**Policy And Politics: resolving issues**

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Spend time to make sure, you do things that you don’t have to regret; time you have is to think how best to make of it; only time can tell what is significant, right or wrong.

Our approaches and thinking can differ but we need to note that time lost is increased opportunity cost, reflecting on indifference and disconnect time is investment in humanism, in fact for love and care.

When discussing [policy](https://dailytimes.com.pk/558147/national-electricity-policy-2020-high-in-intent-but-low-in-content/) formation, both domestic and foreign, the best one can do is to present issues so as to set a pace for the people to continue thinking positively and the possible. In overall policies, few countries can easily change the ships course; a country continues what is given in accordance with the country’s history and its relationship with its neighbours’ region, super and major powers, and the wider world, in trade, culture, religion, and other fields or characteristics. This super-structure is there for us to tackle. The more favorable the climate you are able to create the better it is for political engineering, domestically and abroad.

It is diplomacy, the power to ‘win’ and “win-win” to struggle for cooperation and reconciliation; which proves to be the key to resolving issues and reduce tensions. All the environments affecting solution of domestic politics and change; political leaders and political parties have to grasp the task of governance and sufficiency management and economy. Foreign and domestic affairs issues must be discussed by all in democratic States, notjust by officers of Foreign Affairs Ministries.The Interdependence of domestic and foreign policy need to be considered as a package. For better results,we need to strengthen our Institutions and their linkages;and the people having exercised their democratic say effectively.

Is it realistic to expect any outcome of the seventy years old/ U.N; Resolutions on Kashmir, Some leaders and authors could question. Is there a need for alternate new ways? This may be just thinking out of the box. But what about the moral responsibility, especially when the Kashmiris’ right to self-determination has been rediscussed and confirmed twice or thrice recently also by the U.N.S.C. War is not the solution. The military must proactively work for peaceful resolutions of conflicts. More trust and cooperation is required between India and Pakistan. May be some initiatives will work late, if not now, in Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s regime. Some kind of initiatives and super-power intervention may be useful.It depends on what issues are right away the choice of diplomacy and diplomats.

Pakistan has expressed concern over US move to sell-defense weapons system to India. It would destabilize the already volatile region. The U.S. decision would disturb the strategic balance in south Asia. South Asia cannot afford arms race and conflict with serious security implications for Pakistan and the region. The international community, according to Foreign office, was fully aware of India’s aggressive policy designs against Pakistan and threatening statements of Indian political and military leaders. Defense relations between the U.S. and India were contributing to destabilization of peace and security in south Asia. Foreign office spokesperson said, US. President Donald Trump had offered mediation on Kashmir dispute on Several Occasions. “We hope to see those offers being translated into practical actions. We hope that the dispute of Kashmir will be raised during President Trump’s visit to India/ Non resolution of this dispute is one of the most destabilizing factors for peace and security in the region”.

Pakistan and turkey agree to bolster defense ties and fight together the challenge of islamophobia. President Erdogan is visiting Pakistan for the Sixth session of High-level strategic cooperation council. President Alvi extending a warm welcome to the visiting president, expressed gratification over the level of enhanced and multifaceted engagement between the two countries He added that the sixth session of high-level strategic cooperation will further strengthen and broaden the fraternal relations between Pakistan and turkey. President Alvi appraised President Erdogan of the Worsening human rights situation in Occupied Kashmir and took the opportunity to thank the Turkish president Erdogan for his principled stand on Kashmir.

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The two presidents underscored the importance of fully realizing the immense potential of relationship between Pakistan and turkey and transforming it into a strong and dynamic trade and economic partnership. Erdogan had arrived in Islamabad on a two-day visit. The president is accompanied by first lady of Turkey Emine Erdogan and also by a high-level delegation comprising cabinet members and senior government officials besides heads of leading Turkish Corporations. Turkish president is scheduled to hold talks with Prime Minister Imran Khan and also address parliament.

Islamabad values turkey’s efforts in supporting Pakistan to come out of the financial crunch.The two leaders are determined to take the Ummah out of the current chaos.

Criticism of government policies should be viewed positively, by any government anywhere. Instead of embarrassing itself by looking to counter views against policy measures, the ruling party and the current government should care to provide relief to the people facing Problems. The ostrich approach and denying the ground reality and visible facts is no help to anyone.

Incompetency and incapacity are problems. These problems have to be solved to make the systems work effectively and efficiently.Performance measurement should be targets to meet. Someone should be answerable, why can’t the price spiral be arrested. What are the causes of indifference of administration to the poor? Why is there unprecedented increase in prices of vegetables which are locally produced.

The whole nation needs to think of plethora of problems people face and what could be done about it. Good governance is the answer. But where is good governance hiding? Our focus should be on justice and rule of law. That is the way forward and that is the path away from deceptions of life.

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