

## HUMAN RIGHTS: A HEGEMONIC PRACTICE OR A REAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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### **Abstract**

There is a consensus all around the world that all individuals are entitled to certain basic rights under any circumstances. These include certain civil liberties and political rights, the most fundamental of which is the right to life and physical safety. Human rights are the articulation of the need for justice, tolerance and mutual respect, and human dignity in all of our activity.

To protect human rights is to ensure that people receive some degree of decent, humane treatment. To violate the most basic human rights, on the other hand, is to deny individuals their fundamental moral entitlements. This paper will explain, how developed countries on the name of humanitarian intervention, breach the sovereignty of the independent nations and violate their human rights. It is, in a sense, to treat them as if they are less than human and undeserving of respect and dignity. From Afghanistan to present Middle Eastern crises, more human rights are violated than they are protected. It is absolutely bizarre that, on the basis of conflicting ideologies, the developing and underdeveloped countries are merely treated as theatre of cold war. This paper will also present statistical analysis of the human rights violations.

In whole of the world, 10th December is celebrated as International human rights day. From Magna Carta to Bill of rights and from Indian fundamental rights to universally acknowledged human rights, one has to question himself whether the much hyped and much deliberated human rights have been ever guaranteed even partially or only violated to the common people. The answer will be obvious. Unfortunately United States of America (USA) is championing the cause of securing human rights for the people but practically it is denying the same to billions and billions across the globe. Taliban were worst but they didn't killed as many as USA backed

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NATO forces killed so far in Afghanistan. If they were not letting females go outside without veil, by drones USA have destroyed their very existence. People are now living a life of misery and a life where nothing like "rights" exists. Riding on political vendetta, Junior Bush attacked Iraq despite the negative report of Hans Blix that there is no weapon of mass destruction in Iraq, USA attacked Iraq unilaterally and even diminished the very basic life structures. Along with the hanging of Saddam Hussain, millions of people have been killed so far and an unending war like situation has developed there. A sectarian conflict has taken its worst shape and humanity is turning ashamed of its existence. If anything is at the threshold of defeat there, it is humanity only. There is nothing like human rights and the propaganda of celebrations of the same are high. American hegemony was not only limited to these two countries but it has knocked the door of Middle East by putting sanctions first and threatening later. Many of the peaceful Arabian countries are war torn now and people are feeling helpless and hapless and are now even struggling for a piece of bread. Unrest and conflict is rising and rising in Syria where French authorities are dropping drones even on the International day of human rights (10<sup>th</sup> December). And back home in France they are celebrating human rights day.

If we analyse the situation of the world politics particularly after the Second World War, we will be able to find the change in dimensions of the changing world order. Conventional politics has taken over by power politics. Might is right stands justified and the world stands divided into two hostile power blocs. Although, these two power blocs were absolutely rushing against each other, but there were more ideological clashes than merely economic unrest. Majority of the newly independent countries were either forced to join the power bloc politics or the circumstances were such that they have to follow the bloc politics, and with the onset of this power politics, an un-ending chain of cold war events started. These so called first world and second world dictators were patting the back of many underdeveloped or developing countries to go on for the war against their rivals to get their interest secured. In this process, thousands and lakhs of innocents lost their lives. From Vietnam to Korea, from Cuban missile crises to south Asian sub-continent, things were in absolute shambles. Along with this, the failure of league of nations were a kind of lesson for the USA and USSR and they move ahead along with the other independent nations of the world and setup an organization of the world known as United Nations (UN).

The motive of the USA was to stay at the top of the world politics which USA became soon after the end of the second world war but with this unipolarity, the world have seen majority of the events which were never conducive and supportive for the newly independent countries. During all this, if anything was openly violated, it was human rights. So just to avoid criticism of the world, these developed countries have brought a bill in UN and passed it to celebrate 10th of December as world human rights day. But actually they were the real violators of the human rights.

Interestingly, USA has intervened in majority of the nations on the name of humanitarian intervention and championing and glorifying human rights. USA has a history of putting unilateral sanctions on other countries if the other nations don't dance to her tunes. USA has bombarded Vietnam for almost 13 years and got nothing in the end. Due to the stubborn and cruel attitude of USA, the world was almost entering into third world war during Cuban missile crises. Majority of the Presidents of USA are having their own arms and ammunition industries which sells arms to the whole of the world. During cold war, there were so many sectoral hot wars which took place, fully backed by the two power blocs. On the name of securing human rights and on the name of humanitarian intervention, USA and its allied countries have violated more human rights than what they have secured.

Dual approach towards counter terrorism is also pathetic in nature, at one hand, UN supports freedom to Baluchistan but never utter a single word on the wrongs committed in Afghanistan and Iraq by NATO allies. It's Bizarre in nature that, USA wants Kashmir dispute to be solved by both the countries amicably but intervened in Middle Eastern crises and matters on priority.

