

**TERRORISM – THE TACTIC OF DEMANDING THE IMPOSSIBLE AND
DEMANDING IT AT GUN POINT!!**

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INTRODUCTION:

'Terrorism strikes at the very heart of everything the United Nations stands for. It is a global threat to democracy, the rule of law, human rights and stability, and therefore requires a global response.'

-Secretary-General Kofi Annan, 17 June 2004, SG/ SM/9372

As we all know, till date, Terrorism is such an activity that is really being impossible to put an end to. Many innocent people are being affected due to this, a definite disaster. This article concentrates upon as to how much Terrorism is creating an impact in the world, what are the conventions present to adopt certain measures in order to control such activities. The role of technology as compared to that of human relations is thoroughly emphasized. The need of the hour is to make tight, the security in order to protect lives of the Innocent.

Contemporary analyses of the Problem of Terrorism have usually foundered between the perceptual extremes that are inherent in the amorphous ideas of Terror. Conceptualizations of Terrorism are either too broad to be analytically useful, too narrow to be analytically meaningful or too complex to be applied systematically. The innocent victims of terrorism suffer an attack on their most basic right to live in peace and security. In other words, due to the attacks made by the Terrorists, the innocent people's Right to be safe, secure should not be put into a dangerous situation. Here begins many queries when the reality is being considered. Being students of law one must try answering - what is the role of law in Terrorism? Is the law doing its part to control it? This article gives a lot of prominence to the above.

IS ONE MAN'S TERRORIST ANOTHER MAN'S FREEDOM FIGHTER?

Terrorism is not new, and even though it has been used since the beginning of recorded history it can be relatively hard to define.[1] The practice of Terrorism is a definite danger to all parts of the world and this practice has been in existence since ages. We can say that the word 'TERRORISM' does not have a particular or a specific definition. So people commonly tend to term 'TERRORISM' as an 'EVIL' to all Society [The world as a whole].[2] Although attention to terrorism has increased sharply in recent years, it is by no means a new phenomenon and for decades terrorists have carried out attacks against non-combatant targets causing massive destruction by means of vicious assaults.[3] There is no permanent ending found for terrorism at all. Even though lot of attention is given towards terrorism, it is never ending and this has become common to all. Nothing is being done in a real sense except for consoling the victims of such Acts. The terrorists through their Acts never aim to create a small damage but always think of creating a disaster among the citizens of the world by this

evil means. Every Individual should think that it is their borne duty to Act as a human being so that no one commits such act which in turn affects the world as a whole. These ideas are worth thinking but can never on an implementing scale.

Terrorism is a form or warfare typically used by a smaller and weaker opponent of a larger and stronger enemy. (A state may also use terrorism to control some of its citizens.) Terrorists may be local and home-grown, they may be agents of states engaged in international contests or they may have worldwide ambitions.[4] The Acts of Terrorism are committed when the offenders are in need of something. In other words, they try to create a threatening environment in order to make sure or confirm that they would be provided with what they exactly need. The offenders create their enemies themselves by targeting a group of community in the whole world. Terrorism takes place all over the globe and basically it is like a war between the doer and the victim. The terrorists may come from any corner. A terrorist need not have a qualification to be recognised as a terrorist.

ANY HUMAN BEING CAN BE A TERRORIST BUT A TERRORIST CANNOT BE A HUMAN!!

Terrorism results in violation of Human Rights and must, no doubt, be dealt with a heavy hand. However, the methods to counter Terrorism must not violate the human rights of innocents or else the innocents would be exposed to double jeopardy and suffer twin violation of their human rights.[5] Twelve Conventions have been drafted at the UN level to deal with terrorism.[6] Few conventions out of the twelve conventions are: Convention for the suppression of Terrorist Bombings-1997, Convention for the suppression of financing Terrorism- 1999, and International Convention for the suppression of acts of nuclear terrorism. These conventions state that the States are under the obligation to take the necessary measures in order to protect the Fundamental Rights in their respective Jurisdictions against the Acts of Terrorism.

