

## The Dubious Fight of our Rulers against Terrorists!

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From a very long-time our rulers have been proclaiming that they have resolved to fight against terrorism, and that they will root-out terrorism from our land.

Under such a pretext they have armed themselves by making more and more draconian laws duly disarming the people of this country of their constitutionally guaranteed fundamental rights and freedoms.

Particularly Prime Minister Modi for the past two years has been trumpeting on the international as well national fora, with his rhetoric of the importance of fighting against terrorism and the impending necessity to eradicate it from the globe.

But the fight against terrorism or punishing the real terrorists in our country has become a mere pretension. Punishing the terrorists is reduced to the brutalization of minority community, with propaganda of stereotype fabricated false tales against them, insinuating that the people of minority communities are the terrorists. Such a false public opinion has been created by our rulers about terrorism and the terrorists.

However with the revelations made by the Anti-Terrorist squad of Maharashtra (ATS) headed by Hemant Karkare in the Malegaon blast case of 2008, the myth created by our rulers that people of minority commune are the terrorists is shattered and that Hindu Zealots aiming to disrupt communal harmony are indulging very often in terrorist attacks.

With the Swami Aseemanda's confession, before a magistrate that the 2006 Malegaon blasts were the handy-work of a fringe Hindutva group, it became more evident that in terror attacks on Samjhuta express near Panipat (February 2007), the Mecca Masjid in Hyderabad (May 2007), the Ajmer Dargha (Oct 2007) and then once again in Malegaon in September 2008, the Hindutva groups were doing their bit and that it became more clear that various Hindu right wing organizations are clandestinely committing terror attacks in different parts of the country.

In this back-ground, with clear-cut evidences in hand, the Maharashtra ATS that had investigated the blast cases of Malegaon 2008, had accused Lt Col Prasad Shrikant Purohit of ABHINAV BHARAT, Sadhvi Pragya of RSS and five more belonging to RSS out-fit of committing the terrorist attack of Malegaon 2008, and charged them in the blasts & conspiracy case under the Maharashtra control of organized crime act, (MCOCA).

Instead of taking a rigorous action against these accused culprits, then UPA government led by Congress party had used this information, to win brownie points against its rival ruling party BJP, and thus provided scope and opportunity to the Hindutva forces to whip up a campaign demanding to exonerate the accused in the Malegaon 2008 blast case, claiming that they were falsely implicated by the ATS.

Thus the 'fight against terrorism' took the form of political game of the ruling parties contending for power. The BJP and its mentor RSS have whipped up a sentimental frenzy among the majority voters, forcing the UPA rulers to hand over the investigation of terror attacks to National Investigation Agency.

During the 26/11 'terrorist attacks' of Mumbai, Hemant Karkare who headed the Malegaon 2008 blast case investigation of ATS was killed.

Deeply reacting to the killing of Hemant Karkare, S.M.Mushriff, IPS an IGP rank of police officer worked in Maharashtra state, who is well-versed with the investigating agencies, the policy being adopted in the cases of terrorist attacks and with the nature of the highest officials in the administration of police and security forces, has written a book called 'who killed Karkare?' and published it. In it he openly contended that from the inception of the transfer of power in India, the Hindutva elements have consciously in a planned way have infiltrated in to the highest offices of the administration including PMO; and that they have infiltrated in to the news paper/media sector as editors as well journalists and in to the high rank academia and intellectual groups and started influencing the public policies in accordance with the Hindutva out-look and agenda, even going to the extent of misinforming the Prime minister of the country with regards to the acts of terrorism and attacks occurring in the country, skillfully moulding the public opinion by insinuating that the minority community is conducting terrorists and they are the terrorists in our country.

He also contended that Karkare was not killed by the terrorists, but by the personnel of the anti-terrorist forces, with a vengeance since he revealed the role of Hindu-right wing organizations in the terrorist attack cases.

Till now neither the administration and government nor the Sanghparivar forces have refuted his contention, nor given any clarification to the public, refuting the allegations of Mushriff, but chosen to be silent and ignore those valid contentions.

After 26/11 Mumbai attacks the NIA was handed over with the Malegaon blast case of 2008. After 5 years of its takeover and its so called investigations and interestingly after two years of the NDA government led by BJP coming in to power, it (NIA) has decided to drop all charges against Sadhvi pragya and 5 other accused in the Malegaon blast case of 2008, pleading lack of evidence against those six, since the incident took place three years before the NIA stepped in, so there was no more scope for collecting evidence from the scene of crime or checking veracity of the Maharashtra ATS' investigation. It took 5 years for the experienced and reputed NIA team, to understand this point of technicality!

This is nothing but playing-fool with the public and the country on the flimsy legalistic pretexts, to hood-wink the nation.

One can easily understand that this decision of NIA is the result of political pressure from the powers that be and of political manipulation.

The fact that the former special prosecutor in the case Rohini Salian was approached by a police superintendent attached to the NIA, soon after the BJP led NDA came to power and asked her to 'go soft' on the accused of the case and later taking her off the case, and that the present presiding special prosecutor threatened to resign when the NIA filed the charge-sheet dropping the charges against the six, saying he had been kept in the loop and how the hearing of the case was speeded up at an abnormal pace speak volumes about the political pressure and political maneuvers of the ruling party in power acted in deciding the case, to enable the culprits of terrorist attacks go scot-free.

Such is the dubious fight of our rulers against terrorism and punishing the real terrorists.

The same thing has occurred in the case of the convicted high rank police officers like VAZRA, in the case of Gujarat fake encounter case, who have been let-out even defeating the conviction imposed by the courts under the supervision of the very Supreme court itself.

Again a BJP leader and a police inspector the main accused with some others in the Gulbarg communal and mob violence case of horrific dimensions, in which 69 muslims including former Congress MP Eshra Jafri were murdered, are acquitted on the plea of the failure of proving the case, which speaks volumes about the part played by the political pressure and manipulation in closing the Gulberg case.

All these instances of the acquittals of the culprits that perpetrated terrorist attacks, prove that the fight against terrorism, of our rulers is dubious and fake and that neither our ruling-classes, nor the rulers nor the ruling parties are at all interested in the eradication of real terrorism unleashed by them to gain electoral advantages and that in the present exploitative class-system of rule there could never be a sincere and honest fight against terrorism!

This is the lesson all the patriotic minded people and democratic forces have to draw from the above instances!

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