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Do World Really Want to End Terrorism?

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Terrorism, a term without definition. It is event driven. Event define the definition of terrorism, according to the need of country or world community. UN Security Council, came with a definition after the 9/11 event, but it is very loose definition. Any country can change according to its need. It has space which allow to conveniently cover up the human rights' abuse at the name of terrorism. It has been case in practice, for many freedom movements, they have been labeled as terrorist organizations. List can be very long like Kashmir, Palestine, etc. but these are also classical case studies of Global Conscious. It depicts how conveniently humanity and human rights can be put into shelf just to pursue economic interests.

Acts of ignorance and let the human rights being abused is converting the world into a conflict theater and sometimes war theater. Kashmir is classical example of ignorance. It was UN Security Council which promised to the people of Kashmir that they will be given chance to make a choice. Regretfully, promise never have been fulfilled. Kashmiris are struggling for last 70 years for their freedom. For last three decades Kashmiris have been under extreme pressure and facing all types of brutalities at the hand of Indian forces. Most annoying aspect is that world community is complacent by watching all the atrocities and doing nothing.

Thousands of Kashmiris have been killed. Women were rapped. All women right activists are silent. They are busy in selling the narrative of Hijab. Pellet guns are being used to blind the youth. Children are being targeted. But no child right organization raise voice at international forum. Human rights kept on the toe of shoe, but champions of human rights are silent. Most disturbing is that economic gains are incurred by ignoring these atrocities.

There are other examples, where countries are being bulldoze at the name of human rights and other rights. Libya was destroyed. Syria has turned into war country. Afghanistan's sufferings for the last four decades and war is still going on. Sudan has been divided in two countries on the basis of religion. East Timor was created, and Indonesia is living without one of its' important part. Yemen has turn into proxy wars' battle ground. Palestine people are at the mercy of Israel. Venezuela is facing threats from the so-called champions of democracy. Iran has been threatened at the name of sanction.

Iran is an interesting case to study the linkages between security, defence and economic gains. European countries have contrasting interests with USA. Europe wants to reap the benefits of Iranian market to support their dwindling economy. Therefore, they are opposing USA and others who are in support of the sanctions. This clearly shows that there are no moral grounds of sanctions, but economic interest dictates the outcomes. Now USA sees an economic opportunity in the form of North Korea and is putting all its horses on ground to secure it. USA president himself is greeting him and meeting. Now the status of North Korea is transforming from a rogue state to friendly state for USA and other western countries are waiting to hug the new status.

USA and Europe fought for last 17 years against Taliban. Declared them terrorists. Alliance used all types of weaponry and tactics but failed to overcome. Here again is double standard. When Pakistan was asking to negotiate, Pakistan was blamed as supporter of terrorism. But now USA is negotiating, then all is well.

Unfair dealings and decisions at international level are giving rise to conflicts, extremism, violent movements, terrorist groups and identity crises. People or groups feel deprived and in desperation they do violent acts. Another dimension of problem is, State terrorism, it is being ignored and group or individual terrorism is being highlighted. However, interesting to note here is that only favorite states are allowed to exercise terrorism like India, Israel, etc. World shows little interest to define state terrorism. States have been given license to kill at the name of sovereignty. It also shows that big powers enjoy hegemony to decide the terrorism

and actions according to their need or interests. As some analysts argue that it is “economy of war” , which drive the decision making in big capitals of the world.

For me state terrorism is fundamentally responsible for all other types of terrorism. State brutalities encourage the people go for violence. Occupation of land completely outrage the people. Kashmir is again a good example. Indian forces have occupied the state. Now Kashmiris are fighting to liberate it. ISIS came into being after the collapse of Iraq and Syria at hands of major powers. We can count the examples from across the world.

Now the question is, who is terrorist? No answer or multiple answers according to needs of countries or groups. Reason is very simple, terrorism is being decided on the basis of “Interest of State” not on the basis of moral, ethical or human values. The most unfortunate reality is that sometime countries also use their proxies in the acts of terrorism. Countries, only side with countries where, their interest are secured. Everybody know that Palestine’s kids are being killed by Israel but Western countries, champion of human and child rights are silent. Indian forces apply all types of atrocities in occupied Kashmir, but many Western countries only listen to narrative of India. They beat the drums to prove the Indian narrative of terrorism. Reason is not moral or ethical, it is simple, it is all about economic interest.

Economic interests are so clear that everyone can see it, except the self-claimed champions of human rights, freedom and dignity. Ignorance of facts to gain economic interest does not support the argument of peace. John Keynes in his essay after the first world war clearly shows that unfair treatment always leads to conflicts. He analyzed the peace treaty after world war-1 and pointed out that economic

greed of victorious countries will not be helpful for sustainable peace. He was right, after few years Germany started the Second World War.

Today, again we are facing this dilemma. Countries seem to be more interested in economic interests. They are pushing for it and looking for opportunities to maximize it, no matter if it creates conflicts or wars. However, they need to understand one thing, war does not have boundaries. Once it started every-one will be affected. No one will be safe. The most recent example is war in Syria, Europe is facing problems at multiple fronts due to this conflict, especially in the field of migration. Thousands of Syrian are migrating to Europe as result of destruction in Syria. These countries are facing problems due to arrival of migrants. Right wing parties are on rise, extremism started to take foot in Europe and other western countries.

Therefore, it is wise to learn now that peace can only be secured through a fair deal and provision of justice. Terrorism concept or word should not be used as tool to extract economic benefits. It should be dealt as an evil and try to overcome by practicing virtue and justice. Otherwise, the flames of terrorism or war will visit every country. Now we have to think, do we really want to end terrorism or just we want to use it for economic interests? Second choice is a real recipe of “Mutually Assured Destruction” . Although the timing would be different but everyone will feel the heat. It is challenge to the collective wisdom of world.