

Editorial

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A call against 'Mob justice'

The most basic purpose of an exercise is to make the whole process involved in that particular exercise become second nature, or in other words, become attuned to the requirements of that exercise. There are certain social exercises that need to be performed without any let-up especially by those of us in the Media if certain collective behavior or social inclinations are to be highlighted and changed if needed- for good or bad, and one of the most important issue that has to be brought out in the open and discussed without any reservations or preconceived notions is the increasing instances of what can only be ironically termed 'Mob justice'.

For a community drunk in the reflected glory of our ancestors, it is shameful that we still are unable to reign in our bestial instincts and give rationality a chance to play out its role in the society. The latest unfortunate incident of the mob serving 'justice' for the crime of an alleged double murderer once again raises the uncomfortable question on the validity of the decision of a collective group, even though the incident touched a raw nerve and angered every single rationale human. Even more alarming is the fact that a section of the public deemed it their privilege to discard the law of the land or disrupt the process of law in destroying the property of the accused and ostracizing the family. The very incident also clearly projects the primal mindset of generalizing or attributing people into packs or groups.

While the accused, if proven guilty deserves the harshest of punishment under the law of the land and certainly deserves no sympathy whatsoever, it would be highly unlikely to even suggest that the whole family is involved in the alleged crime, or is encouraged to commit the crime. It would be humanly impossible for the guardians of the law and the security forces to apprehend and dole out justice the very moment a crime is committed. The state security and investigating authorities truly deserves a round of applause for the excellent work of taking up the lead and pulling up the suspect in such a short period of time. If we expect them to perform up to their maximum potential, then we need to encourage and assist them in our maximum capacity as ideal citizens rather than to obstruct and view their efforts with suspicion.

We have come a long way since the evolution of humans a few billion years ago. We have the good fortune of being able to keep pace with the rest of the world in almost every aspect of life- be it fashion, technology, news and informed views, food, culture and arts. But there is still the pressing need to change our mindset to enable new ideas and views to have a chance of taking root. We need to open up and take charge of our emotions. We need to be the change we are striving for, and mob mentality should not be given even an iota of space to work its insidious designs. We have to speak up and speak out as frequently and clearly as required until such blot on the society is removed.

Nagas Neo-resistance Approach

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The exotic Nagas are different from Indian besides, she was never been under the control of any suzerain state, thereby, the Nagas proclaimed the Tri junction of China, India and Myanmar as the *Land for Christ*. Sir Robert Reid, the Political Agent of Manipur who later become the Governor of Assam said, "The Nagas are not Indian in any sense of the world, neither in origin, nor in the language, nor in appearance, nor inhabit outlook".

The Nagas have stood their ground and staged their protest against aggression ever since the colonial era (British rule) and still persistently rebelling after the withdrawal of the notion of colonialism in the globe. In sweat and blood they have rebelled, in prayer and tears they have addressed their grievances to the world community, yet they are still subjugated by the modern day colonialist (India and Myanmar) but, trading the Nagas with their act in the most brutal convention. However, "the faith in the world community support for humanity is questionable as a hope against hope" for the struggling people for self-determination. "Might is Right" sounds rhetoric, but, stands still true, Indian democracy type is a blasphemous democracy that strayed from the Gandhian ideal of democracy, but the worst enemy to conflict settlement- now and forever, the weak and the poor will always be the victim of the influential injustice. International peace and justice of the global community needs to investigate the cry of the Nagas for they would not able to do nothing when everything cannot be undone.

Where is an Indian right to claim Nagas as Indian or the whole of the Northeast ethnic groups of the Mongolian stock? When the Indian national anthem out rightly and distinctly made her position clear that she (Bharat) is the hearts of the Punjab, Sindh, Gujarat, and Maratha, Odisha and Bengal of the Dravidian racial stock bounded by the Himalachal and the hills of Vindhyas.

The "Survival of the fittest" is a phrase that originated from Darwinian evolutionary theory as a way of describing the mechanism of natural selection. The biological concept of fitness is defined as reproductive success. In Darwinian terms, the phrase is best understood as "survival of the form that will leave the most copies of itself in

successive generations". Social Darwinists claimed that "the survival of the fittest" is interpreted as "an ethical perception that sanctioned cut-throat economic competition" which justify laissez-faire ("Leave it to us" or "Let us do it") in economics, war and racism. Critics of the theories of evolution argued that "survival of the fittest" provides a justification for behavior that undermines moral standards by letting the strong set standards of justice to the detriment of the weak. It is also suggested that "survival of the fittest" implies treating the weak, even though in some cases of good social behavior - co-operating with others and treating them well - might improve evolutionary fitness.

