

How to build a safer and prosper Pakistan

We could have a debate on the allegations made by USA or rest of the world and let's assume that they are all baseless and a propaganda against Pakistan but what argument will we have when our own people ask this question that who is killing us in mosques, Imambargahs and in shopping centers. Who is killing our innocent children and destroying their schools and who killed more than 35,000 citizens of Pakistan in last 10 years.

Can we deny the existence of religious extremist groups in Pakistan who use terror as their tool to impose their way of religion on other sects? Pakistan Tehreek-e- Taliban, Tehreek-e-Nifaz-e-Shariat-e-Muhammadi , Lashkar-e-Jhangvi, Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and so many other extremist groups who have been recruiting from Pakistan for their cause and mission.

This is not the matter of concern only for the western world but it also requires our immediate attention to secure national's sovereignty and security. Our national integrity and security always comes first and the terrorist attacks by these suicide bombers are not just an attack on the people of Pakistan but they are attacking the ideology and philosophy of founder and leader of Pakistan Mr. Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

We all agree that these organizations are getting the support and manpower from Pakistan because of the growing illiteracy, poverty, inflation and injustice in our society. This means that our governments and ruling elite have failed to deliver the basic needs and in the last 64 years they haven't fulfilled any of their responsibilities.

The question then arises that if our ruling elite have failed so many times since the birth of Pakistan then who is providing them the moral support and financial aid ?

Don't forget that we are talking about the ruling elite who represent the feudal and corrupt political system of Pakistan.

Religious extremism and terrorism have gained ground in Pakistan due to the illiteracy, poverty and injustice in Pakistan then we have to look at the root causes. If the cause is failing government system in Pakistan with major cause of corrupt political system then the root cause to this problem is the external support our ruling junta have been getting from western countries.

IMF, World Bank, US government and western world must have the track of all that money and aid they have given to different Pakistani governments in last 64 years. Did they see any improvement or change in the living standards of common Pakistani and did they see their money worth of billions of dollars being spent on the basic infrastructure in Pakistan?

If the answer is no then that means the ruling elite of our country was using that money to build their own palaces and empire in US, Britain and other countries around the world.

The financial support they were getting in the name of poor people of Pakistan was used to strengthen and flourish their corrupt political system.

The phenomenon of civilian government and democratic government are two different things in Pakistan. There have been civilian governments in Pakistan but the world has to understand that civilian government in Pakistan does not represent true democracy. The conditions, scenario and dangers faced by Pakistan are because of an absence of true democracy in the country. Half of our public representatives are getting elected on fake degrees and other half are feudal lords and leaders of religious organizations.

What we are missing from this so called democratic system in Pakistan is the spirit behind the democracy which is the voice of common citizens and an agenda for country's progress and prosperity.

There is a total disconnect between the 98% common Pakistanis and the ruling junta imposed on them for the last six decades.

If the stable, prosper and progressive Pakistan is in the interest of US, western world and other regional powers then they have to start supporting the educated and middle class leadership in Pakistan.

Pakistan could play a vital role in the development and peace of this region if the problems faced by poor people of Pakistan are addressed on immediate and urgent basis. Internal progress and prosperity would not only bring stability to Pakistan but to the whole region.

These monsters of extremism and terrorism could not be addressed on short term basis but they need a long term solution and policy which is to encourage the leadership from educated and middle class of the country.

The world has to face this reality that only educated and middle class leadership which came from the grass root level could address the challenges faced by Pakistan.

Let's build a better and friendly relationship with common Pakistanis for a safer Pakistan.

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