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valiantly continue on our chosen path!”

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Where is Afghanistan headed to?

Apart from the more distant past, reactionary and traitorous elements have ruled Afghanistan since at least the anti-Soviet resistance war of the late 1970s. It is particularly during this period that the US, assisted by the Pakistani ISI, imposed its puppets on our people and eliminated Afghan nationalist, centrist and leftist elements in order to ensure that nodes of power remained outside the reach of popular and nationalist forces.¹

¹ Cheryl Benard, a Rand Corporation expert and spouse of Zalmay Khalilzad, commented: "At first, everyone thought, there's no way

This crime was neither new nor unprecedented. Elimination of revolutionary elements has been the US government's first term and condition for supporting puppet regimes all over the globe. The CIA-backed coups in Iran, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Congo, Ecuador, Indonesia, Greece, Chile and elsewhere were aimed at eliminating the peoples' leaders, freedom fighters and communists in those countries and destroying any possibility for the formation of independent, democratic governments. Had the US not eliminated hundreds of patriotic intellectuals in Afghanistan, the field would not have been so empty for fundamentalists and US puppets to take over and the outcome of the anti-Soviet war of

to beat the Soviets. So what we have to do is throw the worst crazies at them that we can find, and there was a lot of collateral damage. We knew exactly who these people were, and what their organizations were like, and we didn't care. Then, we allowed them to get rid of, just kill all the moderate leaders. The reason we don't have moderate leaders in Afghanistan today is because we let the nuts kill them all. They killed the leftists, the moderates, the middle-of-the-roaders. They were just eliminated, during the 1980s and afterward." Dreyfuss, Robert, *Devil's Game: How the United States helped Unleash Fundamentalist Islam*, Metropolitan Books, 2005.

resistance would have been very different.

Having failed in Iraq, Syria, Libya and other countries, the US succeeded in attaining a number of its objectives in Afghanistan: setting up the puppet governments of Hamid Karzai and Ashraf Ghani; having dozens of CIA-trained experts serve in senior government positions; having just about every political party, media and civil society organization² on either its own or on its allies' payroll;

² Civil society organizations are institutions in developing countries that are held hostage, directly or indirectly, by imperialist financial support and management. They are used to aggravate religious, ethnic or linguistic antagonisms, sugarcoat class contradictions, and sanctify the warmongering, aggressive and predatory nature of imperialism. Most civil society workers in Afghanistan are venal hirelings of imperialism tasked to denigrate the people's revolutionary resistance as "backward" or "uncivilized", and urge the people to come to terms with the imperialists, accept their military presence in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the world as beneficial, and divert the people, particularly women and youth, from their anti-feudal, anti-comprador, anti-imperialist and anti-fundamentalist struggles towards symbolic and meaningless activities. Some examples of such preposterous activities are a woman wearing a metal brassiere and men wearing burqas in symbolic protests against sexual harassment of women! It is

bringing about the inclusion of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar's Hizb-e-Islami and elements of the Taliban in the political system; controlling the production and trafficking of drugs; fanning religious and ethnic tensions; contaminating Afghan youth with "American values" (sexual promiscuity, apoliticism, etc.); setting up Daesh and the Taliban against each other to justify its own continued presence in Afghanistan³; and so on and so forth. Despite all this, the US failed to create a coherent, effective government on which it could rely to ensure and protect its strategic interests (such as the Turkmenistan–Afghanistan–Pakistan–India (TAPI) pipeline project and the

significant to note that these so-called "activists" never protest the name change of public thoroughfares, institutions of higher education or military training to honor criminals and warlords. Another task given to such beautifiers of imperialism is to protect the corrupt system of government, civil society and media through "constructive criticism" as opposed to exposing the system's incorrigible nature.