Applying this concept to human society, Kropotkin presented mutual aid as one of the dominant factors of evolution, the other being self-assertion, and concluded that in the practice of mutual aid, which we can retrace to the earliest beginnings of evolution, thus we find the positive and the undoubted origin of our ethical conceptions; and we can affirm that in the ethical progress of man, mutual support and mutual struggle not communal struggle - has had the leading part. In its wide extension, even at the present time, we also see the best guarantee of a still loftier evolution of our race.

To apply "survivor of the fittest" in Naga revolutionary struggle for self-determination; any group(s) or struggle society that cannot innovation people's based principle and mandate; that cannot redefined their nationality and socio-cultural and geopolitical boundaries; unaware of global responsiveness; lack of competent people with new ideas, models, visions of share living and those who cannot foresee the oppressors' malicious maneuvers of "divide and rule"; overweight by "ism" (the "I" and "thin") cannot withstand the test of time but inevitable to become the history of the distant past.

Taking the anarchists view and the concepts of "survival of the fittest" into the revolutionary movement, it is they, who support co-operation rather than competition. The fittest is he who not necessarily the best at competing individually, but often the community made up of those best at working together. In the animal world we have seen that the vast majority of species live in societies, and that they find in

association the best arms for the struggle for life: understood, of course, in its wide Darwinian sense-not as a struggle for the sheer means of existence, but a struggle against all natural conditions unfavorable for the species in which individual struggle for mutual aid to attain the greatest development, are invariably not necessary to numerous but the most efficient that open to prosper further progress.

In order to defeat tyranny, emphasized on land and national identity consciousness alone does not serve the contention, but the undivided strength, mutual trust and love should be the forerunner. The common struggle should focus on encouraging the movements for positive change. Negative advancement cannot be termed as a development approach in any way- it is self-destructive. A struggle people should advocate to create a platform to the younger generations for proactive initiatives and compulsion on shoulders national responsibilities with integrated vision and reconciliatory philosophy for the sake of their shared future instead of misleading and sowing hatred between brothers. The fundamental duty of the elites and the younger generation is to protect and serve the nation in any capacity otherwise what is elite and young for? The young Naga generation should love the nation rather than self-comfort under the providence of the advisories. The present younger generation skeptical to patriotism could rightly attribute to our elders mistrust and ethnocentric behavior. Nagas are at present weaker to his opponent therefore, in order to wage a defeating war, sawing discordant; misleading through articles, subjective to self; indoctrinating relegation among the common brother etc. Is what todays so called learned/social leaders, political/group leaders wants the younger generation to inherit? Are these the best powerful weapons to waylay the oppressor for achieving the long cherish Nagas dream to live as free people?

No, the sacred and secret weapon I consider is to ally with one's brothers. Take notice, no human tangle on the earth's surface without any roots as the floating cloud. Therefore, one must find the biological and bridge socio-cultural breaches first. In pursuit of political, social, economic and cultural rights- one faith and one God are the utmost requirement for collective life on earth or life after

death.

Are the Nagas ready to take the consequences of the makeover?

A common saying goes, "history repeats itself". Likewise, should the Nagas made a fine classic to such statement? Everything changes in due course of time, but change has no definite connotation. Change may alter into either good or bad because "beauty is deceitful". Cease fire and any agreement signed with the GoI cannot be taken into confidence as experience taught us. Therefore, as a free people, are Nagas ready to accept Indian constitution and consolidate into Indian union or ready to give a counter befitting reply that will disintegrate the princely kingdoms and cut the bottle neck in case, she repeats her deceitful conducts of buying time to dwindle the movement and the latter term as an appeasement policy further term the struggle for self-determination or national defense to terrorism so that they could launch a wipe out operation.

