

Death of ISIS Leader Baghdadi

Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi - founding leader of - has met with a violent death on Oct 29, 2019 in a village called idlib in Northern Syria. He was supposed to die in an US military operation, but died by detonating his explosives - laden vest together with his three children.

The US President Donald Trump was very enthusiastic to take credit for Baghdadi's killing. On the eve of US preparation for military operation, Trump gathered the vice President Mike Pence, Defense Secretary Mark Esper, NSA Robert O'Brien, and other intelligence officials in the White House Situation Room. As Trump said, they watched the raid unfolding live - as if they were watching a movie. The live movie moved like this: 8 helicopters have lifted the US military personnel and military dogs from an unidentified military base. The operation was staged from an air base in Western Iraq. [the US intelligence officials were able to - scope out- Baghdadi's exact location around a month ago. They got helpful information from the Kurds.] The US forces chased Baghdadi down a tunnel. He was asked to surrender. But he refused to oblige. He chose to die by detonating himself. Trump was furious at this unexpected turn of the situation. Because, Baghdadi's action has altered the climax scene scripted by the US rulers. The US could not kill Baghdadi. So, with all frustration, Trump has declared: - Abu Bakr al - Baghdadi is dead : He died like a dog, he died like a coward, he was whimpering, screaming and crying.

As the US Pentagon officials have confirmed, the US has disposed Baghdadi's body into the sea - in accordance with the law of armed conflict- as it had buried Osama bin - Laden after his death in 2011 in an US military operation in Pakistan.

Curiously, the Washington Post wrote an obituary Note with the title, - Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, austere religious scholar at helm of Islamic State dies at 48. But the paper later had to change it owing to heavy criticism in the social media.

The entire world knows that Baghdadi-led ISIS - a notorious terrorist organization- had emerged from the ruins of al-Qaeda-a terrorist organization. It was a creation of US and used by it to push through its politics of intervention and domination in the Middle-East, Afghanistan and other countries. During 1980-s, the US has created a number of Islamic jihadist groups to counter the Soviet armed invasion and occupation of Afghanistan. The withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and the refusal of Taliban Government of Afghanistan to bow down to US domination had changed the whole situation. The US armed invasion and occupation of Afghanistan had compelled the Afghan Taliban to put up a prolonged armed resistance against the US and it continues even today. Osama bin Laden - the leader of al-Qaeda-who had turned in this course into a US foe from a friend- had finally ended his life in a military operation by the US.

Al-Baghdadi rose to prominence in 2014 when he announced the creation of an Islam Caliphate in the areas of Iraq and Syria. In no time, the ISIS had emerged into a formidable force with military and financial capabilities and hoisted itself onto the centre stage in the strife-torn Middle East with extensive military operations. Baghdadi's ISIS came to control large areas in Iraq and Syria. Its fanatical forces had butchered, displaced and tortured hundreds and thousands of Syrians and Iraqis. This barbarity has horrified most Muslims and fuelled Islamophobia across the world.

The ISIS chose to unleash attacks against the Syrian Govt. at a time when the US armed intervention into Syria and its attempts to topple Assad Govt. were facing strong opposition from the Syrian people as well as from the US adversaries. So, the ISIS attack has served the US and its West Asian allies including Israel Turkey, and the Arab

monarchies of Saudi Arabia and Qatar as it was directed against the common enemy, i.e., Bashar al-Assad regime. Once the conflict between the US and Syrian Govt. subsided for the time being, the need of getting rid of the ISIS from Syria has come to the fore.

The imperialists groom and patronize certain terrorist groups and organizations and use them to divide the people in a country and divert them from the real problems and a correct path of struggle. They use the terrorists to lock the neighboring countries in unending tensions, hostilities, disputes and even fratricidal wars to prevent the people and the concerned countries from focusing their attention on pooling up their united strength against the common enemy - the imperialist plunder and domination. The so-called global war of imperialists was a convenient tool in the hands of imperialist to violate the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of other countries and a means to destabilize the regimes that are found wanting in their subservience to imperialism or that are found to oppose the same.

The death of Baghdadi need not be viewed as an end to ISIS. The US military action against Baghdadi also need not be seen as an action to end the ISIS or terrorism. The US will continue to use the terrorists of one brand or other and the card of anti- terrorism as long as they serve their interests; as long as they play the role of dividing and diverting the people from much needed struggle against the exploiting ruling classes and their imperialist masters. The imperialists would have no love or affection whatsoever towards a terrorist leader whom they had groomed at one time. They mean business. Whether they are nurturing or promoting a terrorist or claiming to oppose a particular terrorist or terrorist organization they are always guided by the consideration how best or how bad they were in serving the interests of exploiting classes and the imperialists. Osama bin Laden -Al-Qaeda leader, a creation of imperialists had to die in the end because the imperialists had lost his utility or he turned hostile. Baghdadi too has met with a similar fate now. The exploited and oppressed people can protect their own interests only by further uniting and organizing themselves in the struggle against imperialism and the exploiting ruling classes.
