

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



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Our Country will Pass Through These Tough Days!

All of Kunduz to Taliban and the following circumstances added to the disappointment of masses in the country. They were already tired of the worst economic conditions and increasing insurgency in the country that this incident came as a serious blow to their trust on the future of the country. Kunduz incident can truly be called a tragedy. It was tragic that our leaders could not do anything beforehand to avoid this reprehensible incident, though they were alarmed about this a number of times. It was also tragic that instead of supporting each other on this time of grief and shock, the masses are busy in blaming each other and country seems to be evidently divided on ethnic basis.

Three days rule of Taliban in the city turned all the fears of people into reality about their harsh and inflexible government. Taliban are usually portrayed to be a bunch of thugs who have no moral character, who are cruel and indecent in their acts and who have no mercy and respect for the dignity of human lives. Tragic incidents in these three days were sufficient enough that the group by the name of Taliban is no more than a mob of uncivilized, cruel and ruthless people who can go beyond any limit when power comes in their hands. People are of the view that even the foreign occupiers were not as ruthless and barbarous as were the Taliban.

A lot has been written and said about different aspects of this tragedy. People are angry and they demand from the government to bring into justice all the politicians and heads of security forces who were responsible for this incident. It may be due to their ignorance, laziness or criminal intentions but whatever may be the reasons, the responsible people should face the punishment for their unpardonable crime.

At present, the biggest threat for common Afghans is the return of the era of Taliban and having a look at the present situation, this fear does not appear to be much far from reality. Taliban are busy in their insurgency in almost a dozen provinces of the country and their role and power is increasing with every passing day. Though the Kunduz has been cleaned Taliban but they are still strong in almost all the rural areas of the country. Badakhshan is on the verge of collapse, Helmand is another province where our forces are struggling to sustain the rule of government, Nangarhar is witnessing the increasing activities and atrocities of IS militants, Faryab has once again fallen into the hands of Taliban after it was cleaned up by General Dostum and the provinces bordering Pakistan are almost controlled by Taliban. The situation is grim and is getting worse with every passing day.

Due to this fear, large numbers of people have already moved out of the country and many more are making preparations to leave the country but we must take into account those millions of Afghans who have no means or resources to go outside the country. It is also disloyal to desert the country and leave it on the mercy of enemies when a difficult time comes to it. In last 14 years of democracy, we benefitted a lot from this country and now it is the time to give sacrifice for the sake of stability, advancement and mere existence of this country.

In this situation, the role of President and his top government officials is really disappointing. It was needed that he should have given hope to people and assured them that democracy will continue and country will never fall into the hands of enemies but his government is busy in controlling a number of controversies that are increasing with every passing day.

In this grim situation, the silence of international community is also adding to the disappointment of the people. When the democracy was being established and militants were removed from the power in 2001, it was assured that international community would make all the efforts to support democracy and make sure that country should not once again fall into the hands of Taliban or any other militant group. However, at present, the silence of international community is giving birth to large number of doubts and it appears as if they have left Afghanistan and Afghans on their own.

However, ground realities are not so bad that we should be totally disappointed of the future of our country. Still, thousands of US and NATO forces are present in the country who are ready to support our forces when needed. There are currently more than 300,000 brave soldiers who are well-trained and equipped and can repel any kind of external and internal dangers. We are hopeful that our economy will slowly grow and become self-dependent. International community will not leave us alone and come for our help if the situation slips out of our hands. And the most important factor is a fact that Taliban and other militants are supported by their foreign masters and they are exerting their utmost powers but they will not be able to persist for long and soon our country will be again peaceful and we will not be in need of fleeing to any other country. What is needed is to show patience, keep our hopes alive and have firm faith on the future of our country.

Insightful Tribute to Great Teachers!

By Asmatyari

A Great teacher shows qualities such as patience, kindness, flexibility, resourcefulness, tolerance and open-mindedness. He/she also has a good sense of humor and is honest, humble, and enthusiastic and most importantly enjoys teaching. Teacher is the person who shapes the future of any human being. Teachers are the people who hold the candle of enlightenment, knowledge, and, prosperity. Any nation who does not respect its candle bearers can never prosper and will always remain in darkness. Advancement of society depends upon teachers. Promoting the everlasting significance of teachers "World Teachers' Day" is held annually on 5 October to celebrate the essential role of teachers in providing quality education at all levels.

