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The Spreading Insecurity and behind the Scene Objectives

With beginning of the new solar Hijri year, insecurity and activities of the insurgency has increased, which caused heavy casualties in Kabul and other provinces. In view of political analysts, the celebration of Nawroz or the solar Hijri year's first day festival in Arg instead of Paghman was also due to the increased insecurity.

While only days remain to Presidential and Provincial Council elections the fear of increasing insecurity exists, but Afghan government officials promise insured security for election.

Political analyst Ghulam Jailani Zwak analyzes the root factors of the insecurity and behind the scene objectives in reply to the CSRS questions:



The recent security deterioration all over the country and the insurgents, using all their strength, are preventing people from participation in the elections. But looking to the characteristics of the recent insurgency events they were for complicated aims and could have many sides.

Elections:

One of the purposes of the insecurity is upcoming elections. Following the latest incidents some of the international elections observers also left Afghanistan. The massive participation of the people in election campaigns in spite of the existing insecurity shows that people will participate in the election except in those areas under the full control of insurgents.

But even if the elections are held transparently and people participate while the international observers do not exist it will give a pretext to west and some internal parties working for foreign intelligence who will call the election nontransparent.

It's clear that the upcoming election will of course have irregularities; looking to the experience of the previous elections it is likely that many frauds will happen again. But the absence of the international observers can result in a situation that the foreign parties and their national circles could threaten the elections in case the results are not in their favor.

Attack on Lebanese Restaurant and the Complicated Intelligence War:

The other secret aspect of the recent insecurity can be considered part of a huge intelligence war. One of its examples can be the attack on the Lebanese restaurant and its following mysterious killing incidents chain. Following the attack on the Lebanese restaurant in Kabul the chain of the incidents continues. After this attack an English reporter has been killed who was working with a Swedish radio and aimed to work on a story about the attack on the Lebanese restaurant besides his other duties; but he has been killed just two days after his arrival to Kabul. This killing was a complicated issue and it does not seem possible that someone could draw a plan for his killing just in two days.

It is also said that Journalist Sardar Ahmad wanted to do an investigation on the Lebanese restaurant attack, but he was killed in the attack on Kabul Serena Hotel which raises many questions. Whoever wants to talk about Lebanese hotel is killed; question rises why there is too much sensation about it? These incidents show the deepness of the complication.

Peace Negotiation:

Another reason of the insecurity is to sabotage the peace negotiation between Afghan government and the Taliban. Few days ago President Hamid Karzai confidently said, "Peace is to come; we are in communication with Taliban's leadership". This is a very important issue and some of the circles consider recent incidents linked to developments in peace process.

Few days ago British ambassador in an interview confidently said that Afghan government has contacts with Taliban leaders and negotiations are taking place. He added that Taliban leadership is now also convinced that they cannot achieve solutions through war.

This statement of the British ambassador is important, since he is an official authority who does not express only his own analysis, his statement should be based on

intelligence information because United Kingdom has strong intelligence information, especially their robust contact with Pakistan's Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) in issues related to Taliban.

Therefore we can say that these contacts are true, and there are some improvements in the negotiation. It seems that Taliban are now convinced to pave the way for peace. So the regional and world countries' intelligence who want the continuation of instability and war in Afghanistan tries to sabotage this negotiation while one of the reasons behind the insecurity can be this.

The Bilateral Security Agreement:

One of the reasons behind the recent insecurity can be the pending status of the Bilateral Security Agreement between Afghanistan and the United States; to force Afghanistan to sign the agreement otherwise the insecurity will increase.

There is no doubt that Pakistan and Taliban are involved in these incidents since the attack on Serena Hotel for instance was carried out by Afghans, not by Jew or Christians or others, but the intelligence always use the internal elements for carrying out such incidents; therefore these incidents also have an internal factor and the CIA and other world intelligence who want to implement their programs in Afghanistan could be helped by Pakistan's ISI.

The Legitimacy of Upcoming Elections and the Way to Solving the Conflict



If the insecurity continues to spread the way it is now, how much will it affect the legitimacy of upcoming elections and how much will it be possible for people go to polling stations all around the country? This issue is analyzed by Dr. Misbahullah Abdulbaqi in response to CSRS questions:

Though Afghan government commits securing the election process but the fact is that most of the polling stations and the overall elections are facing wide challenges. While many Afghan parties have disagreements with the government, election cannot be a comprehensive solution. Afghanistan's main problem is war and solutions should be sought to stop it; until there are disagreements between Afghans, the war and bloodshed will continue.

But the war and weapons cannot solve the problem; until a comprehensive understanding does not take place between Afghans the ending the war seems impossible. None of the sides can solve the problem through force, but the ongoing conflict should be solved through inter-Afghan understanding and negotiations.

Afghanistan's conflict might have external causes and factors, but limiting it only to external factors could be ignoring the will for solution because there are various internal factors. Considering all factors a comprehensive solution should be found and all the factors causing insecurity must be analyzed.

This conflict can be solved when there is first a comprehensive understanding which creates a common agreement between all Afghans, then a transition government is formed, then the constitution is amended and then elections are held according to the new constitution.

