

# Humans violating human rights

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WHEN we talk about UNO's Commission on human rights and then watch television, glance at the newspapers and magazines, we come across the bitter realities of times, we see the humanity in immense pathos, their miseries and deprivations have crossed all limits. When we talk of human rights we must know the vast horizons it covers and the broad perspective in which this "so-called term is used. The food, shelter & clothing are not the only basic rights of human beings but it is essential that they must be provided the security of life & property, their self-respect is protected and they are treated equally before law. Similarly the freedom of speech and expression must be granted, so that if he is against something he can express his views, or protest and criticise what he thinks is wrong. Every person must be free to follow his beliefs and practices his religion.

For the protection of these human rights UNO's General Assembly passed the human rights charter on December 10 1948 which says that all humans are born free and equal, their rights and respect must be protected and that they must follow, what Islam calls, brotherhood of man. The basic provisions of human rights charter are as follow:

- Every person has got the right to safeguard his life, liberty and personal freedom.
- No one can be arrested, jailed or exiled at the orders of a ruler without due process of law.
- Every one is equal before the law and without any discrimina-

tion has equal access to justice.

- Family is a basic and natural requirement of the society and must be protected by the society and state.

- Every person has right to possess property individually or collectively.

Every person must be granted an opportunity in his state to have government employment.

- Every person is free to approach any other person or to work for the development of humanity, to maintain brotherhood, to establish healthy relations between the mankind. He is permitted to form any committees for this purpose.

- Every person is allowed to have his own views and is permitted to express himself freely.

- Every one can participate in the cultural development and affairs of his state, and to be benefited from the literature, science and process from such participation.

Now when we look around and review the human rights situation, we can find ourselves how UNO has worked to improve this situation. The Cambodian, Vietnam, Korean crisis, the Atomic explosions in Japan may be the stories of the past but Chechenya's situation, the ethnic cleansing in Bosnia are still vivid in our minds. The war tribunals are trying to punish the violators but with out any success at all. The justice perhaps will be done in heavens! The war ravaged Afghanistan saw many envoys from the UNO and USA but all in vain.

THE Kashmiris are braving Indian aggression yet the UNO last year decided to scrap off 50 issues from its agenda including Kashmir issue which according to UNO is a dead issue and thus must be discarded. Is this

the justice for which Kashmiris are aspiring? The Middle East peace process has been jeopardised after the victory of the Likud party and stubborn Netanyahu, who is openly violating the rights of the Palestinians by opposing 'Oslo Agreement and is establishing Jewish settlements ignoring world opinion. Today there is no hope for peace in the Middle East, will UNO be able to do something?

In Africa all the Tutsis were not aristocrats not all the Hutus peasants, the differences between the two were created by the Germans and Belgians (the invaders of the Rawanda & Burundi) as an instrument of colonial rule. Mobutu's regime in Zaire passed a hostile law in 1991 to snatch citizenship from Zairean Tutsis. Later government treated them as third rate citizens. The genocide of the Rawandan Tutsis by Hutus in 1994 was a result of 30 years propaganda by the politicians on both sides to safeguard their absolute power. In 1995, 60,000 Zairian Tutsis were forced out of Zair. UNO called for the disarmament of the Hutus but international community played the role of silent spectator. It seems that by the time UNO takes decision thousand would die of hunger, thirst & starvation. The Cyprus conflict between Turkey and Greek is still haunting the UNO's human rights commission. Pakistan's Constitution grants the safety of basic human rights to its citizens but gang rapes, burning of women, sectarian riots, religious strifes, robberies, law and order situation are common headlines of all our newspapers.

The police victimises the innocent people to protect people who are involved in all sorts of dirty

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businesses, drug trafficking is spoiling our younger generation. Most of our population has no access to clean drinking water, health facilities and education. The child labour is a major problem and in fact the result of poverty. The poor parents cannot afford the educational expenses of their children, they can't survive if their kids do not earn for their families. Those who have sympathies for these children must not view the situation with prejudice and should admit that child labour can be dealt with properly if poverty is eradicated.

THE male dominated society is still rigid, it is an open secret that most of our population is against the female education. Women are raised by their parents in a way that they are supposed to be submissive and they are not allowed to raise their voices. When a mother-in-law burns her daughter the newspapers publish the news, but no one is apprehended and punished. Similarly, freedom of press exists but their are still lot of curb on press and it cannot openly publish all the truth.

I don't want to criticise any specific party neither favour it but the fact of the matter that the powerful are always there to do what they want. The 300 marks granted in viva vose of CSS exams reveal that the selection board is there to make or break the future of the qualified candidates. Is selection based on quota system or merit? It doesn't make much sense to an average person that only the sons and daughters of the bureaucrats can get eighteen plus marks in the viva. The newspapers published these injustices in the headlines but nothing was done to rectify the

situation.

The history of the world's super power which is trying to become a custodian of human rights is nothing but stories of hegemonic designs. Today US talks of human rights violation in China, criticises Sadam Hussain, Qaddafi and depicts Muslim states as terrorist and fundamentalists. The US role in Fermenting crisis in Cuba, Philippines, Domimican Republic, Puerto Rico and Latin American states is known world over. USA paved the way for the spread of nuclear weapons when it dropped atomic bombs on Japan in 1945.

The Prophet of Islam in his last sermon gave the immortal charter of human rights, the Holy Prophet (PBUH) emphasised humanity centuries ago and provided the world with the fairest manifesto of love and peace. If we talk of human rights we must keep in mind the fact that Arab tribes who were daggers drawn with each other were practising inhuman traditions and genocidal cruelties, when followed the religion of Mohammad (PBUH) their hearts were purified of all the hostilities and they devoted themselves for the protection and development of humanity. This is all we need to know and follow to rescue the humanity from the clutches of immorality, injustices and brutality.

Islam is not the religion of fundamentalists as perceived and portrayed by the Western Powers but it is the religion of peace and humanity. It never violates the basic rights of humans and safeguards the interest of all, even the non-Muslims. It abhors to shed unnecessary blood and gives the message of humanity to the whole world.