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Editorial

Taliban speak violence, bloodshed

Taliban's recent violence and bloodshed campaign has already impacted the fate of peace and stability in the country. Taliban's recent show of force has disappointed Afghan masses to a large extent. Afghanistan has been engulfed in a long and devastating conflict, which would be not ended, unless the Taliban are fully suppressed or pushed for a ceasefire.

The Taliban military strategy and their concentration on victory through war has closed all ways leading to a peaceful solution to the ongoing bloodshed. Taliban have moved away from the peace process and sparing no effort to devastate the country and continue mass killings of innocent Afghan people.

Now there is no hope for the success of the peace process. The countries that insist on stopping of war and resumption of peace talks know it well that might not be possible. Emphasis on reduction of violence and resuming of peace negotiations without exerting essential pressure on Taliban has been changed to a boring and stereotype issue. Taliban have no believe on peaceful settlement of the issues.

Taliban actions in their occupied districts show that even a peace agreement with such group is totally a mistake and wrong approach towards a bright future. Taliban have remained more violent than before and have displayed a violent mood of governance and domination of the people. Destructions, massacre and vagabondage are consequences of Taliban war against the Afghan government. Taliban create fear and terror in areas under their influence, exercise restricted laws, make the voice of media silent, imprisoning girls and women in their homes and take people from their houses and executing them.

Taliban push Afghans for compulsory migration and sow the seed of corruption and enmity in Afghan society. Taliban's aggressive and oppressive behavior is never acceptable to the people. The group's violent dealing with people has closed possibility of every peace and compromise with this group.

A peace that the US administration made with Taliban is different from the peace the Afghan people want. The US signed a peace agreement with Taliban to pave the way for withdrawal of their troops from Afghanistan. The US might have benefited from this agreement but it doesn't mean that the Afghan people take advantage from every peace with Taliban.

The Americans and Europeans left this country and went home but the Afghan people are and will be living here. The Afghan people don't want to submit to Taliban under the name of peace and tolerate their oppressive and hardline rules.

As per the present remarks, Taliban have changed negatively, i.e. they became more violent than ever. They still do not believe on human rights, girls' education and development of the country. Making peace with such a group, would not bring a safe and sound environment to the country, but would lead the country towards a dark era of backwardness and islamophobia.

Therefore, the regional and world countries should support the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, as the only legitimate system in the country, and suppress Taliban and their affiliates, for rejecting peace and intensification of war.

Taliban speaking violence and bloodshed. If no tangible steps taken in this regard, the flame of war and violence would reach the regional and even beyond the regional countries and Taliban would continue to host international militants, as they have been doing it, and would try to destabilize the world.

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Why a former Canadian diplomat called Imran 'utter fraud, shameless liar'

"U.S. failure to confront Pakistan over its proxy war in Afghanistan has arguably been the greatest blow to U.S. strategic prestige so far in the 21st century, a sin of omission and an act of self-harm on a par with the post-2003 Iraq war."



Ever since US President Joe Biden announced that his country would pull out troops from Afghanistan by August-end, Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan has been sensationalizing about the shortcomings of US policy in the region.

Last week, Imran Khan said that US would have started talks with the Taliban when there were over 150,000 NATO troops in the country.

Imran was quoted as saying "The Americans should have started talking to the Taliban from a position of strength when there were 150,000 NATO troops in the country. That was the time to talk with them. Talking to them when there is an exit date given and when there are few thousand troops left, how do they expect the Taliban would ever compromise?"

Not surprisingly, Imran's comments have not gone down well in the West. On Saturday, Chris Alexander, a former Canadian diplomat who is now a politician, blasted off Imran, describing him as an "utter fraud".

Alexander tweeted, "This man is an utter fraud & a charlatan who has been among the Taliban's most ardent, kneejerk boosters for decades. A peevish little Punt, he deserves only severe sanctions & shortcomings of US policy in the region."

Alexander, who served as Canada's minister for citizenship and immigration from 2003 to 2005, had been Canada's ambassador to Afghanistan from 2003 to 2005.

Alexander has been an outspoken critic of Pakistan's meddling in Afghanistan.

In December 2019, he wrote an article in The Globe and Mail that argued for war in Afghanistan. "That was the time when the US had given rise to terrorist groups in Pakistan."

In the article, Alexander argued, "U.S. failure to confront Pakistan over its proxy war in Afghanistan has arguably been the greatest blow to U.S. strategic prestige so far in the 21st century, a sin of omission and an act of self-harm on a par with the post-2003 Iraq war."

In the article, Alexander had opined successive US presidents, from George W. Bush to Barack Obama to Donald Trump—could have opted for a new approach to deal with Pakistan but did not do so.

In the article, Alexander noted "Afghanistan needs over three decades of peace settlement with Pakistan." He also described Imran as being "one of the Taliban's most vocal and ardent boosters".

Alexander noted Imran was "telling back while the army chief was visiting him in power," expatriates media freedom, while welcoming the Taliban's new push for power."

Imran Khan had earlier opposed continued Pakistani logistical support for US operations in Afghanistan since the invasion in 2001. He had argued Islamabad's support to the US had given rise to terrorist groups in Pakistan.

Surprisingly, Pakistan's ministry of foreign affairs reacted strongly to Alexander's comments. The official Media Handle tweeted late on Sunday, "The strategy concerns the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, not the military operations by former Canadian Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, who is now a politician. We are working for peace & stability in Afghanistan. With their integrity concerns, no accountability may follow."

The Media Handle