President Karzai's Position on Crimea Joining Russia

Introduction

After the violent protests in Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich fled to Russia and the opposition who had west's support came to power.

After these developments Russian army seized Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and held a referendum on March 16, 2014 which resulted in 96% of Crimeans voting to join Russia which faced tough criticism from NATO and the United States.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai supported the joining of Crimea with Russia. He told in a meeting with American senators in Kabul that he respects the decision of the people of Crimea. He added that the people of Crimea in a referendum expressed what they want and decide to join Russia and Afghanistan respect this decision of the Crimeans.

American authorities called Karzai's support of the referendum in Crimea as "unexpected move" and deplored it.

Afghanistan considered a US and NATO ally, why the President's position on this issue is different than that of his allies? And what effects will this position have? International relations expert Dr. Salihi has analyzed Afghanistan's and US relations in response to CSRS questions:

The Deteriorating Relation between Afghanistan and the United States



The relation between Afghan President and United States deteriorated after the second round of presidential election when President Barack Obama tried to support the opposition of Karzai on the pretext of what he called wide spread corruption in Afghan government.

The worsening relation at its first stages was hidden and not public, but since the last two years it is public, especially in the past one year since the security pact between

Afghanistan and the United States is under consideration, the President criticize his western allies. In some cases he calls their presence in Afghanistan as occupation and in some cases he calls their presence colonial.

Some of the people think the statements of President Karzai show the independence of Afghanistan's foreign policy, but in fact independency does not mean the deterioration of the relation with other countries, but independency mean that the President can decide in the favor of his country's national interests while does not face any internal or foreign pressures, while the Afghan government faces pressures from within Afghanistan and also internationally not in a position to be able to discuss things with its long-term allies in a way to worsen relations. The independency in its today's scope cannot be absolute because the world became a village and are connected with each other.

On the other hand, US want most countries in the world to support their positions and do not expect their allies under any circumstances to oppose. What the US want is not important, the important thing is the national interests of Afghanistan, where the Afghanistan now locates, which kind of relation with the world is in the favor of Afghanistan's economy, society and culture development.

The case of Crimea is more political than be a legal one, Russia has tried not to be silent anymore against the west and think that it is time to stand, but the position of the Afghan President in the current situation when most of Afghanistan's political, economic and military fields are being supported by west while support the Russia's position can raise questions because Afghanistan needs more cooperation of the world community in different fields.

Regarding the Crimea case, most of the countries kept silence or chose to be nonpartisan, but the position of the President Karzai which absolutely supported the position of the Russia and opposed the United States position, might not be an action in favor of Afghanistan's national interests.

But since the presidential period is going to end it will not has that much effect and the western countries might not pay respect to that, but anyway it can dishearten the United States of America.

Karzai's Recent Stance Stem from US Afghan Policy



Abdullah Elham Jamalzai, political analyst and writer believes that the recent position of the President is his right, and called it as a result of America's Afghan policy. Mr. Jamalzai analyzed the recent position of the President in the reply to the CSRS questions:

I think that is not necessary that Afghanistan should support US or NATO's position in foreign policy. The statements of the president Karzai is one of the attempts of using the means of public diplomacy. However this issue did not rose as a viewpoint of the official diplomacy of Afghanistan but had a clear message to the United States of America. Although, involvement in such important issues such is Crimea is not in Afghanistan's interest, but the President revealed with his statement that however in the current situation encounter with any side including the west is not in favor of Afghanistan but wants independency in variety of fields.

The US media propaganda war which has begun in the last years and the selfish policies of the White House against the President Karzai has caused such a twist in the policies of the President, but however it is a tactic.

As US was hurting Afghanistan national interests and tried different ways to force Karzai for making what they want to impose on him, Karzai on the other hand tried to use all the opportunities he had in public diplomacy to oppose these pressures. President Karzai broke the silence which he chose against US and NATO's policies, which was also because he had no choice.

In the case of Crimea, the president showed that he is independent in his foreign policy and it is not necessary that Afghanistan should obey the US and NATO's policies, and as the President said in that case it would be the occupation form of the relation.

From the diplomacy viewpoint the statement of the president was just his view not the final official position of Afghanistan. The President used the terms like respect to the “respect the decision of the people”, through which he wants to deliver an important messages to the United States of America or the west that Afghanistan wants independency not imposed by politics of others, which could be noticed in the US politics in the past years.

This position of the President will also not a huge impact, because it had political and propaganda aims to warn the west against policy they are perusing especially in recent years. If it will have any impact it will be a positive impact for Karzai’s positions.

President Karzai on one hand showed his efforts for an independent foreign policy and on the other hand it was an effort to keep influencing the dispute between him and the US.

United States want Afghanistan to support their viewpoint in the foreign policy, but none of the countries want be under the control of a side in their politics especially in foreign policies. Afghanistan had no choice when they called for the support of US, NATO and the world community to overcome the problems, but US and the west pursues their own interests in their support, therefore it is natural that sometimes they try to impose their politics on Afghanistan, in the response President Karzai from the beginning had tried to prove his independency through his actions. He increased these actions in the recent years trying to make US listen to Afghanistan.