

Powerfully Justified Unjust Human Rights Violations and their Consequences.

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Global Context

'Those groups, parties or persons that are prepared to go to war in defense of colonialism, imperialism and their profits', those 'who are determined to perpetuate a permanent atmosphere of crisis and fear in the world knowing that a frightened world can not think clearly, these groups attempt to create conditions under which the common men might be inveigled into supporting the building of more and more atomic bombs, bacteriological weapons, and other instruments of mass destruction' (Nelson Mandela's speeches, 1951, by A. Kader et al 2003).

I. Evolutionary Concepts of Human Rights and its Violations

The underlying viciousness of egocentrism and the need of human beings as individuals or groups for own supremacy had evolved since human beings came to existence. Cain, the son of Adam, according to holy Bible and Koran, had envied over Abel simply because Abel's offerings had been accepted by God, whereas his had been rejected due to his own heinous viciousness. Cain killed innocent Abel. Rebelliousness and the need to satisfy one's egocentric desire at the expense of others had begun ever since. The powerful started to crush powerless since the time of creation according to this evidence. The same experience had lingered to this day in a stylish way.

The whole aftermath's situations with regard to human rights and its violations all over the world had become full of brutality and intolerable arrogance. From the time of Roman government's supremacy over the world's people to the era of worlds' top dictator and illusionist, Adolph Hitler; and brutal slave trade which had dehumanized black people all over the world had witnessed man's brutality to one another. People of different origins who were and are powerful have traveled all over the world to satisfy their nations need crushing others to death in a cruelest way. The trauma of slavery for instance, is unforgettable to all human kind, particularly for those generations who had passed through such agonizing experiences. No one had showed any remorse for those all inhuman acts to date apart from the gesture of words. The phenomenon surrounding today's world is the facts of these realities although there were some strategic shifts.

We hear mind-boggling and heart-breaking news about the agony of the people of this planet on media every day. In some parts of the world, a numbers of people confront natural calamities; others suffer deliberate lingering torture and other human rights abuses. From suicide-bomber to man-slaughterer, from fire accident to war-ravaged regions, from earth quickening to the disaster of flooding, there are incredible human catastrophes uncomfortable to ear and eye. Some of such events draw global attention whereas others would be left aside as if the people in such regions were created to undergo such silent ordeal. Insignificant problems of the fortunated, be it in developed or

developing world would be magnified while a relentless suffering of the disadvantaged doesn't get any attention.

Despite the viciousness of human acts by human beings against one another, most of us want to see human rights are protected and the perpetrators are brought to justice regardless of geo-political and socio-cultural differences. However, the controversies of indiscriminate, but powerfully justified human rights violations by the mighty George W Bush's (GWB) administration and developing world's despotic dictators who are his counterparts, remains.

Theoretically, all human beings believe in truth and justice. In particular, people with genuine thoughts and judgments value the essence of humanity. When we talk about human rights respects, we need to know that we are talking about 'wrong deeds' against humanity. As we do act evilly against humanity, it is our innermost instinct which tells us whether the act is wrong or right. Our inner self doesn't agree when we do hurt others unless one is endowed with insane or inhuman gene which further derives one to unstoppable egocentric viciousness. If one is not endowed with such a gene, the reverse will be true.

Clearly we can understand from these philosophical and historical facts that people's rights would be abused when others refuse their innermost voices that warn them when they behave inhuman towards others. Such an act creates conducive atmosphere and means to the human rights abuses and violations of agreed international laws and norms on fundamental human rights.

I, (this writer) think, these are some of the most important elements of human rights respect that today's leaders lack in the world. In particular the mighty leader GWB and his administration put the lives of the people at hitherto unknown risk and our planet under immense pressure due to these facts. Ability of possessing those qualities of personal integrities, skills, and knowledge with good-will towards humanity is all about a 'charismatic leadership'.

The qualities mentioned above are naturally endowed although circumstances have got significant contribution to shape our lives and practices. Such practices govern us robustly for whatever we do during our times on leadership roles, our daily activities, and even in family relationships. We can't leave without these elements of qualities in our lives whether we use them positively or negatively. This is why the leaders need to pay attention to the voices of others if they need to be called real democrats and want to establish appropriate peace and stability.

If the leaders don't volunteer lending their ears to the voices of others, the rights of those ignored ones will be indiscriminately violated. In effect, there will be group of people who are divided into two classes which further grant full rights to some affluent leaving the majorities without protection. Such hierarchy creates huge boundary between the marginalized people and the advantaged within the society and in the world which further leads to bitter rebelliousness, resentfulness and resistances.

