnings," Ghani's national security adviser, Hamdullah Mohib, said on Twitter. The expressions sound preposterous as the real decision makers are the Americans and not the puppet regime in Kabul.

Mike Pompeo, the US secretary of state, called the recent assaults “appalling”, adding: “The Taliban and the Afghan government should cooperate to bring the perpetrators to justice.” What a joke! While the regime is alleged to conduct the attacks to disturb the so-called peace process between the Taliban and the United States. However, the puppet regime has been sidelined from the peace process to talk directly with the Taliban.

If there is no sustained reduction in violence and insufficient progress towards a negotiated political settlement, Afghanistan will remain vulnerable to terrorism.” according the Kabul regime - called Kabul administration by Taliban. Many use the deal as a cover to leave, regardless of the state of the war. No Afghans apart from the militants have been part of talks so far.

In view of the highest daily fatalities, the Taliban have not given up fighting and killing Afghans, instead they have increased their attacks on our countrymen and public places,” Ghani said. So, if that is the case why you (Ghani) are releasing them to intensify the front lines of Taliban combat forces? Your gesture of good will is futile. The innocent people of Afghanistan are paying the price.

Negotiations between Afghans were meant to begin after a US-Taliban deal this year apparently paved the way for the withdrawal of American troops. But even initial talks about the withdrawal were foundering because of disputes about prisoner release plans and intensifying Taliban violence in rural areas. Now hopes for progress towards ending a nearly two-decade long civil war look even dimmer, according to foreign analysts.

At a signing ceremony in Doha, US secretary of state Mike Pompeo and Taliban deputy leader Mullah Baradar took turns to address a crowd of senior dignitaries. Although the deal was signed by the US peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, it was the first time a US cabinet member had met members of the insurgency.

This makes us different. It means we can challenge the powerful without fear and give a voice to those less heard.

The conflicting views once again indicates a well-orchestrated game as was going on for two decades expressed in the English – Language idiom as cat-and- mouse game, so that US officials give credit to Donald Trump as the president gears up his re-election campaign. US critics suggested last-minute concessions were made for Trump to boast about a foreign policy achievement, ending the longest American war in Afghanistan. They will claim that The US and the Taliban have signed a landmark peace agreement after nearly 20 years of war that could result in American troops leaving Afghanistan within 14 months. Claiming that the deal also paves the way for talks between Afghans to end one of the longest-running conflicts in the world. All of this is happening while the Afghan people are unaware of what is going on behind the scenes in determining their future destiny.

It is also claimed that, the deal paves the way for talks between Afghans to end one of the longest-running conflicts in the world. But the people of Afghanistan inside and outside their usual place of residence express widespread concern about Taliban motives in signing a deal they have described as a “victory”. According to a 25- year-

According to 25 year-old Afghan computer technician, “I support this deal and everything that brings peace, but I am sure this is not a deal for peace; the Americans have sold the government to the Taliban.” Consequently, a new phase of war will start for further devastation of country and annihilation of our people, with a gloomy future.

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