

Secular States, National Borders and the Unending Suffering of Afghan Refugees

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The process of forced deportation of Afghan Refugees is ongoing and so far, almost five hundred thousand Afghans have been deported from Pakistan to Afghanistan. Additionally, 134 thousand Afghans have been deported from Iran with 2263 others from Turkey. Likewise, the Interim Government of Pakistan announced on October 3 that out of four million Afghan refugees, 1.7 million illegal migrants shall be deported from Pakistan before November 1. They argued that these steps were taken for security reasons, claiming that the illegal refugees were the root cause of insecurity across the country. They also argued that insurgents were using Afghan soil against Pakistan.

Comment:

The Pakistani government is executing this decision in such a sensitive time where in Afghanistan a cold winter is looming; while Afghans are not living a normally economic life as most of them are suffering hugely from unemployment given that there is no proper shelter and dwelling for the returnees. However, Pakistan is brutally executing this decision with full determination. Many of those who have lived in Pakistan for the last four decades, by starting their life from scratch and arranging a fair life and business, were given a one-month notice to pack their stuff and leave. This caused people to sell their properties for very low prices. There are even reports of instances where some refugees had to sell their properties for one tenth of their original prices. Those refugees, who did not comply, were arrested and then brutally deported from Pakistan with humiliation. Just like the Zionist entity, the Pakistani Government demolished homes and shops of Afghan refugees in the refugee camps, terrifying women and children and violating the sanctity of Muslim homes. They reportedly did not allow a single Afghan migrant to carry more than PKR 50,000 (USD 178) upon their departure from Pakistan.

These Afghan refugees were those who had left Afghanistan during the country's invasion by the Soviet Union, and the Pakistani public warmly welcomed them just as the Ansar of Medina had once welcomed the Muhajireen from Makkah. But the Pakistan Government's policy has always been based on wicked national interest, entirely influenced by the Cold War and the US-oriented so-called 'War on Terror' agenda that was actually a war against Islam and Muslims as well the interest of its master, the West in general and the US in particular. It was based on such heinous policy that it supported the Jihad until it succeeded, then it fueled the civil war among Afghans, and finally it paved the way for Afghanistan's invasion by US and NATO. Now, through this puppet government and at the behest of their foreign masters, they want to detach and alienate Muslim peoples from each other.

If we were to examine the root causes of this catastrophe, we would find out that all of this is inflicted upon the region's Muslim population because of national borders, national interest, the ideology of nationalism, non-Islamic systems, the existence of puppet rulers, and the political influence of colonial powers. As far as these national systems, evil ideologies, the ruling non-Islamic regimes, puppet rulers, and influence of neocolonial powers prevail in the region, we wouldn't foresee signs of relief from such catastrophes.

Therefore, any claim by the Pakistani Government to blame Afghan refugees for internal insecurity of the country lacks proven evidence and credibility, because the real problem lies with the Secular Government of Pakistan and the corrupt stooge rulers who run it. In opposition to the will of the Pakistani people, they have happened to refrain from enforcing Islam by turning themselves into sheer servants and/or slaves of the US and other colonial powers — only to ensure their personal interests. It's for this reason that some people and groups have taken up arms to try to dismantle the regime and replace with an Islamic one.

Therefore, instead of revisiting their sovereignty, legitimacy and governance based on Islam, these people of power in Pakistan are distorting the public opinion by striving to correlate the insecurity of Pakistan to Afghan refugees.

All those Afghans who had left their homes in Afghanistan and moved to Pakistan, had done so due to the massive terror, brutality, bombardment, target killings and mass killings imposed by Soviets in 80s, then due to the civil war in 90s, and later due to the past two decades of long brutalities of US and NATO. On the other hand, the artificial Durand Line has caused separation of Muslims in their very own lands under the names of Afghanistan and Pakistan. This ideology of nationalism has created for them separate emotions, and national historical narratives that do not have any place in the faith of the Muslims, and are forbidden in the Islamic Sharia. These ideologies are rooted in Colonialism and the infidel [Western] civilization. They are enforcing such measures through their puppets in the region and are spreading this like poison among Muslims.

In the eyes of Islam, all territory of Muslims is a unified country, meaning that issues like the one Afghans are facing now, which is moving from one part to another, should actually give rise to material and spiritual support of Muslims in other areas. However, the current state of Muslim lands is alien to Islam's ideology and social solidarity thereof. The Muslim land is divided into nation states, in each of these national territories infidel national systems are in power, that are run by the puppets of the infidels based on the ideology of nationalism. This is done to ensure Muslims are kept divided, involved in various issues and disputes, and always be an easy target to be occupied or colonized by foreign powers and are never able to come together as the Muslim Ummah under a unified Islamic State.

This is not a problem only between the Muslims of Afghanistan and Pakistan, but Gaza-Palestine is also paying the same price of this very problem. Masjid Al Aqsa is occupied and the oppressed Muslims of Palestine, Syria, East Turkistan, Myanmar, Kashmir, and India are deprived of support from Ummah due to this very evil ideology — even making the Holy Land of the Two Sites (Haramain) to suffer from the influence of infidel ideology and extreme corruption.

So, O Muslim Ummah, Wake Up! Convince your armed forces to stop obeying the puppet rulers and their systems and instead pledge allegiance to a single sincere Caliph, reestablish the Khilafah Rashidah (rightly guided Caliphate), unify all Muslim lands and liberate the occupied territories. Besides, do deliver the light of Islam through clear foreign policy of the Khilafah Rashidah [which is to carry Da'wah and wage Jihad], so that the world and the humanity is protected from the current darkness, imposed tragedies, fabricated wars, and evil ideologies that are against the human nature by enlightening the world and humans with the light of Islam.

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