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Editorial

UN's IEA seat denial unfair

The UN Credentials Committee has reportedly deferred decision on who will represent Afghanistan.

Few days ago, Russia, China and the U.S. on the 9-member committee gathered at the UN General Assembly to consider the credentials of all 193 members in the United Nations.

The seat is not yet clear if it would be kept by ex-regime ambassador or remain unoccupied.

The committee members have once again made the pretext that the current Afghan government was not inclusive nor were youths, experts and women at the decision making level.

The UN and other world stake-holders should have realized the fact that Afghanistan has opened a new chapter in the fields of government building, fighting corruption, human rights (particularly, women rights including their works and education) and how to secure good relations with the world.

This has time and again been stated by the authorities of the IEA and made clear that hundreds of women were working in professional administrations, girls of private schools and universities rejoined their classes while those of the state-owned institutions would soon return to their education centers.

Women are not restricted, nor their rights violated in any parts of the country and more are expected to be done for them in the future. World media are actively operating in Afghanistan after the takeover of the country by the Islamic Emirate and they witness all Afghans including women normally involved in their daily businesses all around the country, observing the Afghan accepted traditions, under peaceful atmosphere.

So, this is unfair that the UN and some world countries are still knowingly bringing the pretext of a broad-based system and by denying Afghanistan's seat, the UN is clearly ignoring the legitimate rights of the Afghan people, especially under the current pathetic conditions.

As the IEA representative to the UN, Suhail Shaheen said, the decision was not based on legal rules and justice as it deprives the people of Afghanistan of their rights.

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is the main representative of the entire Afghans of different strata and deserve winning official recognition.

The UN should not disappoint the people of Afghanistan. It should revise its decision.

The IEA should be recognized and the seat should be granted to the real representative of the country, so that all available challenges and problems facing Afghans to be addressed.

Does globalism mean embracing some excluding others?

As soon as information and communication technology emerged, there rise a way to connect the world population as it had never connected before.

This transformed connectedness was not just a line of connectivity provided by telegraph or earlier telephones in the 19th century, as the new technology connected world's economies, political systems and cultures, breaking the traditional boundaries and making world a global village, that is globalism.

Although the idea of globalism came with the rise and development of information technology, the term globalism got its definition from the very few countries that invented and developed the technology, particularly the United States and its allies. Globalism, in fact, is a natural phenomenon whereas the way it emerged does not seem to be one. Where it should have embraced the entire world population and countries, it became a race and competition of turtle and rabbit towards this ultimate destination, with the difference that the rabbit does not take a nap here.

Practically, with mere technological advancements and inventions plus the nuclear power, a country is considered eligible or powerful enough to get the eligibility of being the legitimate member of this man-made grid. Why should the race and making technological contributions for the betterment of world not be a fair thing?

It would definitely be, only if it were the case.

In effect, globalism in the present era does not remain "the ideology to cross national borders unfettered" as the dictionary describes but a worldwide kingdom possessed by the powerful ones to rule and administer the weak by imposing self-made laws and regulations (restrictions to be more specific).

The kingdom now seems itself having the right to include those it sees eligible and exclude those it wants.

Afghanistan has long been a witness of such isolation (a term used against globalism). However, since Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) assumed control of the country, the degree of the isolation got even more intensified.

First, the United States froze its assets bringing the worst economic crisis in result. Along with that as America, the most powerful "globalism leader" refused to recognize IEA, other countries also held their positions still, even though IEA has time and time again said that it had fulfilled all the norms for recognition. With such restrictions, long familiar to Afghanistan, it will never be able to pass the eligibility test committed by globalism leaders.

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The one most important thing these leaders forget here is that they are not dealing with a government.

But humanity is suffering and being tortured for something of which they have no idea, and the government which currently governs Afghans is de-facto for which they have no other solution but to accept.

The excuses made for not approving legitimacy mainly magnify their concern for humanitarian rights and rights of women for work and education. Do they, however, even have the idea of the consequences of their currently imposed restrictions? Hundreds of government employees, male and female lost their jobs and the same number is still waiting for their three or four month salaries. State-owned universities are shut due to the damaged economy of the country.

University professors and lecturers are seen doing street peddling and day labor, and so on. Children, according to UNICEF Afghanistan are in a condition it could even not celebrate World's Children Day. About 90% of the country's population is facing severe hunger, starving for daily food, as the prices are in their high peak.

That is the result when restrictions of globalism leaders are imposed in order to protect human rights.

Hence, there seem to be only two ways to alleviate and quell the current crisis providing that globalism leaders do care for humanity out of their defined and eligible grid. First, the more practical one is that they should provide legitimate recognition to the de-facto government, release its frozen assets, resume their humanitarian and other necessary aids, kick off official relations with the government by reopening their embassies, promoting imports and exports of the country to set its economic position back on its feet, and so on.

As a second solution, which looks rather more unpractical one, is that globalism leading countries should open their gates in front of Afghans and embrace them as their legal citizens, if they really want a better and rights-protected life for Afghans.

Finally, it is necessary to redefine the term "globalism", as it should be dealing with humanity not just bordered areas, the countries.

Globalism can only be a fair achievement of human civilization if it looks beyond the borders, governments and systems, for the humans. It will be of no good and even create more damage to the world it already has unless it is people, from any background or country, who make the center of globalism.

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Environmental Pollution & its negative impact on society

Nature and environment are God gifts and all kinds of living things depend on them for survival. The nature can impact the quality and cycle of nature providing that the environment get polluted. Besides, polluted environment has enormous negative impacts on the lives of humans, animals, and trees. Environmental pollution and global warming are the most important and problematic issues in today's world.

Although many countries around the world hold serious meetings on the purpose to solve these problems, particularly environmental pollution and global warming, no concrete results can be found.

Today's industrial world through their deforestation initiatives and damaging green areas as well as usage of nonstandard materials has deprived people of neat and clean environment, causing depression and psychological abnormality for the people.

The forests and green areas, as a last resort for the problem, have been destroyed and corralled the man inside the concrete and iron walls, leaving him miserable with a variety of smoke and pollution.

Yet on the other side, Almighty God has provided all his blessings for the wellbeing of human being and other creatures. In addition, according to the teachings of Islam, man has a unique relationship with nature and his/her dignity and honor should be preserved.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) also says that work for your soil and take its blessings.

Moreover, Islamic culture considers the nature to be the cradle and means of man's improvement and perfection.

Hence, anyone who destroys the nature and makes it unsafe for living, the nature fights them back, as it is created for a purpose and its elements including cloud, air, sun and moon fulfill their duties.

As Muslims, therefore, it is our responsibility that we struggle to protect our environment, jungles, and green areas as well as preserve our safety more than anyone else.

Despite the fact that in recent years some measures were taken under environment protection administration by the government, but it was witnessed that the administration would only do some pointless things as soon as the winter would hit the country.

Therefore, the relevant authorities should manage and control the construction of sky-scrapper apartment buildings, baths as well as examine if proper smoke chimneys are installed.

Since unsafe environment and polluted air not only creates psychological issues for people but also become the root cause of spread of various kinds of diseases and negatively impacts the nature and society.

While environmental pollution has become a worldwide problem, the United State has frozen the country's assets.

The frozen assets not only has positive impacts on the country's economy, but also has profound impact with fighting air pollution and global warming.

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