

Terrorism has no religionDiksha Taneja¹

Terrorism this word itself describes the most negative aspect of the society, this is one of the worst curse for the society, if we talk about the exact definition of terrorism then there is no exact definition which is defined under law or any other act. Although terrorism is one of the main concerns in the recent world of development. Indian society is attacked by this terrorism from the very beginning and immediately after independence, for example Kashmir Mumbai bomb blasts north east states, Punjab in 1980s and recently Mumbai attacks.

There are always two fold meaning in the context of the terrorism and human right. In the first meaning the state is obliged to make such rules which protect and safeguards the state on the ground to protect the individual right to life, liberty as well as security of every individual.

LAWS RELATED TO TERRORISM

International institutions in the matter of terrorism and human right issue related to it:

There are 13 international conventions which are related to terrorism that has been adopted under the supervision of the United Nations.

United Nations general assembly resolutions:

The general assembly resolutions related to terrorism are mainly G.A. Res 56/160, G.A. Res 58/187, G.A. Res 59/191, G.A Res 59/195 and G.A, Res 57/219.

United Nations security council resolutions:

There is some Security Council resolution which talks about human right while combating terrorism. The Security Council slams all kinds of terrorist activity irrespective of its motive wherever and by whosoever it committed.

Human rights committee on terrorism:

This international institution was quite worried about the state of human right in the era of war on terror. So it has given its opinion different time advocating human rights issues.

INDIAN SCENARIO AND THE STATES ACTION TO COMBAT TERRORISM

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There are different laws enacted by the government of India to fight with the terrorism issue. For example: The armed forces (Assam and Manipur) special powers act 1958, the terrorist and disruptive activities (prevention) act 1987, The prevention of terrorism act 2002, Unlawful activities (prevention) Amendment act 2008.

There is some glimpse of the acts provisions of The Armed Forces Special Powers act 1958.

Some important cases: KARTAR SINGH V. STATE OF PUNJAB (1994) 3 SCC 569

PEOPLE'S UNION FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES & ANOR V UNION OF INDIA (2004) 1 L.R.I

SUNIL BATRA V. DELHI ADMINISTRATION (1978) 4 SCC 409

Terrorist acts throughout history have been performed on religious grounds with the goal to either spread or enforce a system of belief, viewpoint or opinion. Since 9/11 there has been a fivefold increase in deaths from terrorist attacks.

Now if we talk about the relationship between the terrorism and religion then probably there are no certain grounds for the same because these two words can never ever overlap one another they are completely parallel to one another. People basically form a view or a perspective regarding any specific religion and blame them on the same regard but as we say and believe not all the fingers in a hand are same. Terrorism as earlier specified is one whole different concept which has nothing to do with the concept of religion. No religion is clean enough to be stated they all have criminals within them.

IRA, FLQ, KU KLUX KLAN, ISIS they are some of the most dangerous organizations all over the world, and they all are the same- terrorists motivated by socio-political goals, not spiritual aspirations. They become militants not the men of faith.

By all this we should understand who actually is our enemy is it a specific religion or a group of people who just have hatred for the society and have completely ended their humanity within themselves and just hatred in their heart. Basically people have a view that most of the Muslims are terrorists or must be somewhere involved in some wrong activities which is actually not true,

if we remember the recent incident where in a terrorist attack was done in Pakistan and a school was critically effected due to this, many children were severely injured and some were killed too. So this incident clearly shows that the Muslims also are a victim of these dangerous organizations and not the actual culprits. Because of groups such as ISIS, its terrorism by so called “MUSLIMS” which has become the most widely known.

But according to a recent study which was conducted by the U.S government, more Muslims are victims of terrorism than non-Muslims. This study clearly stated that a staggering 82%-97% of all terrorism victims were Muslims. Few time back, a massive attack in Kabul killed 90 people, mostly Muslims.

Muslims are suffering daily from the ceaseless fighting between ISIS and other groups. In simple words ISIS has nothing to do with the Islam.

No specific religion can be held liable for all miss happenings which is happening around the world because if we consider any terrorist group we can always analyze that the members who are involved are never of any particular religion there is a variety of people who come together by forgetting their religion and have hatred within themselves.

Before 2000, it was nationalist separatist terrorist organizations such as the IRA and Chechen rebels who were behind most of the attacks. The most active groups since 2011 are Boko Haram, Al Qaeda, the Taliban and ISIL and these are the groups which are active basically in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria and Syria. In 2015, the Southern Poverty Law Center released a report on terrorism in the United States. The report found that during that period, “more people have killed in America by non-Islamic domestic terrorists than jihadist.

Even in the 2008 Mumbai attacks it was considered that Pakistan was involved in all the loss which was caused although it was accepted by Ajmal Kasab that the 12 members were of Lashkar-e-taiba and had the overall controlled in Pakistan, but this does not show that all the Muslims were involved in the act and the most important aspect which should be considered is that terrorism has nothing to do with Islam there were just a group of individuals who had nothing to do with a religion but were only considered about harming and destroying others and specifically this feeling kills their humanity within as well as the principles of Islam. No religion book would influence individuals to harm the man hood.

QURAN is one of the most pure and sacred books same as GEETA, because all the holly books have all the positive influences in it and so does them. So if we are mixing any terrorist activities

with the culture of Islam we are insulting each and every religion which includes our own religion also. No one specific religion can be stated wrong or discriminated on any of the grounds because each religion in its actual form is a sacred one, the people belonging to the religion are wrong and should be outlasted from the society.

Here I would like to conclude my topic by just stating that no specific religion is responsible for these terrorists activities which occur around the world, particularly talking about Muslims then Sir APJ Abdul Kalam was also a Muslim and so is Sharukh Khan but we always regard these legends and if we remember the recent case of asifa who was a Muslim girl who was brutally been raped by several men then I would also like to mention here out of one of them was a Hindu who worked in a temple and that act was not less than it also created terror amongst the citizens.

So as simple as that never judge a person by its religion judge him by his character because the intentions the character and soul of the person gets ruined by indulging in these activities and when a person has killed his own soul and the humanity inside him then obviously that person has no strength to carry a religion with himself.



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