Beware if the bad moon rises! 20 long years of cease fire and hundreds times of talks yet solution to the protracted political issues retain to Indian five year political advancement. On the other hand, 20 years might have given Nagas an opportunity to prepare in human resources, military strength as well as developed a weapon to counter with nuclear weapons. Because, air must be controlled by air, water by water and fire with fire, a man should fight a man not to a child- healthy and mighty cannot torment the weak, lest he lack moral, who knows his brother may be loftier than the imposter! The course of Nagas struggle for self-determination dated back to the formative period commonly known as Naga Club (1918-1939). Though, the Naga Club ended up by submitting a memorandum on behalf of the entire Nagas on November 10th January 1929, to exclude the Nagas from any constitutional framework of India. Nevertheless, it gave birth to the Naga national consciousness. The second phase of development can be seen in the establishment of the Naga Hills District Tribal Council (NHDT) on 1st April 1945 under CR. Powsey, the then Deputy Commissioner of the Naga Hills. It campaigned for integration of Naga Territories to create a sovereign Naga State however, it ended up unsuccessfully. (To be contd....)

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National and International News

No raids on NDTV, promoters have to stand scrutiny: Venkaiah Naidu

New Delhi, June 7: There were no raids on NDTV by the CBI not entering any office of the channel, Union Information and Broadcasting Minister M. Venkaiah Naidu said today while dismissing allegations that the searches were an infringement on press freedom.

The Central Bureau of Investigation's raids on the properties of NDTV founder Prannoy Roy on June 5 on allegations of bank fraud had drawn criticism from several political parties as well journalist groups such as the Editors' Guild of India, Press Club of India and All India Newspaper Editors' Conference.

"There is no raid on NDTV. The CBI has not entered the premises of the newsroom or TV studio or any other related offices of the media channel. The management and promoters have to stand scrutiny and answer to the people instead of blocking it and then making allegations," Naidu said on the sidelines of a function.

Rubbing claims of a vendetta against the channel, Naidu said the promoters of NDTV, Prannoy and Radhika Roy, should submit to due process of the law as there

were questions on their operations that needed disclosures.

"Those disclosures will be enquired into," the minister said, indicating that the troubles for the channel are unlikely to end soon.

Naidu said the media house cannot presume itself to be above the law. "This is especially true when ownership of most media today is defined by a vertiginous web of cross-holding involving corporate and entities for whom media is not a primary business," he said.

CBI had in a statement earlier cited a Supreme Court order of 2016 to assert that the agency has jurisdiction to take up investigation of cases of corruption concerning private banks as well.

It also refuted the charge that its move against the news channel was an infringement of freedom of speech, emphasising that searches, carried out in the basis of warrants issued by court, covered only the premises and offices of promoters. Lashing out at the Congress for alleging that the government was misusing CBI, Naidu said, "I am

surprised that the Congress party is talking about the misuse of CBI. My PM was grilled for eight hours when he was Gujarat CM during UPA regime and our party president was foisted with a false case and spent time in jail. Now these people are talking about misusing CBI."

The minister was referring to Modi being grilled in 2010 by a Supreme Court-appointed probe panel over his alleged complicity in not doing enough to stop the 2002 communal riots in Gujarat and Shah's stint in jail in the same year in the Sohrabuddin Sheikh fake encounter case.

China is likely to set up military base in Pakistan: Pentagon

Washington, June 7: China is likely to establish additional military bases in Pakistan and other countries with which it has a longstanding friendly ties and similar strategic interests, a new Pentagon report has said.

In its annual report to the Congress on China's military build-up, the US Department of Defence said China's construction of military base in the strategic location of Djibouti is just the first of what will likely be an ongoing expansion in friendly foreign ports around the world. China is expanding its access to foreign ports to pre-position the necessary logistics

support to regularise and sustain deployments in the "far seas", waters as distant as the Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean. "China most likely will seek to establish additional military bases in countries with which it has a longstanding friendly relationship and similar strategic interests, such as Pakistan, and in which there is a precedent for hosting foreign militaries," the Pentagon said. The report cautioned, however, that China's efforts to build more bases "may be constrained by the willingness of countries to support" the presence of China's

People's Liberation Army in one of their ports. Notably, China is developing the strategically located Gwadar port in Balochistan, which many experts in the US say is aimed towards having a military presence. "In February 2016, China began construction of a military base in Djibouti and probably will complete it within the next year," it said, adding China claims that this facility is designed to help the navy and army further participate in UN peacekeeping operations, carry out escort missions in the waters near Somalia and the Gulf of Aden, and provide humanitarian assistance.

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