³ The US keeps the countries it has enthralled in a constant state of war, crisis and corruption in order to prevent them from attaining independence and progress, thereby breaking the shackles of imperialist overlordship.

extraction of Afghanistan's mineral and natural resources), or to eliminate opponents of its military bases. This failure is indicative of US impotence in implementing its aggressive schemes and policies on a global scale. By supporting its reactionary technocratic, jihadi and Taliban agents, the US aims to maintain its control over Afghanistan at the cost of empowering religious fascists over our people⁴. In this situation, there is little chance that the jihadis and the Taliban would clash with each other over attaining power in the country, because they are both subservient to the same US master and know full well that their "disobedience" will cost them loss of access

⁴ Having Afghan history and particularly the Russians' defeat in mind, the US made sure to have the necessary groundwork in place for its occupation of Afghanistan. It allowed its jihadi puppets free hand in committing the most heinous crimes; it brought the Taliban to power in order for the Afghan people to experience a different kind of hell; then, it re-empowered the jihadis by re-installing them –together with secular CIA-backed agents (Parchamis, Khalqis, nationalists, renegade leftists and technocrats)- under Karzai's tutelage in the presidential palace. At the same time, it kept the Taliban in its back pocket to ensure that the people never get the breathing space to be able to think of insurrection, the way they rose up against the British and the Soviets.

to power, or even their very existence. Even with being disobedient, they will not suffer the full brunt of the wrath of the master as long as US strategic interests are not threatened. Acting on the golden imperialist principle of “divide and rule” (“divide and destroy” would be more accurate) the US continues to nurture unruly entities and use them to justify the “need” for its presence to “ensure stability” and “prevent civil war” in Afghanistan. These two alleged goals are baseless; they are mere pretexts for attaining US imperialist objectives through keeping Afghanistan disabled, in turmoil and in thrall of the fundamentalists. It is for this that the US every now and then sees the need to set up its puppets against each other –to the extent that they don’t go rogue– in order to test which one is the more obedient as well as the more bloodthirsty.

Despite the fact that the presence of US military bases would violate the sovereignty of any country, their closure in countries such as Japan, Italy or Germany would not entail the collapse of those countries’ governments because they are not tin-pot like the government of Afghanistan. In this country, however, the to-be-or-not-to-

be of US bases is an existential issue for the murderers in power. It was for this reason that anti-people government officials and institutions disagreed with Karzai's belated ploy at playing hard-to-get, and clamoured for the immediate endorsement of the Bilateral Security Agreement (BSA) with the US, knowing full well that their only chance of survival is complete reliance on the US.

As could be foreseen, there was no improvement after 2014 in the situation regarding Karzai's tin-pot government. Since revolutionary entities were not and are not in a position to offer a hope-inspiring anti-imperialist, anti-Taliban and anti-jihadi leadership that can shape the course of events in the interests of the people, the central and fundamental tasks of the Left, i.e. ideological, political and organizational consolidation, and drawing the masses to struggle, remain unchanged.

Will the US ever leave Afghanistan?

With the signing of the BSA, establishment of CIA stations in addition to nine official military bases, the presence of tens of thousands of mercenaries and security companies, verification of Afghanistan's rich mineral resources, access to control over Central Asian and Caspian Sea oil and gas reserves, the strategy to besiege Russia, China and Iran, and convert Afghanistan into a springboard for its regional aggressive schemes, it is very unlikely that the US will leave Afghanistan, a country in which potent anti-US popular movements are as yet non-existent. The US did withdraw a number of its troops from Afghanistan due its own internal challenges, its defeat in Iraq, its failure to bring about regime change in Syria and Iran, and the Afghan public's aversion to its presence in their country. However, it will keep its bases in this country indefinitely in order both to monitor the situation (bolster any pro-US government and stifle any voice raised for independence

and democracy), and to advance its schemes against China, Russia and Iran.

The US bases are the bulwarks of the Afghan government, which relies on the one hand on US imperialism and on the other hand on criminal compradors. Opposition to these bases from a democratic position is what distinguishes a patriot from a traitor. Striving to be in the good graces of the imperialists deprives the struggle against religious or non-religious tyranny of its freedom-seeking and democratic substance. In the same manner, concordance with the current religious despotism in our country (should such concordance be feasible) would be totally misguided and would lead to the perpetuation of tyranny and imperialist domination, since the continued survival of any tyrannical entity is dependent on its overt or covert links with imperialism.

