

Why Nations Fail?

Brainstorming -

- Lack of tech advancement/
~~Fact~~ - Change in education
- Corruption
- Lack of Freedom / People are not heard
- Feudalism
- ~~E~~ No Justice, Minority Rights, Women Rights
- No Visionary leadership
- Corrupt leaders, Judges, Army, Bureaucracy
- Examples of Bangladesh - Pak,
Invasion of India, South Africa,
Ottoman Empire, USSR,
Germany, Japan, South Korea,
China, Singapore

Outline -

* Introduction

Hook

General ~~Statement~~ Statement

Thesis Statement

* Reasons for failure of Nations:

1. Lack of Emphasis on Education
 - Conditions of India & South Africa when they were invaded
 - Different Situation of England & France
 - Examples from the time of Holy Prophet (PBUH)

2. When people are not given their Rights

- Separation of Bangladesh - 1971
(Issues of language & adequate representation)

3. When women are not allowed to Participate

- Examples of Germany & England WWII
- How Kamal Ataturk changed Turkey

4. When Judges fail to do their duty.

- Maulvi Tameezuddin Case
- Example of England WW-II.

5. When leaders are not honest

- Example from Venezuela,
- Example of Mughal era
- How Feudals shape the politics
Example from Bangladesh, Korea

6. Role of Military

- Example from Turkey

7. When citizens are not honest

- How Tipu Sultan got defeated
- Wall of China can't keep China ^{safe} if
guards are corrupt

Conclusion

Almost 1400 years ago, At the time of our Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), a woman named Fatima committed theft.

Many people asked the Holy Prophet (PBUH) to not punish her. He (PBUH) replied that even if my daughter Fatima (RA) had committed theft, I would've punished her. People before you were ruined because they used to pardon the rich and only punish the poor. This saying of Holy Prophet (PBUH) still holds true - Small

injustices eventually lead to the failure and downfall of the whole nation.

If the Muslims had followed the commands of Allah, they still would've been better than the European countries. When nations fail to adapt with time, lag behind in science

and technology, when people are not given their due rights, Women & Minorities are not allowed to participate, when leaders, judges, citizens of a state are not honest, eventually this leads to the downfall of nations.

Education plays the most important role in the development or downfall of any nation. When the British invaded India, they found that few villages still followed

the tradition of burning the widows - the concept of Sati. They decided to build schools in the area. Few years later people abandoned this tradition themselves. Mughal rulers failed to educate the Indians that's why it was invaded easily by the British. People in Britain were educated as compared to India. They were way ahead of Indians in the field of science and technology, while Oxford and Cambridge universities were being built, there were no such developments in India. Similar was the situation in South Africa. The Zulu, Xhosa and many other tribes still believed in witchcraft and spirits. Education leads to dialogue which eventually leads to National Integration. But the tribes were busy fighting among themselves. They couldn't even understand each other's languages, hence they were easily invaded and had to struggle for a long time. During the World War II, Hitler made a suggestion to Britain that if England did not bomb German universities, they would not bomb theirs. Churchill agreed to this suggestion immediately because

he thought if Oxford and Cambridge survived, England could be rebuilt again even if they ~~had to be destroyed~~ ^{had to} face defeat during the war.

Similarly our Holy Prophet (PBUH) recognized the importance of education. He declared Education compulsory on both men and women. He promised to free the Captives of War of Badr, if they taught ten muslims to read and write. Education was not common during that era which lead them to believe in superstitions and eventually lead to downfall of nations. The Hindus used to believe the one should never travel by sea and leave their motherland. Thus the Indian Navy never develop-~~ed~~ ^{ed} while the British travelled by sea to far flung areas, initially for trade and eventually to invade the states. If the education system of India and South Africa had been like their European counterparts they would've never been invaded.

~~It~~ The rights of people are very important for the development

of any state. History is full of examples that when people were denied their rights it eventually lead to the downfall of Nation. When Pakistan was created in 1947, Muslims were finally free from the Hindus. Now they finally thought they will be able to live their lives according to their wishes but that never happened. One of the main reason that East Pakistan separated from West Pakistan was because the denial of their rights. The population of East Pakistan was around 54% at the time of independence. Jute exported from East Pakistan was a major source of earning however the politicians of West Pakistan denied them their basic rights. Despite their major part of population, Bengali was not considered the official language. Pakistan was a multilingual country, if we study other countries like these for example India and South Africa they have multiple national languages because this promotes national integration however the situation was different in Pakistan. Bengali was never given the status of national

language. Similarly, despite the fact that all major earnings were from Bangladesh, the development projects were mainly initiated in West Pakistan. The people were not given their due rights, when they won seats in the general elections. Even though whenever people from ~~West~~^{East} Pakistan were elected, their suggestions to include East Pakistan in politics to ensure equality of representation were always ignored. Bogra formula was a suggestion from East Pakistan but the leaders never gave them their due rights. All these factors added up and eventually led to war of 1971. If the issues of language, development, adequate representation in politics had been taken seriously and the people had been given their rights, Pakistan would've never had to face this failure.

