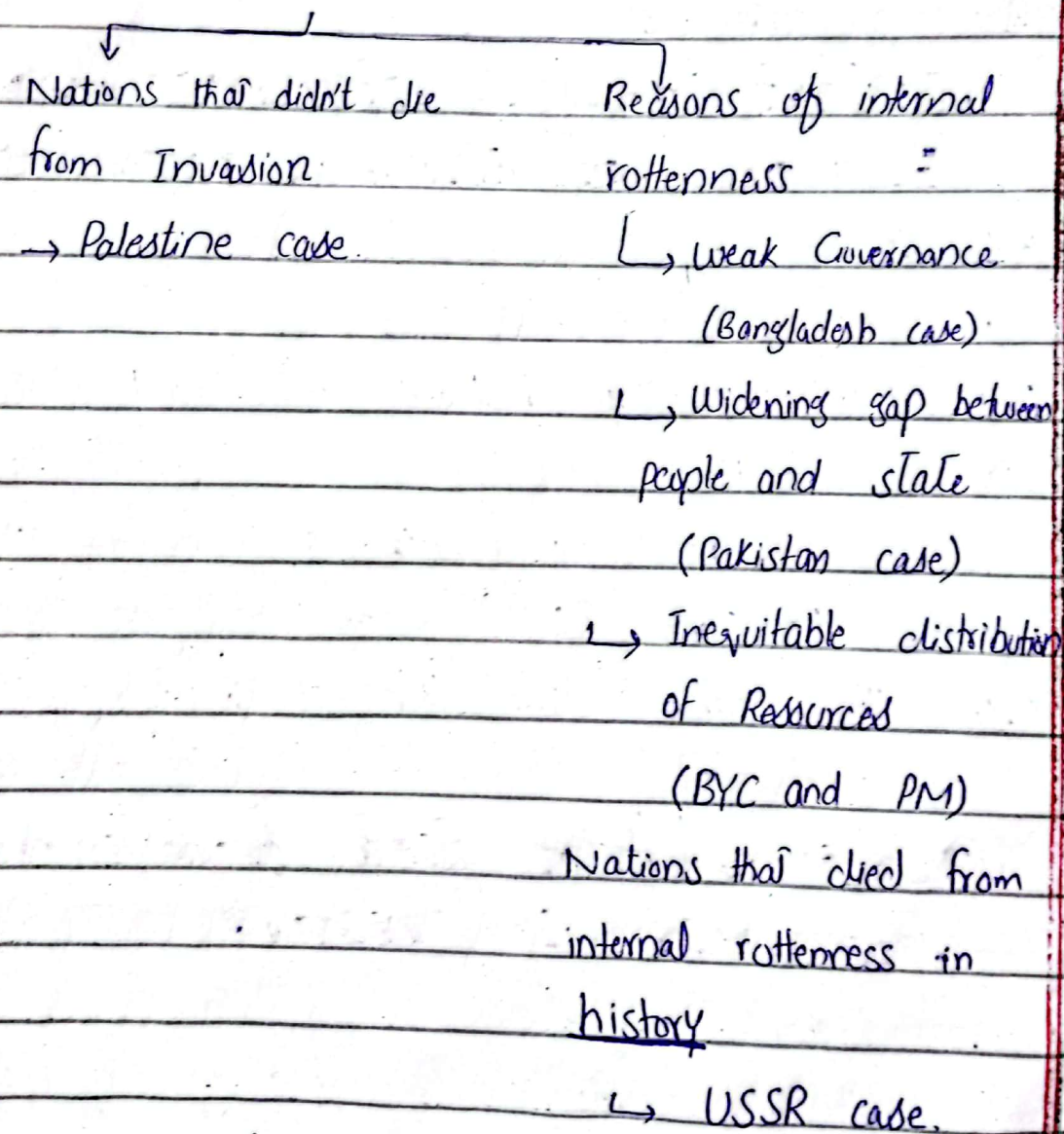


## Essay

# Nations do not die from Invasion; they die from Internal Rottenness

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## Introduction;

On December 25, 1991, the Soviet Union's hammer and sickle flag lowered for the last time over the Kremlin, thereafter replaced by the Russian tricolor. In history, many nations have met their unfortunate fates due to several reasons, but whatever the reason was, internal rotteness has always occupied the supreme position. Internal rotteness is always the harbinger of destruction and turmoil. There are several reasons of internal rotteness like weak governance, usurpation of others' rights, widening gap between people and state, unmet needs of citizens and Inequitable distribution of resources. The world is repleted with many examples of nations that died or are on the verge of dying due to internal rotteness. No nation ever in the history of mankind has died due to external invasion rather nations that have met their demise was due to internal rotteness and chaos. It mainly stems from inherent inability of state to provide basic amenities to the people. It can also stem from the lack of confidence and



trust on those occupying higher positions.

Nation dying is not the ordinary dying of people and persons rather it is the worst and more dangerous than that of common death. Nation dying is a phenomenon in which either people, groups, ethnicities or communities disintegrate into bits and pieces or distribute themselves into different groups depending upon shared interests and goals. This distribution of people into different groups leads to conflicts between people having different beliefs, values, customs and even interests. As a result of this conflict, nation disintegrates and lose their values, cultures and peculiarities. When a nation loses its values, culture and customs or beliefs it is known as nation's death.

