



A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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Abstract:

The concept of terrorism is a controversial term throughout the world. A person may be a terrorist in front of a person or may be a freedom fighter in front of another person. Terrorism is a systematic activity and also pre-planned. Terrorist has always targeted to the innocent and weak people by spreading violence in civil society. They also involve various anti social activities like smuggling, illegal weapon and black money supply. The main causes of terrorism are ethno-nationalism, discrimination, religious, cultural, ideological and of socio-economic and political. Cyber terrorism, separatist terrorism, state sponsored terrorism, nuclear terrorism, biological terrorism, religious terrorism, narco-terrorism these are the various types of terrorism. The famous international terrorist groups are like Al-qaeda, Taliban, Laskar-e taiba, Hamas, ISIS etc. They have making violence in public place, bombardment, attack by weapon, , kidnapping, plane hijack, car bombing, misuse of internet, use of RDX to blast, human bombing, landmine and bombing in the places where huge gathering like shopping mall, railway station, bus stand etc. At present the terrorism is growing with the help of science and technology and pushes the world to security challenges.

Key Words: Terrorism, features of terrorism, causes of terrorism, types of terrorism, way of terrorism, famous terrorist organisation, terrorism and globalisation.

INTRODUCTION:

The concept of terrorism is a controversial word. A person is a terrorist for someone but that particular person or terrorist may be a freedom fighter in front of the other person. The term 'terror' has come from the Latin word "terrere" which means to make someone to scare or frighten or terrify. According to Bruce Haffman a terrorist is a fundamentally violent intellectual, who has used force to achieve his or her goal. United Kingdom Prevention of Terrorism Act 1984, section 14 defined that terrorism is the use of violence to achieve political ends to instil fear in a section of the population. United Nations terrorist related non permanent committee has defined terrorism is any kind of violence, which takes the life of innocent people or make the fundamental freedom of man dangerous, by which more than one state is affected and

which is coercively applied to achieve a specific goal committed that is called terrorism. Palestine Liberation Organisation has given a definition to the Security Council that if a freedom fighter attacked to their enemy country by violently then that attacked will not be count as terrorist attacked. Now the question is how a terrorist organisation will be recognized as international terrorist organisation? Answer is simple that there are two criteria to be international terrorist organisation; one is any terrorist group who has done their activity must be supported by another country's terrorist group and second criteria is that when a terrorist group established in one country but their activity always to active in another country is called international terrorism.

METHODOLOGY:

This research Paper is descriptive in nature. Data for this research paper is collected from secondary sources which are includes books, journals, research article, electronic media, news paper and magazine etc.

FEATURES OF TERRORISM:

The most important features of international terrorism are as following:

1. Terrorism is a systematic activity by nature.
2. All the members of the terrorist organisation are obligatory to their group leaders and bound to follow their orders strictly.
3. The Activities of terrorism are always pre-planned.
4. Violence and fear are the main weapons by which terrorist to do their activity.
5. Weak and Innocent people are always targeted by terrorist group.
6. Terrorist always ready to be suicide in the name of terrorism.
7. Terrorist groups always trying to psychologically influence the people.
8. Smuggling of drugs, illegal weapons supply and black money etc are the main source of terrorist organisations to functions smoothly.
9. Terrorist organisations are support by State actors as well as non-state actors also.
10. International terrorism is multidimensional which the mixture of multiple reasons.

CAUSES OF TERRORISM:

There are various causes behind the creation of terrorist organisation which are discusses in details:

- 1. Ethno-nationalism:** Attempts by a minority group to secede from a state and create a separate state can give rise to terrorism. In India, Khalistani movement in Punjab and Separatist movement in Kashmir is a good example of ethno-nationalist terrorism.
- 2. Discrimination:** Feeling of alienation and discrimination is also a reason to give birth terrorism. Discrimination may be based on the ground of sex, race, colour, religion and language etc.
- 3. Religious Cause:** Misinterpretation of religion and religious thought is one of the main causes for religious terrorism. The "Thugs" of ancient India and Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) is an example of such type of terrorism.

4. Socio-economic and political reason: Socio-economic and political negligence by the state is responsible for rise of Terrorism. Because feeling socially discrimination, economic exploitation and deprivation, political exploitation like under development, unemployment, inadequate opportunity can motivate to people to involve in terrorist activity.

5. Ideological Cause: Some of the terrorist groups are influence by ideology. So, believing on the ideology of Marx, Lenin and Mao, many people have joining to the terrorist organisation those who are following their ideology. These types of terrorist organisations are Maoist and Naxalite movement in India and Maoists in Nepal also.

6. Environmental and cultural violence: As per the sociologist, if a child born in a society where people are so poor, uneducated, politically unstable, and already involving with various anti-social activity or criminal activity, in such type of cultural environment can give motivation to engage with terrorism.

