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Trade on Dead bodies of Pashtoons

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The situation is very much alarming for the whole region and especially the Pashtoons (The ethnic group living in North West of Pakistan and south east of Afghanistan) dominated area on both sides of Durandline. I would like to remind the readers of this article, that in late 70's when USSR invaded Afghanistan, most of the Pakistani Generals, including that time notorious dictator and illegal president of Pakistan who enjoyed the same time very good friendship of democracy champion USA, and his colleagues General Akhtar Abdur Rehman, General Hameed Gul, General Asad Durrani and many other lower and higher rank Pakistani army officers, did a good trade of Pashtoons dead bodies and became millionaire. It is obvious that this type of trade is not new in the area and many experts are present in Pakistan army and politics. Families of these generals are now actively involved in Pakistani politics with the help of these US dollars, provided to them during late 70's and early 80's. One of them General (Rtd) Hameed Gul is millionair and his Daughter have had one of the big transport company called VARAN, having more than 300 buses, were bought with Pashtoons dead bodies. These are not the allegations; each Pakistani knows these facts very well.



Riaz Ahmad, left, watches over his two injured daughters Hosna, left, and Farishta, right, and their brother, Yasar, at a hospital in Peshawar, Wednesday, May 13, 2009. The two girls were injured in a mortar attack which left two other sisters in the family dead, as they were trying to flee fighting between the Pakistani army and Taliban militants in the Swat Valley. (AP Photo/Greg Baker)

Now again the same trade is on its peak, sale of Pashtoon dead bodies from north to south and east to west and unluckily west (Europe and USA) is paying very high price for this and seem to be fond of it and appreciate the Pakistani army for all these activities. Although keeping in mind the human rights slogans and democracy for their own citizens' one cannot expect. It is just a history of few weeks, Pakistan got 4.5 billion dollars from donor conference in Japan, and now they started killing Pashtoons without discrimination. The army operation district of lower Dir in Malakand division of North West of Pakistan against militants was a welcome gesture for Britain's Prime Minister.

If army action was a solution then why ISAF forces are unable to control these handful militants in Afghanistan in almost 10 year? If it was the solution, then how few dozens of militants under the command of first militant commander Nek Muhammad in South Waziristan of federally administered tribal areas (FATA) propagated into 1000's in the last 7 years and occupying more or less 100% of the seven agencies of FATA and about 80% of Malakand division. In the remaining province each day their number and power is increasing. Why it is so? Why we are unable to find any political solution for the problem? Is killing the only solution to all problems? I assure that they did not increase their power by force. These militants are just misusing the emotions of the locals. They need to be exposed politically.

I would like to mention here a very much eye opening event for all the readers. The provincial government in the North West frontier province (NWFP), where pashtoons are dominant ethnic group, is very secular in her ideology. This government is secular by choice and not under any pressure or any other greed. They signed an agreement for Shariah called Nizam-e-Adl regulation and it was just to restore peace in the area, and it was going very successfully. This agreement for peace has two objectives in eyes of this secular political party.

- 1) To restore peace in the area.
- 2) To expose the militants as much as possible to reduce their public support.

This peace process reduce the militants public support and if army have waited for 2-3 weeks till the Sharia law were implemented, it will have reduced militants support to the maximum.

I am unable to understand why Pakistan army in interested in chaos and anarchy. One reason which comes to my mind is that Generals are again selling the dead bodies of Pashtoons and getting millions of dollars, because in the whole story we can found no dead body of any general.

Only the poor soldiers are killed and buried and the money goes into the pockets of Generals and their children, most of who are living in European countries.

Awami National party (ANP) was near to control the situation, and just for creating chaos and unrest army started operation. What a non-sense decision? I really wonder about West and her interest in unrest, but I don't know why? I assure by these lines that the way west is providing money to and pushing Pakistan will bring no change and will make the situation worse.

I can never favour the militants but I am against the way use for their control. I belong to the party which was against these militants, when they were ruling Afghanistan and Pakistan was supporting them whole heartedly and Pakistani media was presenting them like heroes. These militants were involved in the same crimes against human rights in Afghanistan. But as a result of army action, 400,000 people were displaced during Bajaur agency operation last year. Then about 200,000 were displaced during Swat operation and now in the last 2-3 days more than 50,000 have been displaced from lower Dir and Buner districts and the number is increasing each hour. How many innocents were killed? How many houses were destroyed? How many are wounded? How many are handicapped? And many other questions for which no one have an answer. The hate against Pakistan and west is increasing each moment. It does not mean that love and support is increasing for Taliban. But Taliban are the people of the society and Pakistan is considered invader there. If police take action, people support whole heartedly, because police do very much target specific operation. The collateral damage is nominal in police operation but army kill one militant and 10 civilian. Can any one tell me, how this can end in success.

I would like to request the West and all these high officials of NATO and ISAF forces to think and stop Pakistani army from killing innocent Pashtoons. It was enough that 2.6 millions Pashtoons were killed in pre-9/11 Afghan war, and we are calculating dead bodies of Pashtoons in post 9/11. I cannot give exact figure because number is increasing. This trade can increase the anarchy in the area and Pashtoons can start demand of separate land, which will be not only dangerous for Pakistan but the whole region.

If NATO and ISAF are interested in peace, they should talk to the representative of Pashtoons society. The nationalist leaders of the region and also peaceful religious political parties must be involved in the peace process. Rulers of Pakistan sitting in Islamabad, and the army Generals, most of whose are non-pashtoons cannot solve the problem or perhaps do not want to solve the problem. Because their trade can be affected with peace.