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The President is Right!

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Afghan president Hamid Karzai rebuffed American demands in his last week interview with Daily Telegraph British newspaper. Mr Karzai said that he "saw no good" in the last one decade American presence in his country, and called Taliban his brothers and Americans as rivals. He said that he has not spoken to his American counterpart since 7 months. And the last meeting was at Mandela's funeral in South Africa.

Mr. Karzai has been blamed by America for several times before this interview. He described his position as Amir Abdurahman Khan was in, which caused to signing the Durand line agreement. He said: I am also under pressure as Amir Abdurahmman khan was.

His interview with Daily Telegraph has been most discussed in media, and after that some American media speculated that Karzai is in secret contacts with Taliban. While the Taliban described these contacts as propaganda and rejected their negotiation as usual with Karzai's government.

From the latest position of President Karzai and his interviews appear that he won't sign the pact which will give 9 military bases to America in Afghanistan, therefore Hamid Karzai is under pressure of the western media on the one hand and the domestic media which is supporting by west on the other hand. What could be the response of those so-called analysts to the latest tragedy in Ghorban who were insisting on signing of the pact, but Karzai learnt from the latest incidents to not sign the BSA under any circumstances and insisted on his position.

President Karzai in his interview with Daily Telegraph also tried to show a green light to Taliban as well to negotiate with him. But Taliban are suspicious about his power for bringing peace, they are not sure if they share their conditions with Karzai he will not be able to fulfill. But the problem is that Karzai was once thinking that Afghanistan will be destroyed without strategic alliance with America, which is not strategic, nor alliance and friendship. Karzai showed tolerance for several years and now when this bilateral relation deteriorates he decided to be honest with his people; maybe this is the reason that instead of opposing him from public now his positions are being supported.

America's failure in Afghanistan after twelve years of brutal war

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A recent opinion poll conducted by the Pew Research Center and USA Today American newspaper shows that half of Americans believe that America failed in achieving its goals in Afghanistan's war, which is a slap in the face of white house's strategies for Afghanistan, and even for their strategies in Iraq and other countries.

According to this survey, 40 to 50 percent of Americans believe that America has failed in achieving its goals in the war of Afghanistan.

However some people in response to this opinion poll which has been conducted about launching war in both Afghanistan and Iraq have justified Afghanistan's war because Taliban was a shelter for Al-Qaida's leader, but all of the interviewees have responded that attacking on Iraq was a mistake.

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The daily human-causalities of Americans in this unwanted contemporary war, the heavy expenditures it has caused to the threatened economy of America, the increasing hatred that Americans are suffering due to white house leaders' violent policies from Bush to Obama and the increasing embarrassment and fear which is faced by Americans in Islamic countries are all the consequences of more than one decade of imposed war against Afghanistan and Iraq.

Americans can clearly see that America in the last one decade of war from the era of Bush up to now has increased the war and violence instead of decreasing it, which was one of America's reasons to get in this field.

The likely short time of peace after the Taliban fall, has changed to a brutal and ruinous war in result of the white house's dishonest policies which has caused disasters in Afghanistan and also for American people, today even president Karzai the closest friend of America is talking barely about the dishonesty of American policies and wants a guaranty of peace before signing the security pact.

The opinion poll and surveys which are conducted by American civil society and media organizations are much important than to see it just as an assessment. The people of America and all over the world are witnessing the imposed war over Afghanistan and Iraq. The bloodsheds in these wars and their weak will to bring peace in Afghanistan are the signs of their failure and if they continue like this, it would bring more failure for them.

Current Political Situation in Afghanistan And Peace Process

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Since Mr. Karzai has been changing his mind time to time and was taking variety of decisions during the last one decade, most Afghans are suspected about his latest positions and speeches. But if Mr. Karzai stand on that positions especially in not signing the Security pact with America and want America for playing a serious role in peace process he might attract people from inside and outside the country.

Defects in Peace process:

Center for Discussions & Solutions brought together a group of leaders of Pakistani religious parties and scholars from both Afghanistan and Pakistan in conference title “Peace and Reconciliation in Afghanistan”, in Pakistani capital Islamabad.

