

Situation after US Imperialist Army's Retreat and Taliban Taking Control of the Country

The American retreat from Afghanistan has once more proved that only the knave would underestimate Afghan people's history of resistance against foreign aggressors. British tried three times, all ended into defeat. British aggressors after each failure abused Afghans as 'villaneous lot', 'fanatics', 'fiends in human form' and what not. Without such abuses it's difficult for a so-called 'civilised' people to swallow defeat in the hands of the people of a backward people divided into a number of different tribes.

But those were old stories. More recent are the Russian superpower facing humiliating defeat. By that time Russians lost their superpower status.

The US imperialists stepped in through their proxies. But some of the forces whom they armed to the teeth went out of control. Of them two were important - Taliban and Al-Qaida. Starting as a fringe force of madrassa students (Talibs) the Talibans spread all over Afghanistan within a short time.

Russians left in 1989. The USA felt no one was there to stop them. But by 1996 they had to retreat. Talibans took the seat of power, only to be thrown out of power by 2001 by massive bombing by the USA. The USA and its proxies had been facing a jigsaw war the day they took over power.

There are a few important questions to be answered.

1. Why is Afghanistan so important to the world? From the time of British rule in India this territory has been the gateway to the Middle East. Bordering with Pakistan, India, China, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Iran it is of immense geo-strategic as well as geo-political importance, specially when Middle East has turned to a hot spot.
2. Are the situations when Soviet forces entered Afghanistan and had to retreat, the US intervention after 1989, US occupation through proxies from 2001, and present US retreat in 2021 same? Can it be so simplistically put that the USA needed four Presidents, nearly 2.6 trillions of dollars and thousands of US Army killed to replace Talibans with Talibans? No. When the then Soviet forces a superpower with an aggressive geo-strategic aim, left Afghanistan it was in deep economic and crisis only to collapse within two years. In 1989 the US stepped in

but the Afghan nationalistic forces who Am the USA itself armed were in high spirit. Moreover they had overextended to Iraq. But in 2021 the US was in a position when they could dictate terms to the world. They said a Global War on Terror, immediately its NATO allies, Russia, China echoed '...War on Terror'. The USA cried "War between Two Civilisations" except the Islamic countries whole world nodded. Such was the position the USA held then. But now in 2021 the USA is facing grave challenge from China and Russia, NATO allies are no more so trusted followers as in the past. So US presidents - both Trump and Biden - felt it wiser not to carry on adventures, specially crossing the South China Sea.

3. Is the Taliban of 2001 being replaced by the same Taliban? Here too the situation is different. The Taliban which wrested power in Kabul was a politically knave lot, only strength being youth taking arms in the name of Islam. Moreover they had to face armed oppositions backed by the then USA who had been on killing spree. Their rule was on the one hand attempt to unite other forces. But what they carried on in the name of Islam was complete

mayhem. Killing any adversary, flogging for nothing, keeping women under house arrest by not allowing them to go to school or office or moving in public places. Now the US, albeit for the time being is not in a position to arming the adversaries inside the country in the form of Northern Alliance who are present only in a corner. Just after overrunning Kabul they

- a) Appealed to all their neighbours as well as Russia, USA and others to maintain friendly relationship;
- b) Working hard to build an alliance with other forces to install a coalition government;
- c) Have announced blanket amnesty to all officials who worked for the imperialists and their cohorts in Afghanistan and asked them to return to their respective offices under the new government;
- d) Have asked the army men who were fighting for the erstwhile government to return and join the army under the new government without any fear of retaliation;
- e) Have assured women to return to their schools and offices and to move freely;
- f) Have even assured sports-persons including cricketers that earlier also their government helped sports, cricket and football to develop, this time the policy would be to develop sports.

So this is a defeat of the US imperialists which even more than 70% of the people of the USA itself are welcoming. True imperialists would not take this defeat by retiring. To them geostrategic importance had been, was and will be there. So

they will try to plot their come back. Already they have started propaganda against Taliban. But everyday they are being proved to be wrong.

Now they have started propagating the assurances of Talibans are only tactical. Some are calling it to be deceptive. Whether the moves of Taliban are deceptive or tactical, the people of the world are willing to "give peace a chance". Even if it be tactical move let us welcome it since strategy of the people is to support the forces against imperialism. Rather let us oppose the tactics of the imperialists to kill the people of Afghanistan by disallowing their rightful assistance of 450 billion SDR from the IMF.

Welcome the defeat of the US imperialists in Afghanistan. Long live the struggle of the people of Afghanistan. Be cautious of Taliban rule and their reactionary ideology. So Afghan people equip to reactionary rule of Taliban people for real democracy.

With Revolutionary Greetings

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