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## Editorial

### Tangible steps should be taken to end Taliban's atrocities

Afghan people, Afghan officials, including President Ghani, have time and again called on Taliban to declare ceasefire and join the peace talks genuinely. The Taliban have rejected this offer, since their leaders have been living outside the country for years and have contacts with non-Afghan regims.

Holding talks in the country may restrict their contacts with their supporters, as officials said on multiple occasions that the group is harbored and supported by outsiders as well as having deep ties with other terror groups, including al-Qaida.

The Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has welcomed the recent Human Rights Watch and other verified independent sources' reports on documenting the Taliban's violence and crimes and condemning these reprehensible crimes.

The Afghan Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that the reports by verified independent resources and media indicate that the Taliban forces perpetrate in areas under their control unpardonable and prosecutable crimes, including illegal arrests, arbitrary killings, torturing civilians, forced marriages, and violation of basic human rights, particularly women's rights.

Indeed, the Taliban do not represent Afghan nation since they never listened to the people of Afghanistan nor seem to agree over holding talks on Afghan soil. If the Taliban really believe they belong to Afghanistan, they should not be afraid of living in the country and should cut ties with terror groups and pave the way for lasting peace and stability in the war-torn country.

Meanwhile, if the Taliban are keen to hold negotiations, they have to reduce their violence and avoid forcing people to leave their localities. Currently, however, the Taliban fighters kill Afghan civilians and soldiers without an iota of care or concern.

The Afghan government calling on the international community, human rights agencies, and the International Criminal Court (ICC) to cooperate in preventing the Taliban's organized atrocities and prosecution of the perpetrators to put an end to impunity in Afghanistan.

The regional and global stakeholders, including the US, should pressure the Taliban to uphold all the treaties and constitutional principles regarding equal rights of men and women and women should not be discriminated on the basis of their gender.

Indeed, the Taliban are fighting for gaining power rather than national or religious concerns. That is to say, the Taliban leaders are not concerned about bringing in security or upholding the rights and freedoms of Afghan people, but to hold positions within the government. They operate for their self-interests under the mask of religion.

The Taliban show no concern about the public security or the rights and liberties of citizens. They spill the blood of Afghan people to gain their self-interests and political positions. In short, the Taliban seek power at the cost of thousands of lives. Since only gaining power matters for them, they are unlikely to answer positively to the demands of Afghan government or nation.

Therefore, the Afghan government and its allies should now focus on war strategy, as the group has never shown willingness for peace and rather killing people and applying their own rules in territories under their control.

Meanwhile, the documentation of Taliban's crime shouldn't be limited to only investigations, but tangible and practical steps should be taken to stop the group's atrocities and mass assassination of the civilians.

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## Imran Khan and Taliban: An impending disaster

By Raza Shahani



ban photo further captured the people in the Punjab. The result was further radicalization of the society in the region. In the Punjab, the first fighting center was seen in the Punjab, where hundreds of thousands of militant protesters filled the streets of the newly all cities of the Punjab to force the government to withdraw the French offensive. The protesters were so radicalized that they killed, brutally beat and plundered the roads. Nearly around a week, the Punjab was blocked by the protests. The state then blocked before the French army and issued a peace deal with them with promising to bring the state of emergency in the province.

When I had reached the conclusion of visiting the black and white interview, I saw the Taliban being heavily supported against their competitors to occur in the international coalition against the terrorist organization. While the Taliban were coming out their opponents with the backing speed, the people and state in Pakistan were willing to accept and help. Needless to say, Pakistan along with the Saudi Arabia and the UAE, promptly recognized the Taliban regime and established the diplomatic relations. Similarly, a batch of officers was born in Pakistan during June half of the 1990s, the period, during which the Taliban were establishing their rule in Afghanistan. Today, these Pakistanis were in mid-90s have reached the age of 25-30. This is the prime age for getting on work, job or begin a business to sustain their family and make life going. However, the situation is otherwise.

After capturing Kabul in 1996, the Taliban banned Al Qaeda, the international terrorist organization. Thus, Al Qaeda began operating from Afghanistan against the US interests in the different countries.

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However, Khan perfectly knew that Islam can be easily sold out to the Pakistanis, especially in the Punjab. He then fighting against the city of the security establishment towards the Taliban and the like.

So, Khan, a phony, put on the garb of a pious teacher. Besides, Khan assumed the role of the political mouthpiece of the Taliban. This was the reason the Taliban had nominated him as the head of their negotiating team to hold dialogue with the Pakistani government.

These two factors, people's frustration with the traditional parties and last but not least the help of the establishment helped him come to power. But Khan was not a pious man. He was a man who was born in 1950 was extremely poor and opportunistic in Pakistan. Yet, again they are among the Taliban, weapons, war and no opportunity to undertake the responsibility. However, once again Khan regime and its system-beneficiary people and institutions are celebrating the Taliban gains in Afghanistan.

Initially, upon entering politics, Khan had spent his life facing and doleful with wine and women in the clubs, had parties and on the beaches in the West. His own nearly naked photos and video clips with his so many women girlfriends limit the image.

As a consequence of the Taliban in Afghanistan, war, weapons, drugs and violence would spread the Pakistan youth their future. Afghan, who were born in the mid-90s would be forced and forced. Raza Shahani, teaches at Shah Abdul Latif University, Khuzdar, South Pakistan.

