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Life of Terrorism Vis-A-Vis Documentary of Journey of Afghanistan to Taliban

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Afghanistan and how it was changed to the Taliban. This report revolves around the lives of civilians and how civilians were killed in the name of terrorists and how the role of the 'Bonn Agreement' has taken place. This report discusses upon day to day lives of civilians for educational, legal, and religious purposes. The report also discusses how the Taliban has taken over the country and made their rules and regulations and made civilians obey them and if not, they were punished for the same. After a point time there was the removal of US troops from Afghanistan and the war between US troops and the Taliban was stopped. Overall, the war in the country was not a good decision as the civilians in the country were affected a lot.

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INTRODUCTION

In April 2021, an announcement by U.S. President Joe Biden regarding the withdrawal of U.S. troops by the end of September 2021 from Afghanistan leaving the control of the Afghanistan government came¹. The decision of the U.S. President regarding the withdrawal of troops came to be a good decision for the Taliban as they wanted to expand their rule all over the

¹ Eugene Kiely & Robert Farley, 'Timeline of U.S. Withdrawal from Afghanistan' (*Fact Check*, 17 August 2021) <<https://www.factcheck.org/2021/08/timeline-of-u-s-withdrawal-from-afghanistan/>> accessed 22 March 2022

country but not for the citizens and the conditions got even worst that even the President had to flee from the country to save himself. The war between the Government and the Taliban started after the regime of the 2001 International Military Coalition in which the U.S. troops invaded Afghanistan to target Osama Bin Laden responsible for the 9/11 attacks later the U.S. troops started bombing the Taliban camps and people to bring back the country again in peace and were in some manner, they were successful in that but not for a long time. In recent cases, many civilians were killed by the Afghan Army and U.S. troops also without any cause or the suspect of being a terrorist. After these issues, there was a 'Bonn Agreement' to protect and promote Human Rights to investigate the abuse and war against human rights.²

Documentary Afghanistan: Life in a Taliban Country revolves around the civilians living there and what has been changed in their lives by the control of the Taliban³. The documentary was made before the complete withdrawal of the U.S. troops wherein the documentary was expected to have some power-sharing agreement between the Afghanistan government and the Taliban but the result was the opposite of that. The documentary was made during the summertime of 2021 during which the situation was not so good and it is made in the Taliban controlled Herat province of Western Afghanistan showing how there is the involvement of the Taliban in the day to day lives of civilians in all aspects whether it is economical, educational, religious or justice system of the people residing in those villages. The documentary shows the interview of the Taliban commanders and the villagers of the valley which is in complete control of the Taliban and shows how it is going there.

ANALYSIS

The documentary starts in Herat where the last base camp of the Afghan Army is established and from where onwards a parallel state of Taliban starts where, Mollah Majid, a Taliban commander deployed in the Herat province rules out things about the doings of Taliban after taking control of the states I.e. shutting down the government schools by demolishing them by sacking all the teachers and the staff and opening up their own religious schools with their

² Ananth Krishnan, 'China Calls on Sri Lanka to 'Protect and Promote Human Rights' (*The Hindu*, 19 November 2013) <<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/world//article60409212.ece>> accessed 23 March 2022

³ Real Stories, 'Fighting The Taliban: The Battle Inside Afghanistan (War POV Documentary)' (*You Tube*, 15 April 2021) <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oqOqui0OyV4>> accessed 23 March 2022

own Taliban curriculum in order to train the students as the future Taliban. According to him, the Taliban movement is not just to remove the military forces but for an alternative to the Afghan government to take over the rule, and in any kind of movement of the government vehicles in the Taliban controlled state they attack them no matter what who is it in the vehicle. The Taliban after taking control made its own rules and regulations which are needed to be followed by the civilians and if they do not obey the same, they will be punished. The rules included forbidding trendy barbershops to women from walking in groups, dancing at the wedding, and kite fly. Later then, the interviewer had gone to the valley of Omarhale which was overrun by the Taliban 12 years ago to see the situation in that area. There was no government school and only a school for boys which was running as per the Taliban curriculum. And the neighbour took the initiative to instruct girls by hosting a classroom in-house under the supervision of armed men where they were taught Islam and Math.

According to the teacher who teaches math there, all genders can go to school to study as it will give benefits to the next generation but, according to the official reports, there are 80% of women are illiterate having a little chance of them to go to college. And some women who have college diplomas go there from the government-controlled cities to help in the health sector and assist the doctors and no male doctor is allowed to check ladies who are pregnant until there is an emergency. The direct interference of Taliban in the religious and economic matters can also be seen apart from all these where they sent notice which has a sign from the mosque authorities to civilians where they were asked to go to the mosque and if someone does not go to the mosque then they will be paid punishment. And in regard the economic matters, the Taliban had forbidden selling expiry food items and helping the civilians in the business wherein return of that they take 10% of the crops as a tax called 'Usher' an Islamic tax to fund their activities.

