

افغانستان آزاد – آزاد افغانستان

AA-AA

چو کشور نښاد تن من مباد بدین بوم و بر زنده یک تن مباد
همه سر به سر تن به کشتن دهیم از آن به که کشور به دشمن دهیم

www.afgazad.com

afgazad@gmail.com

European Languages

زبان های اروپایی

Tanveer Jafri

Hafiz Saeed: an angel or a demon?

4/18/2011

Hafiz Saeed, the mastermind of 26/11 Mumbai terror attack and the chief of Pakistan based so called “socio-cultural organization” Jama’at-Ud-Da’wah, is well known for his anti-India stance. Spewing venom against India and conspiring against it is usual for Saeed. From encouraging terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir to masterminding the 26/11 terror attack on Mumbai, he has been involved in many such activities which have time and again come in the way of normalizing bilateral relations between India and Pakistan, and in many cases have deteriorated the ties. But when it comes to catch hold of this terrorist in guise of a godman, Pakistan government is always found wanting. His free movement in Pakistan, hate speeches against India and criticism of Indo-Pak peace efforts compels the Pak government to give it a thought.

Establishments of both countries used the Indo-Pak semi-final Cricket World Cup match as an initiative of ‘Cricket Diplomacy’ to normalize the ties. Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh invited his Pak counterpart Yousuf Raza Gilani to watch the match in Mohali. Gilani accepted this invitation and visited Mohali with a high-level delegation. Both leaders held wide ranging discussion and called the meeting as ‘meaningful and positive’. Notwithstanding that Pakistan lost this match to India, the step taken forward by both countries in the direction of peace was welcomed by the people of both countries.

In fact, not only the people and governments of both countries but also the international community is of the view that both these nuclear armed neighbours should have normal and healthy ties. Tension between them can be dangerous not only for South Asia, but for the entire world. But Hafiz Saeed, who calls himself the well-wisher of the Muslims of Pakistan and the world, cannot digest peace between India and Pakistan. While the Prime Minister of Pakistan along with his Cabinet colleagues and officials was on India tour, this proven terrorist was warning the Pak government in front of Pakistani parliament against making peace with India.

Pakistan establishment seems helpless to act against him. Taking advantage of this impotence of the Pak government, Saeed successfully carries out his anti-India activities.

Recently, a famous cleric of Jammu & Kashmir, Maulana Showkat Ali Ahmed Shah was killed by terrorists. Notably, he was among those peace loving people who opposed and condemned the last year's notorious pre-meditated acts of stone pelting by the 'people' against security forces in Indian part of Kashmir. These stone pelters had the support of secessionists and terrorists. Hence, it can be concluded who was behind Maulana's assassination in Srinagar. In a hypocrite show of sympathy with Indian Kashmiris, his funeral prayers in absentia were offered in Islamabad near the Press Club. This Press Club is not far from the Parliament of Pakistan. These prayers were conducted by none other than Hafiz Saeed. On this occasion, many leaders of Jama'at-Ud-Da'wah delivered venomous speeches against India and warned the Pak government against normalizing relations with India.

Hafiz Saeed asserted that Kashmir problem can never be solved by talks between India and Pakistan. He accused India of human rights violation in Kashmir. He said that Pakistan government should review its Kashmir policy and should not enter into any kind of agreement with India. Rubbishing the Indo-Pak Cricket Diplomacy, he said "these so called trade and friendship efforts have no value. We are with the Kashmiri people and will continue to give our full support till they are free." The venue for this anti-India rhetoric was so close to the Pakistani parliament that Saeed was clearly audible there. He appealed to the Member of Parliaments not to support peacemaking efforts with India. He contended that the Russians could not control Afghanistan and now the United States is looking for a way out of the region, so India can't control Kashmir for long.

This kind of rhetoric lays bare Saeed's objectives and intents. That Saeed was the mastermind of 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, has been proved by the confession of Ajmal Amir Kasab, the lone terrorist caught alive. By not arresting or restraining Saeed, Pakistan government seems to be supporting his mission of creating anti-India atmosphere in Pakistan. In guise of providing social service through Madrasas and Hospitals, Hafiz Saeed is increasing his popularity among the masses, especially among the followers of a particular ideology. He keeps on misleading the Pakistanis. The presence of terrorists like Hafiz Saeed and their destructive thoughts and acts has not only isolated Pakistan from the world, many countries are in fact talking about declaring Pakistan a 'terrorist state.' With active support of such elements, the Taliban has strengthened its grip on Pakistan. And thanks to these inhuman forces, the West gets an excuse to interfere in the region. Pakistani establishment, people and the Muslims of the world need to ponder whether a communal fanatic like Hafiz Saeed is a true Muslim or an enemy of mankind!