TYPES OF TERRORISM:

There are various types of terrorist organisations throughout the world such as follows;

State Sponsored Terrorism/ State Terrorism: When a government uses terrorism in an organized way to control its people, it is called state sponsored terrorism or state terrorism.

Religious Terrorism: Religious violence that uses terrorism as a tactic to further religious goals or that is motivated by religious identity or beliefs is known as religious terrorism.

Cyber Terrorism: Cyber terrorism is the combination of terrorism and cyberspace. In order to intimidate or compel a government or its citizens in support of political or social aims, it refers to illegal attacks and threats of assaults against computers, networks, and the information held therein.

Narco-terrorism: In its original sense, narco terrorism is considered to refer to drug traffickers' attempts to sway the policies of a government or a society by violence and intimidation, as well as their systematic use of such violence to thwart the enforcement of anti-drug laws.

Biological Terrorism: The planned release of germs that can infect or kill humans, animals, or crops is known as biological terrorism.

Separatist Terrorism: Separatist terrorists, often known as nationalist terrorists, commit terroristic activities to either compel the formation of a new state or to ally themselves with an already-existing country with which they have a close relationship.

Nuclear Terrorism: Any individual or organization that launches a nuclear bomb as a form of terrorism is considered to be involved in nuclear terrorism.

SOME OF THE FAMOUS INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS:

There are some of the famous terrorist organisations which are always making the world as zone of fear and insecure with their activities, the details discusses in below:

- 1. Al- Qaeda:** The term “Al-Qaeda” means “The Base”. The main aim of this terrorist organisation is “Global Jihad”. Osama-bin laden was the head leader of this organisation.
- 2. ISIS:** The full form of “ISIS” is to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. It is also a terrorist organisation. The aims of this organisation is to a Islamic State in some of the middle-east countries which includes Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Palestine
- 3. Hamas:** Hamas is a terrorist organisation which active in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Its main aims to create an environment of war against Israel.
- 4. FARC:** It refers to revolutionary armed forced of Colombia. It is a violent leftist organisation. It has aim to abolish the Capitalist government.
- 5. Taliban:** Taliban is a terrorist organisation which is active in Afghanistan and Pakistan. It main aim is to make Afghanistan as Islamic State.
- 6. Laskar-E-Taiba:** It is a Pakistan supported Terrorist organisation. It’s also main target to continue terrorist activity against to India.
- 7. Real IRA:** IRA refers to Iris Republican Army. It is a violent branch of Iris republican army. Its aim is to freedom of North Ireland.
- 7. Boko Haram:** It is active in Nigeria and Cameroon. It is also a Fundamentalist organisation.
- 8. Al-Shabab:** Al-Shabab is active in Somalia. It is main aim to established fundamentalist in Somalia.

THE WAY OF TERRORISM:

The ways of terrorism are two types such as old and new. In the old tradition the way of terrorism are transmitting extreme violence in public and national affairs, bombardment, attack by weapon, bullets rained down, kidnapping, envy spreads, by showing brutality etc. But in new or modern way of terrorism are following plane hijack, car bombing, misuse of internet, use of RDX to blast, human bombing, landmine and bombing to the huge populated places like shopping mall, railway station, bus stand etc.

TERRORISM AND GLOBALISATION:

The terrorism is an addition in the path of globalisation. Also we can say that the terrorism is globalised term in contemporary world. If we take example that some of the terrorism group like Al- Qaeda, ISIS, and Taliban pushing the world to towards security challenges. The world is feeling insecure after the 9/11 attack on USA and 7/7 attack on London. With the help of science and technology, the terrorist organisations are growing their power throughout the world. The International terrorist group as per the opinion of expert of international relations are actually fighting again the aggressive imperialism of United States of America and others western developed country towards the Islamic countries. The Islamic terrorist group thought that the continuous attack on Palestine by Israel is a threat to Islam and its culture. Also they think that the western culture and economy is destroying the Islamic culture and traditions. This is the

reason that Islamic terrorist group always targeted to America and other countries that are following the religion of Christian.

CONCLUSION:

In the above discussion we understand that the term 'terrorism' is controversial. A person may be a terrorist in front of one person but on the other hand that particular person may be freedom fighter in front of another person. So, based on the time and situation terrorism can be defined. Numerous person and agencies has been defined the term terrorism. As already describe that terrorism is an activity by nature and their activity always pre-planned. Terrorist groups has target to the weak and innocent people in our society as well as the places where huge amount of people has gathering including railway station, bus stop, market, shopping mall , airport, schools etc. There are various causes behind the involvement of terrorist group. Generally, plane hijack, car bombing, misuse of internet, use of RDX to blast, human bombing, landmine and kidnapping are common way to making fear of terrorism in society. In contemporary world with the help of science and technology terrorism get the platform on international level and making the world most powerful countries insecure on the security issues. Now a day most of the developed countries along with developing and underdevelop countries come together to make security policy against terrorism and fight against terrorism in hand to hand.

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