There are many nations in the history that remain resilient in the face of adversity. Many nations have been invaded by hostile occupiers in the history but these nations have adamantly and bravely competed with their rivals. It was only due to their integrity and mutual collaboration that has lead them towards such<sup>an</sup> invincible



path. Had they been divided due to petty interests and personal gains they would surely have been defeated. Let's take the example of Palestine. Since 1948, in the days of Nakba, millions of people displaced, thousands of people died, millions of people become wounded, thousands of mothers lost their children, thousands of children became orphan due to illegal occupation of Israel and the atrocities of IDF. But, people of Palestine never leave their state despite bearing all the brutalities. Similarly, Palestine has been the victim of Israel's confiscation since 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023, facing all the hardships and hostilities. No aid is allowed in Palestine, there is an acute shortage of water, food and medicine. Palestine has become the place where people wake up at the sound of bombs and sleep for never waking again. All the communication and connection with whole world is either partially or completely blocked. Despite all the major powers on one ground possessing world's best weapons and artilleries, they couldn't alleviate the courage of Palestinians.



Hence, protecting the nation from dying instead of invasion.

Internal rottenness occurs when people of the same state or belonging to one nation turn against the state due to any reason. It is referred as internal rottenness because chaos and commotion arise within a country rather than outside.

Mainly people turn against the state due to inherent weaknesses in the structure and governance of the country. People feel themselves as the isolated beings and come at daggers drawn with the ruling elites or other groups. Internal rottenness<sup>is</sup> also synonymous to internal damage which means that the damage is within something or something has been gone unusable and ineffective.

There are several reasons of internal rottenness but first and primary reason of internal rottenness is the weak Governance. When Governance become frail enough to treat people unequally; it leads towards internal rottenness and thus ultimately towards nation dying. Many nations that have become prosperous was due to strong governance and those nations that



have died was due to weak governance. When proper infrastructure for equal distribution of rights and assets is unavailable due to weak governance it causes disintegration and distrust between people and higher powers. As recently occurred in Bangladesh where strong student revolt against the repressive government of Sheikh Hasina Wajid has led towards the ousting of the incumbent. It was due to weak governance not weak economy. Although Bangladesh was the fastest growing economy, approximately 8.1%, in the South Asia, it couldn't prevent the chaos and destruction. It was on the basis of quota system that students held strike against the state where 30% of the seats were bestowed to the freedomfighters of 1971 independence from the West Pakistan. Students found it as the danger to their existence that became the reason of internal rotteness and thus towards nation's breakdown.

Another reason is the widening gap between the people and state that mainly stems from lending deaf



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ear to people's needs and demands. Government usually enjoys the perks and privileges and also meet the demands of those who are in their good books that causes people to have resentment and grudges against government. It shows its physical demonstration in the form of strikes and revolts.

As in case of Pakistan where many political, social and ethnic groups have held strikes against governments to demand the fulfilment of their needs. Pakistan, as the weak nation both economically as well as democratically, has failed to provide equal rights to all the strata of the nation. Due to weak or no democracy, many political revolts have also been experienced by the state. As on 9th May, thousands of people came on the roads against unlawful activities when they demolished many official buildings and important government institutes. When government fails to shorten the gap between people and their own, than internal rottenness emerges, leading towards death of the nations.

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the people with coercion and hostility. Instead of treating them as enemies, government should lend a sympathetic ear to the people so that internal rottenness can be suppressed in totally opposite way as it was emerged.

Another reason is the unmet needs of citizens. When a state fails to address the demands of citizens it leads towards complete annihilation of nations. People consider themselves as marginalized and isolated from the state and all other groups. As recently occurred in Pakistan where a peaceful protest was lead by Mahrang Baloch, a doctor and one of the leading figures of BYC (Baloch Yakjenti council). Her demand was quite comprehensible and valid that was the prevention of forced disappearances that are in vogue in Balochistan since long time. Her own father and brother fell a prey to the same practice, But state dealt firstly with coercion and harshness later they sought out the matter by peaceful talks.

Another reason is the inequitable distribution of resources within the same



state. When resources are not distributed in just manner, it leads towards a huge sense of deprivation and thus ultimately towards the feeling of rage. As people are responsible for nation's prosperity and fate, they should be treated fairly as Quaid-e-Azam said;

**"If we want to make this great state of Pakistan happy and prosperous, we should wholly and solely concentrate on the well-being of people, and especially of the masses and the poor"**

But those in the higher echelons show no concern towards nation building rather they are more interested in filling their own coffers.

Pashtun Movements and Separatist movements of Balochistan are the major outcome of this inhospitable cause. These groups are active for decades demanding their rights and due share, but their desires are unmet since years



due to personal interests of those in power. People of KPK and Balochistan always complain that they are neglected everytime in every case and they didn't get the due share whether it is the resources or grants.

Historically, internal rottenness has also caused the crumbling of USSR. USSR was a strongest and powerful state but economic weakness, political stubbornness and growth of nationalism were the main causes that lead USSR towards disintegration and collapse. Nationalism is also destructive because it only benefits the people who are in power and come at the expense of civil liberties. People feel more alienated and left-out that leads towards internal rottenness. Another case is of Ottoman Empire that has met its destruction due to the similar reasons. It is only people that can make or break the nations.

States should treat people fairly and equally in order to meet the needs and demands of those who consider



themselves as marginalized and isolated so that, they couldn't become the weapons and assets of internal rotteness. USSR and Ottoman Empire wouldn't have been collapsed if they have timely and effectively dealt with the demands of different groups existing in those territories. Similarly, If Hasina Wajed has timely addressed the needs and demands of students, she would have prevented her fall. If nations become united as Palestinians did, no power of any intensity could shake the resilience and harmony between the people. Thus preventing the internal rotteness from occurrence. Even though Palestine has no government and no power to hold people together, still they are united. States should address the problems of people so that internal rotteness couldn't find ground to lay its strong steps.