Teachers instilling value education in someone protect and promote the dignity of teaching as a noble profession, worth profound regard. This kind of education can mold a human being for life. Teachers bear an enormous responsibility of passing on their wisdom and knowledge. Italian astronomer and mathematician Galileo expressed, "You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him discover it in himself." Good teachers help in enabling this discovery. They open new avenues, and encourage students to explore and achieve their true potential.

National development could be flourished and a society truly gets prosperous with knowledge all begins from its teachers. While the role of knowledge and a skilled society with visions and aspirations in the success of a nation cannot be stressed enough, it should also be remembered that knowledge cannot be acquired if it is not sought and received through the help of the teacher. This is why everyone should put efforts into seeking as much knowledge as possible, and appreciate the teacher's importance in guiding us and the generations to come, to become knowledgeable and morally upright people.

The role of the teacher is a multi-faceted one comprising academic, pedagogical and social roles. Academic roles comprise teaching, counseling and supervisory roles while pedagogical roles include instructional, evaluation and facilitating roles. As a facilitator of learning, the teacher is involved in motivating pupils to learn, maintaining control in the classroom and the school in general, and creating a conducive environment for learning to take place. Social roles of the teacher includes among others socializing roles which is preparing pupils to participate in the way of life of the society; others include reference roles, detective roles, parent substitute, confidants and affectionate roles.

No other personality can have an influence more profound than that of a teacher. Students are deeply affected by the teacher's love and affection, his character, his competence, and his moral commitment. A popular teacher becomes a model for his students. The students try to follow their teacher in his manners, customs, etiquette, style of conversation and his get up. He is their ideal. He can lead them anywhere. During their early education,

the students tend to determine their aims in life and their future plans, in consultation with their teachers. Therefore, a corrupt and decadent class of teachers can harm a nation more seriously than a class of corrupt and perverted judiciary, army, police, bureaucracy, politicians or technocrats. A corrupt and incompetent teacher is not only a bad individual, but also the harbinger of a corrupt and incompetent generation. A nation with corrupt teachers is a nation at risk; every coming day announces the advent of its approaching destruction.

Teachers have to play a cardinal role in the building up of the character of the next generation. It is a fact that a civilization cannot rise out of a skeleton of mere ideas and abstract concepts. Civilization finds a concrete shape in the practical behavior of a nation, based on these principles and concepts.

Once the practical aspect is gone, the civilization also disappears and can only be studied through its remnants preserved in museums and chronicles. This necessitates the provision of a learning atmosphere throbbing with life in our educational institutions through the presence of the teacher, with a view to infuse confidence in our students and to enable them to be proud of their culture, to respect their national character and national emblems, and to ornament themselves with societal conduct and morals. They should stand firm on the centuries old foundations of their cultural tradition and at the same time should establish standards of excellence in their academic performance.

Besides this, we live in a materialistic world. Only those command respect and position in society who have enough money. The teacher, being poor, with lowest remuneration rewarded, makes their accommodation difficult; consequently, he/she does not enjoy any prestige in society. He suffers in many other ways also. It has become a common feeling with the people that, one who fails everywhere else and has been rejected at all other places, becomes teacher as a last resort.

In this way also teaching profession has been down-graded, their services are considered non essential and thus they do not get necessary recognition from society.

Converse to aforesaid ground realities both education and teachers are deemed the weakest strata of third world countries. This dimming priority have had pushed out of socio-economic circle of contemporary world. Formerly, in a ceremony marking teacher's day in Kabul, President Ghani promised to increase the salaries of teachers and to allot each of them a piece of land within six months - a process which has not happened. It is right time the government gets this sector streamlined well nurtured capable to compete with developing counties of the world. A nation reaches to prominence, turn unbeatable and matchless, only when greater intrepid steps are taken to eliminate illiteracy by declaring the state of educational emergency which can only materialize when the due value of teacher is reinstated.