At present the people in the different parts of the world are treated by GWB's administration differently. Obviously, most of the deprived ones in a number of ways would benefit nothing apart from rhetoric and false promises. Others benefit at the expense of those who are politically and economically disadvantaged. For instances, minorities of the west suffer from obesity whereas the majorities of the south suffer devastating malnutrition without a single meal a day. People of the west freely express their ideas against the government's mal-practices to the extent of throwing eggs on their respective leaders, whereas the majorities in the south are not allowed to say a single word against a given country's despotic dictator. The irony here is that, the support of the GWB's administration to such inhuman acts of dictators of some countries is based on promoting his nation's political and economic interests.

II. Just; but powerfully unjustified Struggle for Basic Rights

The whole concept of human rights respect is all about freedom of expression, ability of individuals or groups of people to decision making in any thing which may affect their lives and futurity. These are basic elements of fundamental rights which are not appropriately addressed in the contemporary world and caused violations of internationally agreed human rights. I believe that, to bring peace and stability in the world, there have to be mutual benefits between the nations of the world. The people of any country would like to be treated and valued equally and would like to share their resources justifiably and equitably.

In principle, under such a harmonious situation, we can imagine how good our planet and the relationship of the global community with each other without affecting one's rights would be. I think this is the only solution to keep the planet the safest place to leave with common goals of peace stability and freedom. If this is not the case, power only doesn't remedy **incurable, persistent chronic malignancy** of the globe, simply because the rights of the people of the world are powerfully crushed by those who are the mightiest' and who themselves have cause chaos.

To emancipate themselves from such inhuman acts, in most parts of the world people are struggling for their rights although their struggles are being stifled by repressive inhuman despotic regimes of some countries. Such people who struggle for their basic rights are viewed and labeled differently in the way the regime of a given country criminalize the freedom fighters as anti-peace elements, separatists and so forth. People who are determined to struggle for the freedom and independence of their respective nations have continued to be powerfully suppressed although they are still crying loud.

To be precise, power and differentiation do not maintain the world order apart from dividing the people into two categories; the advantaged and the disadvantaged, the powerful and the powerless, the haves and the have-nots, and so on and so forth. Such divisive acts had obviously led the world into both difficult and incurable situations. This in turn had led to suppression and disability in decision making and freedom of expression, which had caused untold havoc to those nations.

The existing literatures show that, these categorizations had brought about enormous socio-cultural, economic and political differences. This in turn caused repugnance towards those who are in position to keep world's order by harshly prescribing tablets of their interest to be swallowed whether they kill or save. Billions, having swallowed these tablets ordered by mighty nation regardless are regurgitating; if they could escape the very unlikely death trap.

Based on these facts of realities, it has become evident in today's world that, relentless bitterness and resentfulness of the deprived nations of the world towards those who are abusing their basic rights by the name of those prescriptions in various ways. To name some, democracy and freedom which is illusion, good and accountable governance which is complete lie, independent judiciary system which favors the regime on power and some group of people, wealth and job opportunity if their (GWB's administration) trans-national investors could operate in the country and so forth. As a result of these prescriptions the south are awaiting their eternal rest forever turn by turn in an agonizing way.

To my astonishment, a pet of the west receives more attention and affection than the people of the south. The amount of money spent on pets in the west in a year, would be far greater than the amount of money needed for the health, education, drinking water, agricultural inputs and basic need for the same period of time in the poorest in the south. Budget allocated for the defense of the States in a year will be more than enough for six years budget of the programs mentioned above for the whole developing world. (Recall that US defense budget in the year 2001 alone was over \$350 billion US dollars). The amount of money spent on luxury and on cosmetics in a year in the west is far greater than the amount of money needed for basic need of the entire world poor for more than a year. Thus, to express their anger over these tragic acts against humanity, people of the world are struggling in a number of ways.

III, Struggle for Freedom, Democracy and Justice 'versus' Unfulfilled Promise,

The mighty, GWB's administration which acts as a 'world leader' at present promises to bring global peace, stability and prosperity; but could not even fulfill a single part of its promises. They imposed, instead, their policies over the poorest nations for the advantage of their nation and secure their geo-political and economic interest under the slogan of 'helping the poor of the world. Such acts under the hidden agenda are causing more sufferings and human rights violations in the poor nations.

However, at present, the interests of their nations' itself is put at a limping situation due to a number of reasons. The main reason, as many critics say, being their egocentrism which had fabricated more trouble-makers to the worlds' stability than ever they thought. The so called trouble-makers are struggling by the name of, unfulfilled, but promised freedom, democracy and justice by the mighty itself.

This writer does not have an intention of supporting or refuting the idea of those trouble-makers or mighty nation's. It is just to reveal the core argument which is mighty nations' indiscriminate human rights violations for the sake of their nation's interest at the expense of the third worlds' poor. I definitely believe that this is fundamentally conceivable and formidable argument. However, the controversies surrounding this argument remain.

