

In the Name of God, the Most Merciful, the Most Kind



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## Cabinet Formation Prompted; Empty Slots Likely to be Filled

Following the assumption of office of presidency, Mr. Ashraf Ghani and chief executive Abdullah Abdullah, were destined to opt for convenient individuals in bid to carry forth government formation. Previously, Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) picked of only nine out of 19 cabinet nominees, after long stand-off. The 243 present members of parliament exercised their vote either in the favor or against the nominees. Each cabinet nominee must have attained 122 votes in favor to become a member of the National Unity Government's cabinet.

The nineteen slots presumably were divided on the basis of broad based consensus developed between the head of the state and head of government. Given out of eight nominees recommended by President Ashraf Ghani three earned vote of confidence and rest five were rejected by member of Wolesi Jirga. Conversely, out of ten nominees presented by chief executive Dr. Abdullah five earned the vote of confidence and the rests were turned down. Since then the selection of right person was put on delay. It took months the government comes up with a decision to finalize the cabinet formation.

Finally on Wednesday April 01, 2015, the second Vice President Sarwar Danish formerly introduced the remaining cabinet nominees, except the nominee for defense ministry, to the Parliament for a vote of confidence. The nominees introduced after more than six months since the formation of unity government are as follows: Hamayoun Rassa as the Minister of Commerce and Industries; Abdul Bari Jahani as the Minister of Information and Culture; Asadullah Zameer as the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock; Gulab Mangal as the Minister of Borders and Tribal Affairs; Mahmood Baleegh as the Minister of Public Works; Abdul Sattar Murad as the Minister of Economy; Mohammadullah Batash as the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation; Asadullah Hanif Balkhi as the Minister of Education; Sayed Mansour Sadat Nadiri as the Minister of Urban Development; Abdul Basir Anwar as the Minister of Justice; Abdul Razaq Wahidi as the Minister of Information Technology; Dilbar Nazari as the Minister of Women's Affairs; Salamata Azimi as the Minister of Counter-Narcotics; Farida Momand as the Minister of Higher Education; Nasrin Oryakhail as the Minister of Labors and Social Affairs and Ali Ahmad Osmani as the Minister of Water and Energy.

After seeking vote of confidence they formally descend to cabinet and assume their respective responsibilities. There are countless issues and problems awaiting their fate, to be solved long ago. The absence of legitimate authority procrastinate the public consignments, have equally impacted the affairs of governance. Aside to filling the slots with competent and committed individuals, the entire affairs of government, termed as governance stand primary. Governance is the dynamic interaction between people, structures, processes and traditions that support the exercise of legitimate authority in provision of sound leadership, direction, oversight, and control of an entity in order to ensure that its purpose is achieved, and that there is proper accounting for the conduct of its affairs, the use of its resources, and the results of its activities.

Subsequent, to successful completion of picking ministers for different slots, the preliminary subject of prime importance to incumbent government will be the mainstreaming of governance. Responding at the query how to get that done is illustrated below. A well governed country has also both these sectors well administered and in harmony with each other. When a country is not politically sound its institutions will also be in poor condition. In our country we can see the due to the bad governance our public and private sectors are in a great mess.

The government to assume duties must respond at the mal-administration and worst corruption ongoing in every public department. Without any favor or bribe it is very difficult to get any work done from the public offices. Moreover, due to the malpractices of the public officials and misappropriation of public funds the infrastructure of public institutions has become cracked and a situation like chaos is prevailing all over the country.

Other requisites is the means that the processes implemented by the government to produce favorable results meet the needs of masses, while making the best use of resources, human, technological, financial, natural and environmental at its disposal.

In general, a government is accountable to those who will be affected by its decisions or actions as well as the applicable rules of law. Participation needs to be informed and organized, including freedom of expression and assiduous concern for the best interests of the government and society in general.

Independence of judiciary must be maintained which can exercise an effective system of check and balance and can prevent politicians from abuse of power. Economic and political stability are deeply interlinked. Without one the other cannot be obtained, so government must evolve strait and requires a major re-structuring. Then continuity of policy is required without which, no result would be obtained.

Afghanistan suffers acute illiteracy. The government must ensure people are educated without which they cannot protect their rights. Media can play a vital role in creating awareness among people regarding their problems and their solutions. The media must be given legitimate authority to avoid sensationalism and instead should promote quality journalism.

It is asserted high quality governance is needed for the smooth running of public institutions, it is also essential for maintaining the sovereignty of the country. A good governed country is economically strong and all the departments of the country function smoothly. It enables the rulers to strengthen the country's security.