Terrorist act is such an act that can be committed only when a human being forgets or overthrows his duties as a human. These Terrorist Acts should not persuade the lives of the innocents. For this, Terrorism has to be eliminated completely which has become the most difficult task for all. Every Human being should have a thought within themselves that whenever they are doing such acts or trying to perform such act, they are violating their own duties as a citizen by affecting the Rights of other persons i.e. the victims of Terrorist Activities.

TECHNOLOGY IS NOT THE PROBLEM, BUT HUMAN RELATIONS ARE....

We, as a Nation, can throw billions of dollars at technology and still not be safe and therefore the issue seems not to be an issue of technology, but an issue of human relations.[7] Our Nation can spend any amount of money towards new technology as it would be useful in many ways but what is happening in the real world in respect of new technology is that it is being put to wrong use by few. With regard to the terrorism, the so called terrorists take an advantage of the developments in technology and put into use the same for their activities i.e. ruining the life of the innocent. If we use money and put it into experimental education

learning about others and programs that bridge differences between people, our country would be safer than any amount of security. In another sense, if every individual of the Nation is educated and made aware of what is good and what is bad, then the whole Nation would be a very safe and secured Nation.

ROLE OF POLICE IN PREVENTING TERRORISM

It is clear that the police have an important role in preventing terrorism and they are in a good position to learn about and investigate terrorist threats, and they have to work to ensure that the public are protected.[8] It is the police who always have to keep the security tight in every corner every day to prevent such activities. The police and other authorities should create a havoc and high alert only when something bad or dangerous is done rather they need to take precautions each and every moment assuming that a danger may arise at any place. Therefore, the police have a very big role to play.

POLITICS OF TERRORISM IN INDIA:

On the evening of 21st February, 2013 the city of Hyderabad in India was hit by two deadly blasts where around 16 people have been killed and more than hundred of them were injured. Hyderabad has seen such attacks earlier also when Mecca Masjid and Charminar were bombed leading to similar fatalities.[9] When the Mecca Masjid and Charminar were bombed by few in the city of Hyderabad, the Hyderabad Police randomly picked up 100 boys who are Muslims and charged them for blasting the mosque ironically. The police actually showed the boys before the press as the accused but the actual point was that they were innocent and those innocent were imprisoned for a period of two long years. Later, it came to the notice that the actual offenders or the perpetrators were let free. This definitely leads to politics among Terrorism.

There are many situations similar to the above stated situation where a particular community people are targeted by the authorities and put behind the bars i.e., the Muslims. Whenever there is a bomb blast in India, the police authority instead of taking into custody the actual leads by looking into the available evidence; they catch hold of few Muslim boys and acquit them, where the victims in that blast are Muslims themselves. This kind of attitude among the authorities should change as it is becoming a political activity in the concept of Terrorism. The actual offenders have to be punished but should not be let free!!!

“There should be better coordination between the Central Government and the State Government.”[10]Taking the Hyderabad incident into consideration, each and every one of us is aware of the fact that many innocent people have lost their lives. The Government should stop playing politics on the issue of terrorism. Everyone wants the Government to take appropriate action on issues like these.

CONCLUSION:

Terrorism is a worldwide phenomenon. It could be defined as the warfare at low level in opposition to the common man and the State. Terrorism in India has made us believe to coexist with righteous path during the past decade. The objective of terrorism is to make people run out of the territory. The terror that spreads around when the act of terrorism occurs, people run away for cover thereby the perpetrator of the crime achieves the objective.

Now, new band of terrorists have spread hatred wings around the world. It appears that it has to work with constant vigil, through the length and breadth of the world. Terrorism could be wiped off the scene provided the entire world unites for the cause. The basic point lies in understanding the ultimate analysis as terrorism achieves nothing and solves nothing. It is a sheer madness to take arms when there are many other democratic and constitutional means available to solve problems in a democratic country like India. It should be understood that only peaceful co existence will help the nations succeed in their fight against terrorism. We all have to be rebounded and curb this evil.

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