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## US had no moral justification for attack on Afghanistan: Taliban

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Taliban again disassociated themselves from 9/11 attacks and said United States and their allies has no moral and legal justification of invading Afghanistan to avenge the attacks and the Americans are not safe even after the lapse of 11 long years of fighting. In a statement issued on the eve of 11th anniversary of 9/11 attacks in United States, Taliban said, “The innocent, but courageous, Afghans by defending their country through the sacred Jihad conveyed to the aggressors that their aggression on the pretext of avenging the September incident has no legal and moral justification.”

“What you have done or doing shows your barbarism, cruelty and rudeness as neither any Afghan was involved in the 9/11 incident nor you could present any acceptable and logical reason in this regard,” the resurgent Taliban said in the statement available with Afghan Islamic Press (AIP).

It said, “Your presence in Afghanistan following the same unjust pretext is a cause of instability in the entire region. It also created security, political and military problems for you and your allies deceived by you.”

“No American is safe on the face of the world, despite huge military and economic spending and getting thousands of US troops killed by American officials through the hands of Afghans in Afghanistan on the pretext of maintaining security of the country and their people. Rather Americans are under threat everywhere; in every country and everyone consider it his right to kill them. That is why because they have threatened peoples’ lives and pushed the entire world into instability in pursuance of their policy of expansionism.”

“On the occasion of 11th anniversary of the September (9/11) incident, the Islamic Emirate again urges the US officials, their allies and people to stop the string of shedding the blood of innocent Afghans on this pretext and use logic instead of barbarism,” the Taliban Islamic Emirate said in the statement.

“Taking advantage of the occasion, we again want to make it clear to the world including United States that we are not a threat to anyone nor allow anyone to harm others from our soil,” it said. Taliban said it was their lawful right to defend their country and integrity of the Islamic system and for this purpose they were continuing jihad against the occupational forces. It must be recalled that on September 11, 2001, several aircrafts were rammed into World Trade Centre, Pentagon and some other symbol of US military and economic might. Around 3000 Americans were killed and numerous wounded in the attacks in Washington, New York and other cities of United States.

The US held Osama Ben Laden-led al-Qaeda network responsible for the 9/11 attacks and invaded Afghanistan on 7th October to dislodge Taliban who refused to hand them over Osama Ben Laden.

Sometime later, the then US president Bush announced ending the war but the war could not stopped. Now, the US has announced to withdraw from Afghanistan along with their 48 allies till end of 2014.

Observers are of the opinion that the US and their allies hope that their choice of government would stay in Afghanistan after their withdrawal. However, Taliban intensified their resistance against the US and their allies and inflicted huge casualties on them and there is no hope that the war could end sooner.