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Crossing the Limits

Asghar Ali Engineer writes:

Some people think, as many Kashmiris thought in 1989, that violence is the only way out and if they take to guns, *azadi* will be near at hand. Now after losing 80 thousand people they have realised what repercussions use of violence has. 'Azadi' is as far away as it ever was for Kashmiris and all they have gained is violence and more violence. Peace now is as elusive as *azadi* itself.

The so-called *jihadis* are committing dastardly acts of violence as it happened recently in Mumbai train blasts in the name of Islam. Nothing can be more un-Islamic than these horrifying inhuman acts. This game is being played for power and pelf by the section of Pakistani army. These terrorists cannot carry on such powerful blasts without the support of ISI of Pakistan. Lashkar-I-Tayyiba, which is suspected to be behind such acts cannot sustain itself without active help from ISI. Though Lashkar-I-Tayyibah has not claimed responsibility for bombing on trains on Tuesday neither police has reached any decisive conclusion but all available indications point in that direction.

Nawaz Sharif, the Ex-Prime Minister of Pakistan has said in his re-cently published biography that ISI is not under government control and has been trying to de-stabilise India and Bangladesh. He is certainly in know of things in Pakistan and what he says cannot be lightly dismissed.

It is such a matter of shame that Pakistan, which claims to be an Isla-mic state is bringing shame and disgrace to Islam. No other Islamic country is home to so many terrorists as Pakistan is. Pakistan also has be-come a front state for all American designs, which further fuels violence and creates more terrorists. In fact if Pakistan is true to Islam then it should have been heaven of peace.

They have named their armed groups as "Lashkar-I-Tayyiba" (Holy Army) and "Jaish-I-Mohammad" (the Army of Mohammad, peace be upon him). How can an army which kills innocent people be a holy army or army of Holy Prophet. Those who commit such inhuman deeds can never deserve to be called holy army or army of Mohammad.

And as for jihad, it has never been used in the sense of war in the Qur'an. There are other words like *qital* and *harb* for war. The Prophet when asked what is jihad he is reported to have said that best form of jihad is speaking truth in the face of tyrannical ruler. Here so-called jihadis themselves are tyrannical and it is needed to speak plain truth in the face. They need to be told that what they are doing is tyranny, against innocent people.

It is believed that one of the intentions of throwing bomb on innocent people is to start communal violence in India. They threw bombs in Ayodhya, in a temple in

Varanasi and earlier in a market place in Delhi last October. But people of India are mature enough not to fall prey to such dirty game. When bomb was thrown at a temple in Varanasi it was feared that it would trigger off communal riots. But not only Muslim leaders and intellectuals but also the chief mufti of Varanasi issued a fatwa decrying that attack on temple quoting the Qur'anic verse that to kill one innocent human being amounts to killing the whole humanity.

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