The Afghanistan Liberation Organization (ALO) believes that no substantial progress, democracy or social equality is possible without independence and sovereignty of the people. Individuals and political entities who argue in favor of the US presence in Afghanistan and claim that independence from imperialism is a concept that is

“outdated”, “a legacy of cold war” or “invented by leftists” are men and women who have been trained by the American CIA, the Iranian VEVAK, the Israeli Mossad and the British M16 to forego their honour and protect US interests much better than the Khalq and Parcham parties protected Soviet interests. For such individuals and entities, the only way to put an end to religious tyranny, poverty and all ills besetting the country is “humanitarian” US intervention like that seen in Iraq, Libya and Syria, which yielded nothing but fragmentation, intensification of national and religious antagonisms, strengthening of fundamentalists, destruction of infrastructures and massacres of the peoples of those countries. Such individuals and entities do not believe in the indomitable power of the people and are both infatuated with and in awe of the US.⁵

⁵ Most key officials in the executive, judiciary or legislative branches of the Afghan government, almost all political parties, and print and electronic media support and justify the US presence in Afghanistan. Amongst others, Radio Liberty, the CIA’s veteran mouthpiece, through its venal “experts and analysts”, preaches the

Thus, the current situation in our country is as follows: The US, having imposed the world's most corrupt puppet regime on our people, has lured a wide spectrum of the intelligentsia into political prostitution and abhorrence of "radical politics", and has made knowledge of the English language a criterion for advancement and social advancement⁶. With its military bases, advanced military and intelligence installations and thousands of troops, the US will not easily and willingly leave Afghanistan, being the seductive source of narcotics production and trafficking⁷ that it is, with its trillions of dollars' worth of

imperativeness of US presence in Afghanistan more openly and more systematically than the others.

⁶ Hamed Karzai used to give English language tests to his ministers prior to appointing them, with no thought to his own or their inadequate Dari or Pashto language skills.

⁷ Some analysts believe that narcotics are the main reason for the US occupation of Afghanistan. In fact, by occupying Afghanistan, the CIA is killing not two, but many birds with one stone: It supports the US drug mafia; keeps the Afghan jihadi criminals, higher echelons of the Afghan government, a section of the peasant class, and the Taliban narcotics dons and their Pakistani masters happy; conditions the continuation of the Taliban insurgency; and, turns millions of

natural resources.⁸ Thus, Afghanistan will remain a vassal state of the US, and any Afghan government that comes to power will be a US lackey and against its own people. Presidents, vice presidents, ministers, governors, ambassadors, members of parliament, senators, commanders, spokespersons, etc., will remain subservient to the US, regardless of whatever airs they may give themselves. Just as Karzai staged exhibitions of “opposing the US” (a façade that benefitted both: master and lackey both wanted the world to believe that the lackey was “independent”), so, too, will their successor stooges ogle independence to hide their servitude to Washington. By

young Afghans into junkies, i.e. stoned zombies. And the list goes on.

⁸ Those who are in denial as to Afghanistan’s economic significance for the US are blind to Paul Wolfowitz’ following admission: “We didn’t attack Korea because, unlike Iraq, it is not rich in oil reserves.” How can the US not consider Afghanistan’s equally rich natural reserves when strategizing its occupation of the country? Control of oil and gas reserves and bolstering its military presence in all five continents through creating military bases and ports for aircraft carriers and warships are part and parcel of the US imperialism’s economic and military strategies.

capitulating to the fundamentalists and calling the Taliban their “brothers”, Karzai and Ghani have committed such high treason against the Afghan populace and homeland that no amount of bickering, fake or even real, with the US will exonerate them.

The declining US ability in keeping other countries in line is the reason why it is relying on the most reactionary and the most traitorous entities to form so-called governments. The US knows that the Afghan people, with anti-fundamentalist independence seekers as their vanguard, will ultimately rise against the Taliban and the jihadi criminals. It is due to this realization that the US strategy of collusion with the fundamentalists in Afghanistan is a continuation of its strategy in Iraq, Syria and Libya –the replacement of Saddam, Qaddafi and Bashar Al Assad with fundamentalists. In the same manner, the commonalities that bring the US and the Gulf states together are the same that will keep the US allied with the Taliban and their ilk. Just as the coming to power of leftist revolutionaries in Iran was a nightmare for the imperialists –for the prevention of which they gave aid and succor to Khomeini– in the same manner they will

allow any reactionary force of the ilk of the Taliban and the jihadis to come to power in Afghanistan, but will not allow entities that stand on independence, democracy and progress. The traitorous and predatory regimes of Karzai, Ghani and Abdullah, under US tutelage, will continue to rule, unless they are taken down by popular uprising.