Fazlur Rahman of Jamiat Ulama, Mulana Samiulhaq of Jamiat Ulama (S), Said Monawar Hassan of Jamiat Islami, co-chair of Tahreek Insaf, Mahmood Khan Asakzai of Pakhtonkhwa party, Afrasiab Khattak of Awami National party, governor of Pakhtonkhwa Eng. Shawkat khan, Ghairat Baheer the representative of Hezbe Islami, Eng. Ahmad Sha Ahmadzai the leader of the alliance of opposing foreign bases in Afghanistan, Mawlawi Janbaz Sarfaraz the representative of Hezbe Islami (Arghandiwal Kabul), Haji Dean mohammad and Shahzada shahid the members of High peace council, Abdul Sattar Murad from Jamiat Islami of Afghanistan, writer and analyst Mohmmad Zaman Muzamel, Sefatullah Qanith and some others were the speakers of this conference.

All were insisting on the need of commitment to peace, and offered their insights over the ways of peace building. One issue which was common in all the speeches

delivered to this conference was that until the peace is not brought to Afghanistan, peace in Pakistan will not be possible. On the other hand Mohammad Asif Loqman the director of the organizer center said that the important party (Taliban) have not participated the conference.

Now, all the parties think that until the Taliban do not participate the peace negotiations directly this process will not be fruitful.

What the related parties aimed in?

If the Karzai was choosing the precondition of coming peace for signing the pact with foreigners in past few years, now he would had supporters in people and would show in practice that he is committed for peace, while according to analysts in past twelve years the only obstacle in peace was himself.

Now, when it is due that the election must be held in coming three months and he will not be the president anymore, the work he did not carried out in last twelve years, in three remaining months will also be not possible.

The fact is that America, president Karzai and other related parties are not yet committed to peace, America want play their game with Taliban under the name of peace, and it seems they are trying to engage Taliban with ineffective and resultless so called peace negotiation to show the militarily and politically defect of Taliban to the world.

President Karzai tries to take advantages from America, Taliban and Afghan people with this game, and put pressure on America to support the candidate who is his option, and make Taliban to support him against America or call the support of Afghans to stay more in power.

Mr. Karzai seems not committed for peace nor for the holding election, so he calls peace from Pakistan who cannot make it possible and convince Taliban to accept the preconditions of Afghan government for peace, but however there are some assumptions that Mr. Karzai is likely tended for peace.

Mr. Karzai has some preconditions, which are sent in a surreptitious message to Taliban, but Taliban may not give positive response to Karzai in the time he is weakened.

Karzai is under pressure from different parties like the pressure from president Obama and democrat party at all externally and from north alliance and Taliban internally. But Karzai still tries to manipulate all the power in his own hands. When Hizbe Islami (Arghandiwal) supported Abdullah Abdullah in coming election he simultaneously encouraged Qutbuddin Helal to nominate himself for presidential election, and thinks on separating Jumaa khan Hamdard, Qazi Mohammad Amin Weqad and Mohammad Akbar Barakzai from Hizbe Islami (Arghandiwal) to support his option in election.

The Afghan government and America tried yet to separate Taliban into different parties with different names to shut the window of peace completely, but now it seems that is the era of ignoring the war and playing political game which needs more attention and precision.

What's needed for peace?

Still there is chance of negotiation with America and also between Afghans, because according to speculations the negotiation over releasing of Guantanamo prisoners come to a likely conclusion and both the America and Taliban want the reopening of negotiation, but this time there are preconditions from Taliban's side like the releasing of prisoners, postponing the election, ignoring military bases and announcing the withdrawal of American troops from Afghanistan.

On the other hand America cannot afford the war and endurance it's casualties in Afghanistan anymore, they want to find a way to withdraw from Afghanistan with a likely good solution and end this war. And Taliban also had some remarks that they also not want the repeating of the past mistakes made by Mujahideen during the civil war in 90s, which shows that this negotiations are part of the war in which the parties (Taliban, Afghan government and America) trying for overcoming while accept the negotiations for peace.

Also Afghan people and scholars who want peace must not set down and watch what is going on, they must negotiate with all parties and find out a way for a real peace process, which is the existence of a third mediate party who can resumed the process without any fraud or mistrust.