**Behavior makes better humans**

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The people should understand that it is behaviors, not religion that makes them better [humans](https://dailytimes.com.pk/418503/humans-sans-humanity/). The people should hold positive values and attitudes to respect and value people as people. Indian premier Narindra Modi’s extremism and terrorists approach has subjected the people of Indian occupied Kashmir to worse attrocitie and inhuman treatment during 176 days of lockdown. There is no end to injustice that has been delivered to Kashmirs for all these days, the black period of new Delhi’s use of force against Kashmir is simply because they were demanding right of self-determination as per several resolutions of the United Nation security council (UNSC) . Indian Republic Day, 26 June, was observed as a Black Day in protest to impress upon the world to take notice of India’s continued denial of right to self-determination to the people of Kashmir. Relies, protests staged across the world highlighted the Kashmir cause and humans right abuses in Indian occupied Kashmir (IOK). Sadly, Lockdown in IOK continues. There is no end to inhuman treatment of Kashmirs who are Virtually living in a big prison the whole valley is a jail. Indian army’s brutalities continue day in and day out. Their brutalities are not limited to torcher and killing. They indulge in shameful behaviors not suiting to their ranks and image to their own families and friends.

Lawmakers note with concern the rise in tensions between the two Nuclear armed states, India and Pakistan. Tensions between the two rivals have grown recently and fuelled by controversial decision of New Delhi on Kashmir and India’s “dangerously divisive citizenship amendment act which could trigger the” largest statelessness crisis in the world and cause widespread human sufferings”, a powerful group of 154 European parliament members have warned.

In a strong denouncement of citizenship amendment ACT (CAA), the lawmakers have drafted a resolution to be tabled during the plenary session of the European parliament Starting in Brussels nest week. The proposed resolution not only describes the CAA as “discriminatory and dangerously devisive” but also a violation of India’s” international obligations” under the international covenant on civil and political rights ( ICCPR) and other Human Rights treaties to which New Delhi is a signatory. It may be mentioned that 154 lawmakers belong to the S&D Group, a progressive forum of MEPS from 26 EU. Countries, recognized as the second largest political caucus in the European parliament. They are committed to upholding social justice and democratic values such as Equality, Diversity and Fairness.

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While condemning the “unilateral change made to the status of Kashmir by India” the draft resolution noted that india has never implemented the U.N security council resolutions requiring a referendum, allowing all Kashmiris to determine the future Status of Kashmir”. India is urged to repeal the discriminatory amendments to its citizenship law, the draft resolution says the amendments violate India’s international obligation. Moreover, there is opposition to the amendment by majority of Indian States. They are not willing on implementation. Most badly effected by CAA will by Muslims who are the real target of extremist Hindus supporting Narindra Modi’s politics of hate, hate against Muslims.

On our domestic front prime Minister Imran Khan is personally engaged to tackle issues of dissent, grouping in party and cabinet, opposing government’s policies and harboring grudge with Chief Minister Mahmood Khan and defense minister Pervaz Khattak. As a result three ministers in KP province have been sacked. However, Prime Minister is solidly behind Punjab’s Chief Minister Usman Buzdar. Imran Khan rejects report of division of power in Punjab. Premier says,” I know who is conspiring against the Chief Minister”. Imran said, “Chief Minister is doing his work and chief secretary is doing his. There is no division of power”. He said both the Chief Secretary and the IGP were working as members of Chief Minister’s team.

There was some talk going on about crisis of governance and that PTI should not shy away from accepting their responsibility in creating and then perpetuating this crisis. What were the sources of or reasons for crisis of governance? Was it the incompetence of individuals within PTI political team. Could it be attributed to the system or blamed for lack of planning and anticipation? Or does the blame rest with provincial governments that have failed to deliver. One suggestion is “structural reform” and let local government do this job of satisfying the peoples needs. Real relief to the hapless people can only happen from an empowerment of local government. I think elected members and the electorate have to do some serious thinking of understanding the centre- provinces relationship in context of constitutional amendments and the devolution process that is supposed to be followed in true spirit. What we need is constitutionally envisioned service delivery mechanism and effective legislation to address issues and problems that crop up. Those involved should be aware of the meaning of devolution and evolution. They are also expected to understand the relationship of authority, responsibility, accountability apolitical, transparency and that what is the role and need of discretionary powers. We need unity as well as diversity to run complex organizations effectively. If there are required minimum standards of performance everyone will be doing ones own part without problems for others.

The government is facing accusations of political victimization. It is important to create a balance in the narrative so that institutions and their findings can be trusted. If each government discards reports as it pleases, the trend of targeting the opposition will never go out of fashion. We have witnessed the result of it in the form of the rift between both sides of the government and how that is preventing any significant political, social and economic strides.

It is important for the government to either back its viewpoint with proof or refrain from engaging in rhetorical politics and accept blame where guilty. Don’t discard a view point and specially a report from an institution known worldwide. Such reports create transparency and a greater understanding of the system. So if a report from transparency International reveals that corruption in Pakistan had increased somewhat in the current political tenure it could not be given fake report label similarly there is need to guard against improper perception, please remember there is a method even in Madness. Austerity measures are needed but one has to be careful about the method used.

Let us accept that we ourselves are responsible for our failures and weaknesses. However dismal the situation every Pakistani has to fight back. The only positive for us is to live on hope. Let us view Pakistan through the light of the creator to witness rainbows, our own darkness we have to shed to Unchain and throw away the spell of the Curse. Positive attitude and behavior, so tasteful, are the foundation of an enabling culture, a way forward, let us create a balance in our narrative for credibility.

For strong bridges of songs, healthy happy mutual bonds, it is of vital significance to celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yesterday, the hopes and aspirations of brilliant, brighter tomorrow. To whom it may concern, our bouquet of best wishes and words of love and affection go out nicely paved and packed with sincerity, to be handled with personal care. Remember love is a value of value above all values, of course this is the real life.

I like and wish to be reminded, transmit to all and to whom it may concern and to reminded Mr. Narendra Modi that the path he has selected leads to destruction. Let us stop that from happening, let us share good things of life love and respect are attributes values above all values. Opt for good neighbourly relations and roads leading to peace and mutual respect for our two countries. It is behavior, not religion that makes Better Humans.

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