

Struggle For Democracy In Syria In The Presence Of Excessive Challenges

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Internal Conflict and International Paralysis in Syria

With the increase in the mounts in Syria, there is an increase observed in the unbearable situation of international paralysis. The role of internal forces and the role of the external regions are almost the same in the blood-shedding observed in the country. Both constitute the same part of the situation of the country.

In this case, the emergence of Syria with complete dominance is required (Al-Assad, 2011). If Syria becomes successful in getting rid of the adverse influence caused by regional politics, only then will it be possible to stop the violence in the country to some extent. A genuine change might be observed by the relief from the negative forces. To understand the struggle for democracy in Syria, the current political situation of the country needs to be understood.

In the current time, Al-Qaeda Affiliated and the banning of sending opposition the supply of weapons has created a counter situation which is unable to be handled with peace. An increase is observed in the affiliation with Al-Qaeda. Their strength has been enhanced in the past. Terrorists from 70 different countries are basing now in Syria at this moment (Ganji, 2017). This news has been confirmed by the International Centre for the Study of Radicalization (Based in London). Among the huge amount of terrorists present in the country, most of them are getting into the Al-Nusra, showing their basic affiliation to the Al-Qaeda based in Iraq. As complex as the situation seems, it is getting more and more complex day by day. The most important thing that needs to be highlighted is the country's supply of weapons. Religious extremism has made Saudi Arabia give the terrorists financial funding in Syria. In this situation, Amnesty International asked important financial funding countries to stop the supply of weapons to the opposition in Syria.

Foreign Support, Armed Groups, and the Fragmentation of Opposition

This was mentioned in the December 18 report. Extremists in Syria need to have zero backups by Saudi Arabia in case of Military and financial funding. Contrary to this, the free Syrian army has been downgraded. They are treated like strangers in their own place. Not only this, one of the groups backed up by Saudi took over the headquarters of the Syrian army along with their weapons, leaving them in a helpless situation. The willingness of the leader of the Syrian Army, Iselin Idris, to deal with

the radicals left the people in a chaotic situation since they were hopeful about his role in the struggle to attain their democracy back. From changing the political geography of the area to leaving the army of the country in a backless situation, the country is still trying to gain the long-lost democracy and make peace with the radicals in the country.

Along with many social, economic, and political factors, the unification of Syria with Egypt led to the downfall of democracy in Syria. After 1958, the country is still in the process of getting its long-lost democracy back. However, the complete end of violence in the country seems more like a dream than a reality. In the present, the key parts are under Assad's observation until he steps down. Currently, a diverse culture is observed in Syria. In this situation, Syria needs to manage the diverse ethnicity and the religious structure of the country. Besides, there is a need for the country to determine its position in the conflicts between Israel and Saudi Arabia. However, this seems a difficult situation when the external forces are sane enough to exploit the diverse built-up of the country in an attempt to make the built-up grounded on their own hegemonic plans. After all, the country is surrounded by unfriendly and aggressive geographical forces. To the east of the country lies Iran, which wants to excel on the basis of its anti-American and rigid religious ambitions.

To the south of the country resides Saudi Arabia, which is already backing up so many radicals present in Saudi Arabia. This is not the end of the aggressive neighboring geographical conditions. To the north of the country, Turkey is playing its own role by being the most democratic country holding the tendency to influence the Arab world. In this situation, certain leaders emerged in Syria to stop their people from suffering. Most of them remained unsuccessful. It was found out that the relationship with the radicals might work. However, no such situation has been encountered so far in the country (KRÓKOWSKA, 2011).

Religious Extremism and Obstacles to Democratic Transition

At the start, the leaders in Syria thought of emerging on the basis of religious grounds. This was one of the most risk-taking points since the region inside and around the country is surrounded by extremist religious people. All these extremists have no flexibility in their beliefs and thus are attempting to expand their territories outside and within the country as well. In this situation, instability is encountered in the country, which is making Syria vulnerable to the neighboring countries. Being the minority, Syria is facing the violence of these groups. The current situation in Syria is getting ruthless with every passing day. There is no space for the people who are trying to have peaceful conversations and actions to gain freedom and dignity in their nation. However, if any case the situation becomes favorable for the people to have a peaceful conversation, then there will be a time in the future when Islam enthusiasts will no longer be able to hijack all the demonstrations that are lying in the country.

Keeping in view the situation through which Syria is going, attaining a situation where everything will

be peaceful and under the control of the actual members of the country seems possible with certain assumptions and tactics. Syrian community has dreamt that one day, the international community will recognize their place and influence in the country. However, the situation over here is a bit complicated. All the external forces operating in the country seem to have a certain kind of obsession with the sectarian rivalries found in the country. These rivalries are like oxygen in the entire situation required by the inflammatory rhetoric. There are certain situations that need to be checked. If these situations will remain unchecked or ignored, then the suffering of the country will increase. The situation that needs to be checked is the incitement against the Syrian Minorities. Adding fuel to the situation of religious integrity by the TV stations and certain notable people, including the Chief Justice of Saudi Arabia, will cause the outcome of the situation to be aggressive. Other people included in this situation are the people from the supreme judicial council along with the behavior of Iran, which is quite destructive in nature. The abovementioned situations can increase the bloodbath, leaving the people in chaos.

External forces have always been an issue for countries that tend to have a low pace of progress. In this case, the international community was no hindrance in the countries of Egypt and Tunisia when the countries moved on with their pace and high motivation for establishing themselves. There is a need for a diplomatic intervention in Syria since, keeping in view the current situation, the Libyan-style military intervention would not be able to work for the people. The diplomatic intervention will be helpful in stabilizing the situation faced by the country at this moment. The role of the international community, in this case, can be extremely positive. The international community's goal must be to persuade neighboring countries to halt their brazen, unwarranted attacks on parts of Syrian society. In particular, the role of the United States can never be underestimated. The United States has had a significant impact on Saudi Arabia.

International Intervention and the Prospects for Syrian Democracy

This impact can be of great use in stopping the attacks currently observed in abundance in the country of Syria. Besides this, the United States can play its part in the extremists in Syria, which are being backed up by Saudi Arabian officials. Even the attacks provoked by the slight differences in sectors can be overcome with the backup given by the United States of America. In the same way, the United States can play its role in the disputes caused by the role of Iran. All such disputes can be weakened by the influence of the states in that region as well. In this situation, Turkey can never be forgotten. The regional ambitions of Turkey should be kept in mind while the influence of the United States is being discussed.

To conclude, the situation being faced by Syria can be overcome with certain recommendations. The officials of the country should accept the real situation instead of focusing on the optimistic approach while there would be movement in Syria promoting peace and requiring backup from the international

communities. Rapid changes will result in the failure of all the movements. Hence, the changes required at this moment need to be diplomatic and handled with care. Peaceful, gradual change is the best offer at this moment. Protection against regional interference will be helpful as well. The country as a whole holds numerous resources and will be able to stand back on its position with the best possible utilization of these resources.

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