

Hanoi Summit: Gangster like Approach would not work

The two days Hanoi Summit of US President Donald Trump and the North Korean President Kim Jong-un held on 27-28 February of 2019 ended abruptly and without a deal.

Two sides gave their own versions of what happened in the Summit. The North Korean side said: "We agreed to dismantle the plutonium, uranium enrichment facilities at Yongbyon site....and demanded the lifting of sanctions imposed on North Korea since 2016. Trump rejected it and demanded substantial steps towards denuclearization." Donald Trump said: "They wanted the sanctions lifted in entirety and we cannot do it."

We know US and North Korea began their negotiation process in June 2018 after going through a long period of hostility, tension and war-like situation. This Summit had called for a "denuclearization of Korean peninsula." However, the leaders of both Countries had different perspectives of this call. For US, it was a call to North Korea alone. It means the North Korea must destroy its nuclear weapons and nuclear facilities and assure the US to the best of its satisfaction such weapons no more would be produced by the North Korea in future. But, in the view of North Korea, the call applies to US too and US too has a responsibility to keep the Korean peninsula free from Nuclear weapons and nuclear threats.

These divergent perspectives had reflected in the steps to carry out the spirit of the first summit. US had initiated no move to normalize the situation and develop an atmosphere of mutual confidence between the two Countries. The war-like situation imposed by the US in Korean peninsula in 1953 still continues. 28000 US armed forces continue to station in South Korea. The US officials had exhibited enough of high-handedness in their drive to denuclearize the North Korea. Even the Hanoi Summit encountered many obstacles.

So, no miraculous results were expected from the Hanoi Summit.

The US approach towards negotiations with North Korea has two aspects:

1. In a tweet, Trump sought to impress that "with complete denuclearization, North Korea will rapidly become an Economic Powerhouse." North Korea would thrive, and very quickly, if it would denuclearize." "The potential is AWESOME, a great opportunity like almost none others in history, for my friend Kim Jong-un."

2. I don't want to rush anybody. I just don't want testing. As long as there is no testing, we are happy."

So, the long term objective of US is to transform North Korea into a satellite Country which remains totally dependent on the imperialists economically, politically and militarily. Its promises of turning North Korea into a heaven on earth or an Economic Powerhouse can have no meaning other than this.
