

Terrorism and its socioeconomic implications.

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One of the hottest topics of previous few decades, which has caused fear in millions of minds, and which has taken hundreds of thousands of lives is terrorism. A very much agreed definition of terrorism might not be possible in words, but its meanings are ingrained in hearts of millions. It greatly impacted the future of the world powers and regimes in middle. Its socioeconomic impacts include weakening of economy, destruction of tourism, love and compassion. It leads to an environment of fear and decline of civilization. Major steps are required in this regard to eliminate this evil. In a nutshell

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terrorism is one of most crucial problem, and it comes with severe socioeconomic consequences impacting the future of this world.

The concept of terrorism comes into attention during the era of cold war, with situation worsening with passing time. The 9/11 attack has been one of most crucial incident linked with it which took the lives of more than 3000 people in a single day. Moreover, as Yuvel Noah Horori wrote, it takes lives of more than 20,000 people in states like Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen and Syria. Pakistan has often lost more than 80,000 people in terrorism (ISPR).

It is clearly evident that terrorism has proved to be more destructive than

anyother thing in last few decades. This terrorism has its roots, mostly, in religious extremism and nationalism or in most of the cases it is the result of nexus of both ~~terms~~ religious extremism and nationalism. It is mostly about targetting unarmed and ^{innocent} civilians of opponent groups in order to create fear and press their demands.

As taking the lives of innocent people is biggest tool in the hands of terrorists; so the biggest loss due to terrorism is of human lives. A report from Economist media group shows that total loss of life due to terrorism is up to million lives. The states in the middle East have been greatest affectees of this disaster

The second biggest loss is of economies which ultimately impacts and destroys other sectors and walks of life. The example in this regard can be taken of Afghanistan and Syria, which have suffered complete economic destruction. The story of Pakistan is no different. It has also suffered loss of billions of dollars, as estimated by various economic institutions.

The foreign development investment is fundamental for growth of any developing state. The unstable security situation and threat of terror attacks disturb the FDI and trust of investors. Terrorists have used this tactic various times in Pakistan. The foreigners, most of which are Chinese are targeted in this regard to make investors

ferful. The attack on Chinese citizens in Dassa and in Karachi University are major manifestations of it.

After FDI, Tourism is a major source for economic growth and people to people contact. It is source on which economies like of Dubai and Istanbul are built.

Terrorism leads to tourism on zero level such that according to American traveller and vlogger, Dayle Orio, he was the first international tourist to visit Yemen in 2020 after years of unrest between government and Houthis.

Another painful experience for people fighting with terrorism is that they are usually viewed with suspicion by people from other countries. The greatest argument of opposers of immigration in West that by accepting people from

States suffering from terrorism, they might unintentionally accept terrorists into their countries. Hence, it leads to alienation among cultures and civilizations leading to more and more misconceptions about each other.

The alienation of states suffering from terrorism leads to moral decline and downfall of civilization in those particular states. For instance, Afghanistan which became majorly dependent upon export of drugs during crisis. The similar is the situation of Latin American states which frequently suffer from unrest and relies mostly upon drugs for economic survival.

As discussed that productive activities usually decrease under such circumstances so the culture and its values often. A report

of BBC shows that how people linked with different arts during democratic era, have to rely on small tasks for their survival and to meet their daily needs. Similar events were reported in Pakistan in 2000's and early 2010's which gained prominence in international media.

The implications of terrorism are severe and destructive for any society. Hence adequate steps are required to eliminate such evil from society. As religious extremism has mostly been fundamental cause of terrorism. So religious scholars can play most important role in minimizing the threat of terrorism. This step was highly emphasized in National Action Plan. Number of national and international scholars and institutes have played

important role in condemning and refuting the terrorism and ideological and physical tools employed by terror groups.

Number of reports by BBC, The economist and other investigative news agencies have shown that frustrated and unemployed youth fell prey to terror group's propogandas. These terror groups not only provide meaning and purpose, but also smart salaries in many cases. So it is important to engage youth into useful activities and provide them adequate opportunities to save them from such evils.

The terrorism is often a tool of rival agencies to cause disturbance. As the number of evidences including the arrest of Kalbushen Yaker, and other terrorists

have proved it. So investing in technology and countering rival agencies by taking measures at all levels are often necessary to avoid any such wave of terrorism which can lead to destructive results.

In conclusion, terrorism is the name of destruction and devastation. It has taken innumerable lives in previous few decades. Its socioeconomic impacts include destruction of economies, decline of civilizations and most importantly the rise of hate and fear in human beings. Although, Terrorism has put humanity into grave situation, but immediate and effective steps can prove crucial in eradicating this evil.