

NATO ALLY STATUS—A NOOSE AROUND INDIA'S NECK

In the last week of June, 2019, the US Senate has adopted a “National Authorisation Bill-2020” which accords India the status of Nato ally.” It would become a law once both the Chambers of US Congress pass it.

For a Country like India, which is claimed as an independent, sovereign and democratic country the status of Nato ally is definitely not a matter of pride. It is really disastrous and shameful for our Country and people.

Nato is a military alliance headed by US imperialism. Its members include the imperialist powers as well as the Countries subservient to imperialism. The founding commitment of Nato calls its members to view the attack on one member Country as an attack on all and act together against the common enemy. The imperialists justified the formation of Nato in 1949 on the plea that they needed to defend themselves from the imagined and fictitious threat posed by the Socialist Soviet Union. But the Nato had grown into a colossal and monstrous edifice of imperialist aggression. In the last seven decades, there is no crime it had not committed against humanity. The US led Nato forces were used to violate the rights of people and countries. They resorted to armed invasions and occupations in a number of Countries in the name of fighting terrorism, protecting democracy and opposing the alleged possession of WMDs. The armed invasion and occupation of Afghanistan and Iraq are only two prominent instances of it in the last two decades.

Dumping the aid, loans, capital and goods in small countries in the name of helping their development; poking their nose in the disputes between the countries in the name of helping their resolution; complicating the problems further, flaring up more tensions, hostilities, wars and war – like situations among them and reaping super profits through arms sale to the countries in conflict; setting military bases in other countries and roping the countries in military alliances on the plea of ensuring peace and security for them are some of the well known methods of imperialist powers in general and US in particular to pull the small and weak countries into the path of most shameful subjugation. India – a semi-feudal and semi-colonial country ruled by the comprador bourgeoisie and landlord classes continues to be a best hunting ground for the imperialist powers to compete and push through their policies of plunder, oppression and domination.

With the advent of the policies of liberalization and globalization, the imperialist powers, especially the US had gone all out in their drive to consolidate and further strengthen their economic, political and military hold on India. They made use of every difficulty and crisis in India, the dispute between India and Pakistan to dump more weapons in both Countries and dictate more oppressive and enslaving agreements to the Indian ruling classes.

The UPA – 1 Govt. had signed the “India – US Defense Frame work Agreement” in 2005 only in this wake. It took India – US military ties to new heights. The BJP Govt. led by Naendra Modi moved further along the road laid down by the Congress regime. “The Joint Vision Statement for Asia-Pacific” signed by the Indian PM Modi and US President Obama in 2015; the US according India the status of “Major Defense Partner” in 2016; the signing of “Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement” (LEMOA) in 2016. And, again in 2018, the signing of COMCASA by both countries have turned our Country into virtual military ally of US and placed the US in a dictating position.

Thus the so called elevation of India to the Nato ally status is not a surprise move. It came as a culmination of decades’ long series of treacherous moves on the part of Indian comprador ruling classes and US and as their formalization. These moves were taken behind the back of Indian people, with no consent of them. They are clearly an outright betrayal of the interests of our country and people. The masses of Indian people, who sacrificed the lives of millions of their children in the freedom to break the shackles of British colonial rule and win a free, democratic and sovereign India, would never accept India again being thrown back to a colonial bondage and turned into an appendage, ally and tool of imperialism.

The BJP and Sangh Parivar are parading themselves as the custodian of nationalism and arrogating themselves to punish those who expose their fake nationalism. The slogans of Hindutva or Hind nationalism chanted by them are nothing but moves to divert and divide the people and make their treacherous prostration before the imperialist powers. The Congress Party – another ruling class party, which is presently in the opposition – claims to be in an irreconcilable ideological battle with BJP and Sangh-Parivar. It talks much about upholding democracy and democratic rights of people. But, curiously, opposing the imperialist penetration and domination in India is not at all a part of its ideological battle, because its commitment to serve imperialism is basic and it knows well that it played a major role in driving India into the present level of subjugation to imperialism. Thus all its talk about defending democracy while opening flood gates for imperialism is deceptive.

So, the CRs, left, democratic and progressive forces and people must raise their voice against India being reduced into a Nato ally status. They must demand the annulment of all agreements the Indian rulers have signed which brought India to present state of subservience to imperialism.
