

QUAD – A DANGEROUS IMPERIALIST DEATH TRAP

The people in the Countries of Asia – Pacific region earnestly wish to have peace and security in the region and enjoy the right and freedom to navigate with no hurdles in sea waters. But this region as well as sea waters were already turned into an arena of tensions, competitions and mobilizations by the big powers which are out to dominate the region and sea routes.

Ever since China opted for a capitalist path of development it is busy in expanding its relations, economic and trade activities in the world and countries and sea waters of Asia – Pacific region. On one side, it is doing everything to influence the policies of the countries in the region and on the other side, it is repeatedly declaring its opposition to the attempts by some powers to dominate the region and the sea routes.

US, which had come to the fore as a big world power in the post Second World war period, is working with a strategic design to impose its domination over the Asia – Pacific region and sea routes. For decades, it is maintaining its military bases in Japan, Australia, South Korea, Diego Garcia and other islands. It is in strategic alliance with Japan and Australia. It is roping other countries under its wings and influence. The US imperialists had drawn India too into their strategic alliance and also the so called QUAD constituted with US, Japan and Australia. They are giving utmost importance to their hold on India as they believe that India's geographical setting, vastness, rich and abundant resources are of imminence use to realize their strategic aims of domination.

The so called Quad met in Oct, 2020 in Tokyo at ministerial level after a lapse of 13 years. It claims "the maintenance of a rule – based order, freedom of navigation and resolution of disputes in Asia – Pacific region" as its aim. But for US it is virtually an Asian NATO directed against China.

The US imperialists are anxious to develop India into a powerful anti – China base and to push through their hegemonic activities in Asia – Pacific region. They believe that India sinking deeper into anti – China activities would force India to depend more on US and it becomes more easy to utilize India in the their hegemonic designs in Asia – Pacific region and the World. This is why they are very much enthusiastic in India's worsening relations with China. They never conceal their happiness at the present tensions, small skirmishes and stand offs on India- China borders. They could not restrain their impatience at the attempts to avoid tensions, prevent clashes and reach possible agreements, at least to maintain status – quo on the borders. They openly warn India that dialogue is utterly futile. They are persistently preaching the Indian rulers that a real and lasting solution lies in the total destruction of China and the Indian rulers must prepare for it. US thinks that continuing tensions, conflicts, war – like situations between India and China or India and Pakistan provide vast avenues for US to further tighten their own strangle hold on India.

On Oct, 9th, 2020, the US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said: " As partners in the Quad, it is more critical now than ever that we collaborate to protect our people and partners from the Chinese Communist Party's exploitation, corruption and coercion." At another place, a day earlier, Pompeo said: "Everybody likeminded is looking at erosion of democracy, of free market and all that, and they are taking action." He also projects the entire conflict as one between "the free world versus Chinese authoritarianism."

The US leaders know that China had been pursuing a capitalist path of development for long. Yet, they show China as a Communist Country. It is a part of their tactic to exploit anti – Communist sentiment and rope other countries behind them with an anti – Communist plank. Real problem is: US leaders are unable to digest the emergence of China as a powerful economic, political and military force; China's entry into the world market with its vast capital, goods and technological expertise in a big way and China's offensive thrust to grab the markets hitherto controlled and looted by the imperialist powers. It is a serious and real matter of worry for them. The so called "free market" is nothing but the market occupied or monopolized or considered as their exclusive preserve. They fear China's entry into their domain as a big competitor will put them to much economic strain and greatly weaken their preeminence or control. The US is already feeling the heat of this.

Similarly, the US leaders claiming themselves as the protectors of democratic system, free world, independence, peace, security and prosperity of Countries is a monumental lie. Entire world knows how the US imperialists invaded other Countries and reduced them into ashes and vast burial grounds. They massacred millions, forcibly occupied the territories, resources and installed their stooge regimes there. They encroached upon and violated the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrities of

countless countries. They toppled the regimes, engineered armed coups, assassination of leaders, rained bombs on small and weak countries, forcibly dismembered and divided the countries, aided, abetted and guided the terrorist gangs only because the concerned countries and people refused to live in subjugation and part with their valuable wealth and resources. Entire world knows that the imperialists are never bothered about whether a regime is monarchical, feudal, fascist or autocratic. They would have no objection what so ever to include all or any of them in their so called free and democratic world if a country and people agree to live under the imperialist subjugation. So it is totally misleading and deception to claim that the conflict between US, its allies on one side and China on the other side is a conflict between a free and democratic world versus Chinese authoritarianism. Here the conflict and competition are reflecting between the attempts of US to retain and further expand its domination over the wealth and resources of various countries of the world as well as the world market and China's attempts to encroach upon it and to influence the world market in its favor. China is repeatedly declaring that it is opposed to hegemonism and it does not cherish hegemonic or expansionist ambitions. At the same time, the methods being adopted by China to oppose the hegemonic policies of US and influence the Asia – Pacific countries and people and rally them behind it are doubtful and questionable.

The protection of peace, security and the right of free navigation in the sea waters of Asia – Pacific region is the concern of all countries in the region. No big power should behave like a savior, protector and custodian of the rights and interests of the countries and people in the region. There is every possibility that the rights and interests of people, peace and security in the region would fall in serious danger if the region and sea waters are allowed to become an arena for big power rivalry and competition for domination and if the regimes of the countries in the region become tools of this competition by mortgaging the independence, sovereignty territorial integrities of the countries and the rights and interests of their people.

The comprador Indian rulers had provided every service to the imperialists in general and US in particular to loot and gain control over every aspect of our economy. The Congress rule had gone a long way in tying India to the chariot wheel of US hegemonism. The BJP Govt. which stepped into the shoes of Congress, added speed and momentum to these policies. In 2016, US declared India as its "Major Defense Prater". India and US signed the LEMOA in 2016, and COMCASA in 2018. India joining the QUAD is also a part of it. These moves took India – US relations beyond bilateral relation and tied India by various strings to strategic activities of US to establish its domination over Asia – Pacific region.

Here the Indian rulers are committing serious blunders on two counts: ONE: Going against the urges and interests of our country and people, they are allowing the imperialists to poke their noses into the internal affairs of our country, especially in India – China border dispute. This will only complicate the resolution of the dispute further. The Indian people know that the imperialists can never be a genuine friend and well wisher of oppressed nations and people. They are making every attempt to frustrate the resolution of the dispute through dialogue and peaceful means. They are already making a big business in arms trade and had tied India to a subservient bondage militarily. They had widened the sphere of India's conflict with China to Asia – Pacific region with a clear aim of using India as a stepping stone for their drive for domination in the region. TWO: By joining a US led grouping (QUAD) the Indian rulers allowed themselves to be dragged into a greater and disastrous conflict for a wrong cause. By joining an imperialist grouping aimed at establishing the US hegemony over the Asia – Pacific region and sea waters the Indian rulers are losing their right and opportunity to be a genuine friend of the countries and people in the region and thereby are earning the hostility with them. They are losing the opportunity to be a part of the common struggle of countries and people in the region to protect their rights and interests and keep Asia – Pacific region and sea waters free from big power rivalry, competition and war games for domination. Thus the Indian rulers are driving India and Indian people into a most dangerous death trap and the US gamble for domination. The working class, peasantry, other oppressed people, democratic and peace loving forces of India are totally opposed to this.

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