## The Ills of our Society

By Dilawar Sherzai

In contemporary world of ours, at every phase of life, reliance and trustworthiness are overlooked and on several occasions a relation is wrecked. And, we would require comprehending why it is this way. Why are there the hunger of conviction and the magnificence of ambiguity? Are human beings fundamentally and naturally good or bad? This discussion may get really lengthy, nevertheless, it can never be overlooked that the behaviors of the people principally hinge on the type of surroundings and cultures they are nourished in. An individual may not be, indeed, evil but the conditions and settings may compel him to be evil in certain cases. The society we reside in is vehemently noticeable because of its self-centeredness and vanity. Unfairness and discrimination are the usual behavioral trends.

If a person, for his own happiness, offers another person anguish; if a person cuckolds another person or if a group of people violates the right of other groups, it is not odd as it is normal exercise within our society. Since the socio-political settings and the objective conditions have cemented the way for such types of deeds and approaches, imagining something different would be irrational and even silly. It is not likely to plant the seeds of a rose plant and believe that lilies would cultivate out of them. As the rule of the race is to thrust others back and attempt to win the race in any thinkable way, not pursuing it would mean trailing in the race, which nobody is prepared to admit as everyone wants to triumph. Keeping today's society in mind, it can be claimed that a person who is not crafty and self-seeking is principally unwise. Alternatively, the crafty evils cannot be censured, too. As a matter of fact, in our society, when a person does an evil act, he is not all the time guilty for it; on certain occasions, the society can be censured as it concocts him in such a way that he is left with no other option. The society, wherein all the recognitions and opportunities are allotted to those who have learnt the art of misleading others and who care the slightest about feelings and collective welfare, is destined to produce the people who are less humanoid and more like automata that are trained to strive for victory only.

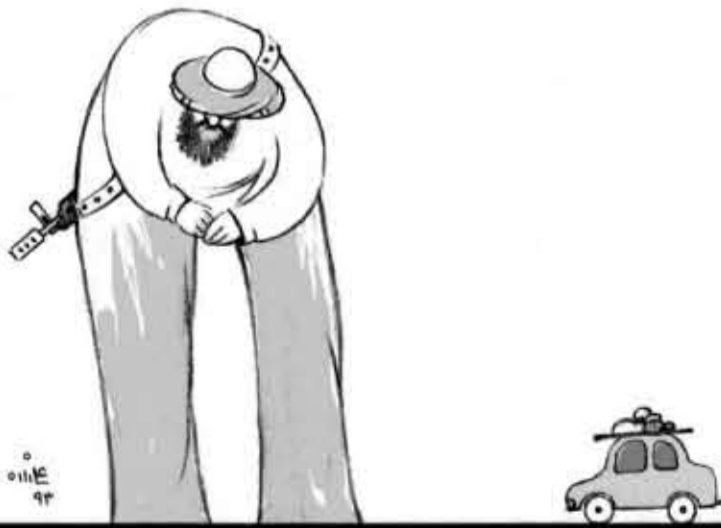
Suppose a person, on a cold and snowy night, trembling with cold crosses your house and you sense pity and do him a service by giving him warm housing and a blanket to keep himself warm, then you ought to be totally prepared for this that while departing your house he would take your blanket and some other things along with it. It is because of the reason that the blanket has sheltered him from the cold weather and now he worries about the

cold weather that he would face while going out. He can also request for it and you, with an open-handedness, can give that blanket along with some other things to him, but that would be a courtesy and our people even don't have the ability to take the courtesy.

If a person does not know how to express, teach him to talk but be ready to assume that once he is able to speak smoothly, initially he would attempt to abuse you. And, if you teach a person writing his name, he would not vacillate to put his signature on the paper containing your loss. In this society, if a killer is not a relative to the prey, it is really odd. Attachment, adoration, belief, uprightness and devoutness are the values that are only important to few of the people; else, these are only words which the people of our society use so as to conceal the crimes of their conscience and the evils of their intents. We are mainly bounded by lies and false exhibition and if we are able to defend our truth, it would be a great accomplishment. Nevertheless, the company and ownership of truth is truly wearisome. It involves bearing seclusion and accepting the responsibility of being dissimilar. Yet, it is not something to be discouraged about. A human can be disenchanted from another human but should not be disenchanted from humanity, because human beings live for a definite period of time but humanity has always lived and will live persistently.

The significant point is to deliberate why the kind of society, wherein a person has to lead another person by going over his cadaver, should not change. Why shouldn't we modify the system wherein human beings do not need the sustenance and collaboration of others for the improvement of society in its entirety, but need for their selfish benefits? There is something utterly wrong with the society that does not support love and brotherhood but inspires the people to have negative rivalry so as to own as much material coziness as possible. This ultimately spoils the society, as perceived by Franklin D. Roosevelt, "Competition has been shown to be useful up to a certain point and no further, but cooperation, which is the thing we must strive for today, begins where competition leaves off". The society we reside in is in desperate need of true humanity, true affection and true warmth; as described by Jiddu Krishnamurti, "The moment you have in your heart this extraordinary thing called love and feel the depth, the delight, the ecstasy of it, you will discover that for you the world is transformed."

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