

Colonial mentality in military

After feudalism, we can observe the colonial mentality in our military services, which is hindering the progress of Pakistan. They enjoy better salary packages and luxurious life as compared to civilians. They enjoy protocol on the taxes of common people that means they are servants of nation not superior to layman. They are provided with private gyms, clubs and sports areas. Common person is not allowed in those specific places. All this reminds us about a famous sentence that was used in the colonial rule in subcontinent, dogs and common people are not allowed. After getting all this protocol military officers consider themselves superior to public and try to impose their power on them. Military interventions are hindering democratic and economic progress. In democratic states military is just for the security of state not to impose own laws. Politics should be separate from the military. By considering themselves the safeguard of the state, military try to impose their own laws by dismiss the assemblies. The most famous example is the era of general Ayub khan. When first constitution of Pakistan was rejected and imposed martial law on the state. Just have a glance at 1970s events in East Pakistan, present day Bangladesh, when military started crackdown against independence movement. There was a need of political services not the military control to handle the situation. The military crackdown had worsened the situation and led to the fall of Dhaka. That way of crackdown reminds us about the colonial rule when Indians were brutally killed by British army after the independence movement of 1857. This extra involvement of military in democratic affairs led to various conflicts in the internal matters of state and also damage foreign policy of state. Therefore, the colonial mentality in military is inhibiting the progress of Pakistan.