The male section of the Taliban ruled state is somehow happy with them. According to the male civilians living there, they are of the view that women have the freedom to come into the market and all genders can go to school for studying but the facts are that there were no women seen in the market. They are even afraid to go to hospitals during their pregnancy. A male civilian says that the Afghan Army and American troops came to his house and killed his

son and had done airstrikes without any cause at that time while the Taliban do not do injustice to anyone, and we are completely safe under the Taliban.

REVIEW

After analysing the documentary we can say that after the removal of the U.S. troops from Afghanistan the war between the two I.e. the U.S. government and the Taliban got stopped but in the war inside the country how the Afghan Army and the government also were unable to control Taliban to obtain its motive of an ultra-conservative Islamist regime which resulted in the takeover of the country by Taliban under its control. For some people especially the men section residing there to whom the interviewer talked, Taliban rule is good as according to them they do not be afraid of anyone and they do not do any justice to the civilians, helping them in business too without any worries.

As we have already seen in the documentary analysis the how Taliban is involved in the day-to-day life of people and impacted it at its worst. Before the takeover, many things were said by the Taliban in support of the development of the country but there is no development of the country and today the country is on the point of getting economically collapsed. The worst impact was on the women's section which got less slightly relaxed policies in their favour. There is a complete ban on everything for women like education, advertising anything, games, walk-in groups everything, and are said to be in homes only. Barbarity remains the same in the country as it was before under the rule of the Taliban. In a recent case, the Taliban's publicly flogged a woman because she was a married woman and was talking to some other boy on call which according to them is a sin. The main mission of the Taliban by flogging and punishing women is to show people the jihad of love for Allah. Women's fled from villages to cities to work there and enjoy freedom but after the complete takeover, the working women's started to get threats due to which they had to stop working and just be in their homes. The situation is much worst than living there in the country under Taliban rule has become a battle of survival now for women.

Due to the economic crisis roaming on the country people are now depleting their limited reserves due to which they are now forcibly indulging in dangerous and irreversible coping

activities for their survival like child labouring and marriage, selling of land so as to survive while some are trying to migrate to other countries which are dangerous now due to the ban by Taliban of movement of people to other countries. The kids also have the same condition as women in the country where there are forced to do child labour. According to the official records of the International Labour Organization, more than 40% of children are engaged in labouring. Mazar-I-Sharif, the country's fourth-largest city, is about an hour distant. On the surface, life is going on as usual, even though many people are struggling financially. I make my way to the city's cultural hub, the beautifully tiled Blue Mosque. I last visited in August, just before the Taliban took control. The grounds were swarming with young men and women posing for pictures at the time. The Taliban have now established different visiting times for people: ladies can visit in the mornings, while men can visit during the day. "There are lots of women roaming around when we arrive, but there appear to be much less than before." Things are well, but people may need more time to adjust to the new regime.

According to the official records from 2001 to till now more than \$787.4 million has been invested by the U.S. government for the welfare of the citizens of Afghanistan and for promoting girl education, participation of women in politics, and many more things which even helped women's to do work and have education but after the takeover, the Taliban restricted everything and started to take the fund for using it in their religious and terrorist activities⁴. Taliban represents an urgent threat to Afghans' civil and political rights, which are codified in the US-backed government's constitution. Foreign nations have warned that if the Taliban do not defend Afghans' rights, help will be cut off, resulting in a humanitarian crisis. Observers are also concerned that the Taliban may allow terrorists to operate within Afghanistan, posing a regional and global security threat.

⁴ 'Women's rights, education, and employment have all been denied in Afghanistan since the Taliban took power, according to a new report' (*The Times Bureau*, 28 October 2021) <<https://thetimesbureau.com/womens-rights-education-and-employment-have-all-been-denied-in-afghanistan-since-the-taliban-took-power-according-to-a-new-report-202110/>> accessed 23 March 2022

CONCLUSION

In last we can conclude by seeing how the Taliban violated and even vanished the Human Rights and the Right to life and liberty and freedom is complete. They are doing ban anything they think is not good like music during weddings and not spending too much money on anything and if one does not obey this man they will be prosecuted. A man was punished by the said rapid court of Taliban for spending too much money on a function of his son. We can see how a President is also worried regarding his life and how he flew away leaving the lives of thousands and lakh of people in some hands who even do not know how to run a country and are just of a single mindset to make the country an ultra-conservative Islamist regime. The current scenario in Afghanistan does not appear to be going away anytime soon. The International Monetary Fund has already terminated Afghanistan's financing (IMF). Few nations recognize the Taliban as a legitimate administration, and the Taliban will continue to be regarded as a terrorist group. The US and its coalition allies have a moral duty, as many have pointed out. Right now, there is a crisis, and whatever happens, next will be inextricably linked to decades of slaughter and intervention. Overall, the takeover of the Taliban of the country wasn't a good decision for the civilians especially the women section of the society even in the documentary a woman lost her job and had to migrate from to village to save her and her children's life can be seen saying that 'No one can be more unlucky than the Afghan people' and maybe that's true.