Riding on Monroe doctrine, USA remained aloof from the worldly affairs and international politics just to concentrate on providing best of the life to their citizens. The end of Second World War paved the way for initiation of cold war and that was more dangerous and cruel than the hot wars. The proxy war took more precious lives than the hot wars directly fought by the super powers. Ironically, those countries who have introduced the human and civil rights to the rest of the world are trying to protect human rights by dropping drones and bombarding cities. No one would doubt that, the war was almost over when USA took on Hiroshima and

Nagasaki by throwing atom bombs. It was only and only ideological battle which USA was hardly comfortable with the growing communism ideology. It was absolutely ironical that USA has tested, exploded and thrown atom bomb on twin Japanese cities way back in 1940s, which resulted killings on larger scale. The same USA has created NATO along with her allies just to counter communist countries and in doing so, USA has entered in majority of the independent nations violating sovereignty of these nations.

The attack on Afghanistan by allied countries led by USA was not just to wipe out Al Qaida but to counter the rival ideologies. Within these 15 years after 2001, Afghanistan is yet to be stable, their economy is shattered, their infrastructure is in absolute shamble and their future generation is developing a revengeful attitude and USA still unable to declare that the war is over. One can say that after Second World War, Afghanistan has witnessed the maximum number of human right violations.

After Afghanistan, Junior Bush was desperate to take on Saddam Hussain and started issuing warnings for making weapon of mass destruction (WMD) to Iraq, Even UN wasn't agree to attack until it gets proved that Iraq is developing weapons of mass destruction but banking on the revengeful politics and vendetta, Bush unilaterally attacked Iraq and at one end, Saddam was hanged and on the other hand whole Iraq was engulfed into sectarian clashes and violence. One can say that if attack on Afghanistan, gave Al Qaida leadership to be more firm and assertive in their approach, attack on Iraq paved the way first for middle eastern crises and later it also gave birth to worst ever anti human organization namely ISIS. From Iraq to Afghanistan, the percentage of secured human rights is less as compared to the violated ones.

After destroying basic life structures in Afghanistan and Iraq respectively by violating the sovereignty of these nations. USA and its other allied countries entered Middle Eastern region on the grounds of humanitarian intervention. Almost a peaceful region where even in the absence of democratic form of governments, people were enjoying better rights and were experiencing a comfortable life. Majority of the Muslims countries of this region were not adhering USA and on the other hand, the survival of the Israel is a prime concern for USA. Whole of the Palestine has lost its very existence, millions of Palestinian kids, women and elderly fellows have been killed

so far, there is nothing like human rights in Palestine, countries like Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Syria and Yemen are the worst sufferers from the Middle Eastern crises. The UN needs to be impartial while dealing with all these crises; else UN is loosing its credibility. From Palestine to Syria, millions of people are displaced, thousands are died and huge loss of infrastructure is reported. After all, every year all these Neo imperial countries celebrates Human rights day with full enthusiasm and vigor and the ground situation is almost different and no developed country cares about it.

Statistically, lakhs of people have lost their precious lives during wars and international human rights organizations have nothing to say but issuing a condemnation note. As per the data available, the more the world went civilized and developed, the more the precious lives facing extinction. Some 9 to 10 million combatants on both sides are estimated to have died during World War 1 along with an estimated 6.6 million civilians. According to most sources, World War 2 was the most lethal war in world history, with some 70 million killed in six years. The median total estimated Korean civilian death in the Korean War is 2,730,000. The Vietnamese government has estimated the number of Vietnamese civilians killed in the Vietnam War was two million. During the first Chechen war, 4,000 separatist fighters and 40,000 civilians are estimated to have died. According to a 2010 assessment by John Sloboda of [Iraq Body Count](#), a United Kingdom-based organization, American and Coalition forces had killed at least 28,736 combatants as well as 13,807 civilians in the Iraq War. Apart from these statistics, thousands of the people died in US drone strikes in Pakistan and Afghanistan, whole Palestinian civilization is on the brink of extinction. So, these statistics are enough to prove that, merely celebrating human rights would never yield any results, something concrete needs to be done.

### **Conclusion:**

So, it is quite clear that, world has witnessed huge human rights violations and it is quite evident that, developed nations are more responsible for all this human rights violations. On the name of securing human rights, they have killed millions so far, at one end they are building weapons of mass destructions and on the other hands, whole Iraq is brutalized and pushed into a war zone on the name of the same weapons of mass destruction. As the countries are developing hostilities against each other, developed nations should come forward with some remedial measure and not

only putting sanctions against those who are not at fine tune with your ideology. It's very sensitive issue and needs to be tackled seriously and also as early as possible.

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