

Politics in most countries has become a ^{use} ~~part~~ of dirty game. Dirty politics is deceit, manipulation and exploitation to achieve political interests. The story of this dirty politics began with Niccolò Machiavelli. He was an Italian philosopher who wrote ^{the} infamous book *The Prince*. In his book, he gave tactics ^{for a} ruler to stay in power. Machiavelli urged that ^a ruler should protect the interest of ^{the} state by lying, deceiving, cheating and by using violence. In Machiavelli philosophy, there is no place for ethics and morals. National interests and morals are divorced in Machiavellian philosophy. But what led Machiavelli to give such a ruthless philosophy? He was born in turbulent Italy.

At that time Italy was divided into city states. There were ~~was~~ chaos and destruction all around. Machiavelli wanted to see his country united. So, he gave practical approach to ruler to unite disintegrated Italy.

He said that ruler ^{should} be cunning like a fox and brave like a

lion to protect the interest of state and for this king can use legal and illegal

means. The reflection of Machiavelli's philosophy ^{is} even seen today.

Many leaders use Machiavellian ^{desired} approach to get their objectives.

For instance, Henry Kissinger, an American diplomat used

Machiavellian tactics to safeguard

U.S.' interests. Machiavelli further

advised ruler to keep an

eye on surrounding weak

states that are full of

resources. He encouraged ruler to attack those weaker states to protect interest of state. In 2014, Russian annexation of Crimea and U.S invasion of (Afgh) Iraq in 2003 are practical examples of Machiavellian thought. Both states invaded weaker states to protect their strategic interests. In Pakistan, many leaders seem motivated by Machiavellian philosophy. Before election, they make promise after promise but when they come in power, ^{they} They ^{do not} don't consider it necessary to deliver on their promises.

The hunger situation in Pakistan is getting worse day-by-day. According to UNOCHA, Pakistan's hunger crisis is worse than Afghanistan. In Pakistan twelve million children have stunted growth and this number is highest in the region. According to Global Hunger Index, half of Pakistani population, particular women and children are facing some kinds of nutritional deficiencies. In recent years, hunger situation is peaking due to pandemic and 2022 flood. These disasters have ^{badly} impacted the ^{items} prices of eatable. Even basic food commodities are ~~going~~ out of reach of lower classes. In March 2023, ^{food} inflation was at historic high level with 47% urban and 56.1% rural inflation. This shocking situation will get worse if worse steps are not taken.