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Editorial
Taliban being used as tool
for Afghanistan destruction

Taliban's war and violence against the Afghan people and government is neither Jihad nor an effort for bring peace in the country. The group's war is not a Jihad because they fight against an Islamic State, which has Islamic law, rule and follows Islamic teachings and Sharia. Meanwhile the constitution of Afghanistan is based on religious teachings and human rights.

Afghan National Defense and Security Forces (ANDSF) personnel officers are all Muslims. The civilians who are killed in Taliban attacks are Muslims. Religious scholars of majority of Islamic countries and organizations have called Taliban war Haram, illegitimate and denounced the killing of Muslims in the country. They even have called the Afghanistan war as genocide of the Muslims.

In recent two years, Islamic scholars of Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia and some other countries have called Taliban war illegal and fraudulent. Even Imams of Kabul and Mullah Ali Akbar have issued fatwas against their war and called it illegitimate.

Majority of scholars of Islamic world have agreed and consensus have been made that the Afghan war was not Jihad and is Haram and illegitimate according to them. Therefore, Taliban cannot call their violence acts as Jihad. On the other hand, contrary to statements of Taliban leaders, the group sparing no effort to destabilize the country and take the power by force. Taliban have said that world doesn't support their return.

The UNSC has frankly announced that destabilization of Taliban Emirate is unacceptable. Two months ago in a joint meeting and a statement the US, Russia, China and Pakistan declared that they would not support return of Taliban Islamic Emirate.

The neighboring countries of Afghanistan including Islamic republic of Iran and the central Asian republics have also clarified their stance and said that Taliban could be part of future system of Afghanistan not the whole system.

The Taliban leaders clearly know that they can never re-establish their favorite rule in Afghanistan and take the whole power. Recent escalation of violence by Taliban in certain provinces show frankly that Taliban are not fighting to bring peace, but to take the absolute power. Whenever Taliban militiamen occupy certain districts and bases, they destroy government buildings, eliminate public utility installations, or blow up ANDSF bases.

Taliban's military strategy clearly shows that the group doesn't believe on peaceful settlement of the issues, and even doesn't believe on a strong and independent Afghanistan, because taking over the power requires institutions and infrastructures that without them government is difficult and even impossible, while Taliban annihilating instead to protect them.

Now a key question arises here that why Taliban are fighting? And what is the continuation reason of their war and intensification of violence? As per the above-mentioned details, the answer is clear that they no longer believe on peace and fighting on behalf of certain intelligence agencies.

Taliban are not independent but are a proxy group and mercenary of aliens and implementing the orders of the certain spring agencies. Taliban have close ties with almost all secret agencies of the region. India peace process and visit of the Taliban leaders to different countries showed that to whom they are affiliated, from where they receive order and on behalf of whom they are fighting.

Taliban are fighting to meet short and long-term objectives of external countries. They are killing innocent Afghan people, devastate economic infrastructures and public utility installations. Current war in Afghanistan would only be concluded when Taliban get rid of control of external secret services.

Taliban would only submit to peace that their leaders take determination by own and don't allow the certain spy services and spiteful circles of the region to use them as tool against their people and homeland and achieve their nasty and illegitimate goals. Until Taliban don't think about Afghan people and their national interest, instead of implementation of alien's plans, war, violence and miseries of the Afghan people will continue.

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Biden administration still weighing CIA drone strike policy amid Afghanistan withdrawal



As US President Joe Biden's administration will put Afghanistan on a similar footing or implement specific criteria for terrorists, then, post-withdrawal.

"It makes sense that when we end our engagement in Afghanistan, we would have to apply some version of the rules that apply for everywhere else," said Robert Chesney, director of the Robert S. Strauss Center for International Security and Law at the University of Texas. "One way to look at it is to say this is not just a part and parcel of pulling away from Afghanistan in a theater of combat operations."

For years, the CIA and US military have had broad authority to kill suspected terrorists in Afghanistan, imposing decisions that could be made by senior military and intelligence officials and did not always need final sign off by the White House.

But as Biden prepares to end the war, his National Security Council is debating whether to raise the bar for the CIA and the Pentagon to carry out deadly drone strikes and commando raids.

Without losing the ability to conduct counterterrorism operations, the agency may signal how comfortable the Biden administration is about "ending America's foreign war." "We're not going to do strikes against al Qaeda," Will we still have the legal right to attack the Taliban, if we do not see a direct threat emerging to the US?

Under the Trump administration, commanders in the field were authorized to make targeted decisions about their own military and CIA strikes in countries like Yemen and Somalia, in addition to Afghanistan.

But the Biden administration is reversing the role divide, which was same as "area of active hostilities" has been hotly debated for years. That broader

likely. But there will be places where the Afghan government loses access to facilities or territory controls. And that will lead to some dark spots in the "safe" regions.

CIA Director Bill Burns acknowledged to lawmakers earlier this year that the withdrawal will affect the CIA's ability to collect intelligence and national security advice that he believes cannot be

"It is true as the CIA director said he won't have the same level of presence on the ground that we did when we had 1,000 troops or 30,000 troops or 100,000 troops," Sullivan said at the time. But he emphasized that the agency "will retain sufficient capability so that

we will have months of warning before al Qaeda is able to gather against external plotting capability to threaten the homeland."

What that capability would look like remains unclear. While there has been significant discussion by the administration about considering "how the national counterterrorism mission from Afghanistan... there will not be nearly as effective as the current US strike capability and the source commitment will be much more costly, and one of the sources familiar with the ongoing deliberations.

Targets in Afghanistan have also become more scarce, the sources said, and the resources required to maintain a presence and carry out those operations, particularly against non-state actors, are no longer considered worth it by many in the administration.

Every shot against a high-value target or against some low-level operative, even basally the "same" and the source familiar with the ongoing discussions.

As the administration continues to work through several logistical challenges on the front, Kim said it would make sense, as part of these deliberations, to review the criteria for how high-value targets are determined given that US will have fewer resources at its disposal.

"When you have fewer ISR capabilities and fewer strike capabilities, it's inherently going to put more on what they are able to do," he said, referring to intelligence carried out by both the Pentagon and CIA.

"So they would certainly want to try to ensure that their top priorities, to make sure that it's being utilized in the most effective way." **Monitoring Desk**