Women participation is a major factor in the development of any Nation. During the World War - II, while the men were fighting

For the army in England, the women participated in the workforce, took jobs in factories to keep the country running. Even Queen Elizabeth participated with the women - This was a major reason of ~~women~~ England eventually winning the World War. When the Ottoman Empire broke down, Kamal Ataturk decided to bring changes to improve the situation of Turkey. He urged women to participate in the workforce along with men. Women used to sit separately from the men during meetings & used to observe strict purdah ~~to~~ He asked the men whether they doubt themselves or their women that they were seated separately. He understood that one of the major reasons that Turkey was lagging behind was how they had treated women so he made rules to ensure their participation in the economy. Women make half the workforce in any country if they are not allowed to participate in the politics, economy

and industrial sector how can they ever prosper. The West recognized the importance of women. Their leaders were women e.g. Queen Elizabeth, Victoria. There were women scientists Marie Curie, Rosalind Franklin. Had their contributions been ignored, the West would've lagged behind. Even now in the developed countries where the rights of women are fulfilled and they are able to participate in workforce, people migrate from underdeveloped to these countries thus is a major cause of brain drain in the developing countries. No country can develop even in this era if they do not educate & empower their women.

Whenever Judges fulfill their duty, the nations develop and prosper. During the World War II, when England's Prime Minister Churchill received the news that England might lose the war, his first question was whether the courts of England are functioning properly and people

are given justice. When he was ensured that they were, he said that if that was the case then England would fare well in the war. Even he understood that if the judicial system is working properly it would lead to the prosperity of the country.

One of the major reasons Bangladesh separated from Pakistan was that they were not given their rights. When the constituent assembly was about to form the first constitution, the Governor General of Pakistan ordered for its dissolution. Maulvi Tameeruddin who was heading the assembly went to the court. Although the Sindh High Court ordered for the cancellation of dissolution, Governor General Ashfaq Khan challenged the decision in Supreme Court. The Supreme Court's decision was in favour of Ghulam Ashfaq Khan and caused the delay in the formation of constitution of Pakistan. Justice Munir wrongly gave the decision in the favour of General Ashfaq Khan and which led to a great

loss for Pakistan. Similarly, all the martial laws in Pakistan were always declared necessary by the judges due to 'doctrine of necessity' despite the fact that they were the reason for the separation of Bangladesh, delay of elections in Pakistan which led to delay in the development of the country. If the courts had declared the 'Martial Law' wrong and the generals had been given their due punishment, the situation of democracy in Pakistan would've been quite better and maybe would've not led to the separation of the country. Thus the Judiciary plays a very important role in the development or failure of any nation.

The importance of good leadership cannot be denied for the development of any country. Venezuela has the largest reserves of crude oil still the country is under developed and the main reason is their corrupt leadership. Similarly if look at the Mughal rulers, Babur, Humayun

were very good leaders who knew how to control the army and were able to control the large empire of India for a very long time. However when leaders like Aurangzeb's sons, Bahadur Shah Zafar came along they were not able to control the large empire, they indulged in frivolous activities and led to the downfall of the Mughal Empire. After the creation of Pakistan, many feudal lords occupied main positions in the leadership of Pakistan.

They mostly worked for their interest and did not care for the poor population of the country. The main leadership of West Pakistan were mainly feudal lords, even when honest politicians worked for the abolishment of this problem, they always worked to protect their interests. Thus they never gave proper representation to the poor people, never gave them enough wages, denied them education and even didn't want to give political

representation to Bangladesh this lead to its reparation. In Korea, General Park abolished the feudalism, South Korea followed the ~~five~~ same five year development plans of Pakistan proposed by Mr. Mehboobul Haq and developed tremendously however Pakistan lagged far behind and the main reason was people couldn't let to go of the feudal mindset which was used by the British to control India and should've abolished when Pakistan came into being.

Military plays a very important role for the development or downfall of their Nation. When Kemal Ataturk was changing Turkey, military did take over many important roles in the country. However with the passage of time, the military eventually had to hand over the powers to the people of the country and let the democracies develop. Erdogan came as a

powerful leader and today Turkey stands as a powerful nation among the States. Had the military not given powers to the people Turkey would've never developed the way it has now and all the credit goes to the eventual dissolution of powers to the people. For Turkey to become a part of NATO, democracy was one of the basic requirements thus the military played its role.

Finally, the honesty of the citizens of the state also plays a very important role for its development. Tipu Sultan & his father Haider Ali were winning against the British Army. If the citizens had stayed loyal to the true heroes and did not act as spies for the British, they history of India would've been different. When China built the Wall of China to keep the invaders out, they used to bribe the guards of wall. Just like the chain is only as strong as its weakest link. The guards used to lead the invaders enter & lead to the cause of China's

invasion - Thus honesty among citizens is also very important if the nation wants to prosper.

Thus to change with time, development in the fields of science & technology, honesty among leaders, judges, citizens, army are the most important components for the development or the cause of failure among nations. It is written in the Quran that Allah doesn't change the situation of the people if they don't change their situation themselves. The situation of the countries can improve a lot if they work on themselves and work on their future.