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Ruling the World with Non-Violence and Love

By Dilawar Sherzai

Since 2007, according to the United Nations General Assembly resolution A/RES/61/1271, 2nd of October is celebrated as the International Day of Non-Violence. This day is also the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, pioneer of philosophy and strategy of non-violence. According to UN the Day is an occasion to "disseminate the message of non-violence, including through education and public awareness". The resolution reaffirms "the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence" and the desire "to secure a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding and non-violence".

Violence has no doubt brought a great deal of misery to human civilization. It won't be an exaggeration to say that humanity is breathing its last in the atmosphere of violence. If love is not provided immediately, no one can stop it from a certain death. Human beings have to love it if they want to see it alive.

The world we are living in can only be conquered through everlasting love. Love has the capacity to bind human beings together. As Mahatma Gandhi had said, "When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they can seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall. Think of it--always."

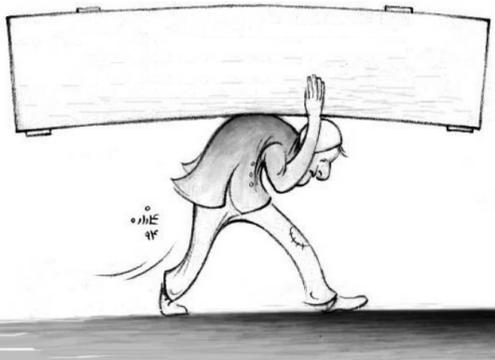
Though there are many in the world who are shouting in the favor of violence and antagonism, they are in fact the sadists who clap at the sight of human sufferings, appreciate cruelty and dance with the cries of human hopelessness and can think of no way to extract the humanity out of this dismal and horrible situation. So, they should know that they are also participants in the miserable holocaust of human beings with the atomic bomb of antagonism. As human beings, compassion and affection should be our distinguishing qualities that may categorize us as the best of the creatures among the existing species. Love should be the most essential part of our nature. It is love alone that can make us look above the pathetic division of human race. Love alone can make us look above the religion extremism, nationalism, sectarianism and racism. History has the lesson that all the human beings have never been able to stand under a single flag. It is because all the ideologies of the world have divided the human beings into "we and "they". None of them has ever been able to embrace all the human beings alike. That's why followers of one religion and ideology have launched sanguinary wars against the others. Billions of people have been massacred in the pursuit of the same stupidity. It seems that the

blood-thirsty inclination of human beings have not been satiated yet. Mitch Albom had rightly observed, "Look, no matter where you live, the biggest defect we human beings have is our shortsightedness. We don't see what we could be. We should be looking at our potential, stretching ourselves into everything we can become. But if you're surrounded by people who say 'I want mine now,' you end up with a few people with everything and a military to keep the poor ones from rising up and stealing it."

Human beings definitely need to become one and make love their guide in the rocky way to a better destination. They must think larger and make humanity proud. They need to see beyond the vicious circles of their cunning egos and join hands together for a peaceful world. They have to throw down the weapons and have smiles on their faces to win the hearts. They are supposed to teach their children the essential lessons of love so that they may not be caught in the quagmire of hatred. They are to rise in the stature by bowing in front of sympathy and brotherhood. They should paint the world with the colors of bliss, contentment and pleasure, instead of the blood of the human beings. They require keeping in their books the immortal words of invincibility and prosperity, instead of destruction and disorder. It is important for them to be human in the real sense of the word and conquer the world through love, not antagonism. Human beings need to realize, as Douglas Pagels said, "Love is a wonderful gift. It's a present so precious words can barely begin to describe it."

Love is a feeling, the deepest and sweetest of all. It's incredibly strong and amazingly gentle at the very same time. It is a blessing that should be counted every day. It is nourishment for the soul. It is devotion, constantly letting each person know how supportive it's certainty can be. Love is a heart filled with affection for the most important person in your life. Love is looking at the special someone who makes your world go around and absolutely loving what you see. Love gives meaning to one's world and magic to a million hopes and dreams. It makes the morning shine more brightly and each season seem like it's the nicest one anyone ever had. Love is an invaluable bond that enriches every good thing in life. It gives each hug a tenderness, each heart a happiness, each spirit a steady lift. Love is an invisible connection that is exquisitely felt by those who know the joy, feel the warmth, share the sweetness, and celebrate the gift!

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