It is evident that from these realities that Bush's administration so far did not mind for human rights violations of the third worlds' poor as long as their interests are satisfied at any costs. The only good thing his administration and his allies are doing for the so called 'disadvantaged people' so far is a continued lip-services and mind-boggling rhetoric. In practice, we haven't seen to this day any thing the mighty has done for real human rights respect at a global scale. To mention some problems of Congo, Ethiopian regimes acts of genocide and indiscriminate internal human rights violations in the lights of available evidences and Ethio-Eritrean border conflicts and its ruling decision which is rejected by the spoilt Ethiopian dictator, Meles Zenawi (Ethiopian PM), genocide of Rwanda, Liberia, Sudan and Somalia in Africa; Israeli and Palestine's decades long conflicts in the middle east; Colombia and other nations in Latin America; the Cashimer dispute between India and Pakistani and a number other problems all over the world do not get appropriate attention of the mighty administration unless those areas are needed for their geo-political and economical importance.

In these countries, however, the mighty is running the agendas of their interest regardless of underlying human rights abuses. In practice, powerless and voiceless people of poor nations are unjustifiably suffering. Their suffering is justified by the mighty as long as the mighty has got vested interest with the given country's brutal regimes.

The irony here is that, the mighty administration is not only causing the said difficulties, torture and sufferings to the world poor, but also they are facilitating the process by which the dictators can devastate the lives of these countries' poor by violating their basic rights. They teach the third world despotic dictators to choose whom they should regard as peaceful or anti-peace element (Terrorist) regardless of the objectives of those groups labeled that way. For instances, the Oromo Liberation Front ,OLF, the Ogaden national Front the Sidama Liberation Organization in Ethiopia were labeled terrorists by the Ethiopian regime whereas their ultimate goals are liberating their nations from Abyssinian colonizers.

Such leaders legitimately criminalize and dehumanize human rights activists, liberation fronts and influential individuals whom they think they are potentially dangerous to their cruel regimes. They label such individuals or groups of people, terrorists or separatists in the face of current war on terrorism to get full go ahead from Bush's administration to devastatingly crash such freedom movements.

As a result, hopelessness, frustration and insecurity are mounting all over the world. Nelson Mandela argued on different occasions since he started liberation struggle in 1950s, that 'the common people were struggling to make history under these conditions,

but on their own terms by defying global forces of oppression in their determination for sustainable peaces'(Nelson Mandela, 50s, on his own speeches, 2003). However, people of this planet had in mind to rely on for years as international symbol to stand-for the rights of global nations; UN's role. This symbol has been at present undervalued by the supremacy of one country. This powerlessness has been felt all over the globe which has further contributed to more insecurity and frustration in the hearts of the world's people. The world, therefore, is made more volatile place than the mighty had ever dreamt or thought to be.

At one moment when Nelson Mandela was in prison actively leading liberation movements against Apartheid's brutal regime, he had been labeled a leader of terrorist party. Paradoxically, at present, it has been revealed that he was and is remained one of the most prominent leaders the world ever had. Mandela was able to re-establish and re-structure the lost African democratic system for the first time in many centuries. He remains an icon of freedom and independence struggle. Thus, the interpretation of the democracy and freedom of the people is relative regardless of the abusive connotations given by dictators' world over.

The mighty don't accept and don't want to realize that fundamental causes of resentfulness and rebelliousness of the global nations against their policies imposition on the third worlds' poor. Instead they label such acts whatever they like, because the mighty is always right. Global Medias echoes this rhetoric. However, real terrorism and intent of terror should be robustly condemned by all likeminded people. The rights of freedom fighters like that of the Mandela's objectives should be recognized and encouraged as it has been promised.

I argue that, in the contemporary world, human rights are defined relatively. The totality of human rights is put at the hands of the powerful nations. Apparently, any thing can be justified by the name of justice although it is evil. In the contrast, justifiable struggle for freedom and democracy will be labeled unjust. Democracy, freedom of expression, justice and self-determination were supposed to be basic elements of human rights. They all were not the gifts of mighty nation. Thus, the Bush administration needs to respect basic human rights regardless.

Human rights activists and the majority of the west people, friends of the earth, anti-war demonstrators and other human rights advocates are loudly crying if those who are responsible for these all chaos could volunteer to hear them. Such human rights activists kept condemning those evildoers to the nature and human being. By the way, do such leaders; in particular the Bush's administration would give their ears to those majority voices of the world? Do the sufferings of billions of people because of their policies make them feel and have remorse for what his administration is doing against the rights of those disadvantaged ones? Perhaps, we shall get the answer from almighty God!! Let's act justly!!

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