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Lesson to be learnt from COVID-19 Pandemic

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1 | INTRODUCTION

The whole human civilization was faced with a threat of being wiped off the globe due to the COVID-19. In this regard, many questions are being raised and many conspiracy theories are circulating around the world. Was it a result of some kind of experiment of some country/power as being alleged by USA and

China against each other? A third target of allegations is Iran by the USA. Or is it a result of some bacteria from some kind of animal or beasts or birds as suggested by some that the bats caused this virus in China. Different conspiracy theories, allegations and guesses are being offered by different people and groups. As on 3rd May, 2020, the world has more than 3.5 million Corona patients and 245,096 deaths. USA which is main target of allegations of creation of COVID-19, has more than 1,160,838 affected persons and more than 67,448 deaths (the facts and figures of untill 3rd of May, 2020). So if COVID-19 is a result of some American evil design, USA is the major affected country.

One conspiracy theory says that USA wanted to inject a chip in the body of every human being of the whole world to monitor the movements and actions and interactions of every human being so this virus was created so every human being could be injected this chip through vaccine that is being invented for the treatment and protection from this virus.

Another conspiracy theory says that USA wanted to destroy the Chinese economy so it created and exported this virus to China.

Whatever the cause of COVID-19, none should ever try to play or make any kind of dirty experiments with the lives of humans or other species of the nature because any such thing could eliminate every kind of life from the face of the earth.

Iran continues to blame USA for creating and spreading Covid-19, China blames USA for creating and spreading Covid-19 and some people blame Chia for carrying out some kind of experiment as a result of that experiment this virus was created and an epidemic was created and broken out. The blame game between the different countries could be seen on the news items on the internet.

Price and lessons from COVID-19:

The price paid by the world community and the lessons that could be and should be learnt are dis-cussed in this article.

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COVID-19 was almost going to eliminate the whole of human civilization. If the world community had not awoken in time and had not taken controlling measures, the whole of human civilization could be wiped off the globe.

Following are the facts and figures regarding the COVID-19:

TABLE 1: Corona related worldwide facts & figures as on 3rd May, 2020:

#	Category	Figures
1	Total Confirmed cases	35,01,747
2	Today's cases	17,525
3	Total Deaths	245,096
4	Today's deaths	294
5	Confirmed Recoveries	1,127,890
6	Today's Recoveries	18,241
7	Active Confirmed Cases	2,128,761
8	Tests Conducted	36,701,149

Lesson # 1: No such experiment should be carried out in future that could create any such viruses and become a threat to the whole of human civilization.

Lesson # 2: No conspiracy of damaging the economy of the rivals should be done because such conspiracies could wipe the whole of human race.

Lesson # 3: Every person must control his/her greed of amassing wealth because a small virus, which cannot even be seen could eat us up and our wealth as well. More than 270,000 deaths worldwide have left everything behind and no medicine could save them. Those who died included rich and the poor, professionals of every field and even doctors and nurses. Many people died with COVID-19 and many more die with other diseases without thinking that a day will come when their lives are going to end and all the wealth which has been amassed by them through fair or unfair means will be left behind in this world and will be taken over and enjoyed by their heirs. Loving and caring for humanity is more important than amassing wealth for oneself only.

Lesson # 4: What is more important: Continuation of human civilization is more important than

continuation of capitalism? Trump says keeping the industry going is more important so lockdown has to be called off to keep the economy running. (Dollars vs. deaths is the sickening choice created by coronavirus, Analysis by Zachary B. Wolf, CNN <https://edition.cnn.com/2020/03/23/politics/what-matters-march-23/index.html>)

Why can't countries learn to live on agriculture for a few months and forget about promoting capitalism and amassing wealth?

Lesson # 5: Political mileage, political point-scoring and blame game in such a dangerous situation wherein whole of human civilization was going to be wiped off the globe, blame game between major rivals in the international community, i.e. America-China and America-Iran is going on and they are not ready to help each other and cooperate for fighting this deadly pandemic. US Fingers at Iran for Exporting COVID-19 By Jeff Seldin March 23, 2020 11:45 PM <https://www.voanews.com/science-health/coronavirus-outbreak/us-fingers-iran-exporting-covid-19> Factsheet Office of the Spokesperson March 23, 2020

<https://www.state.gov/iran-covid-19-disinformation-fact-sheet/>

The US-China coronavirus blame game is undermining diplomacy. *Michael H Fuchs*

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/mar/31/us-china-coronavirus-diplomacy>, Tue 31 Mar 2020 10.00 BST

Lesson # 6: The unpreparedness of many countries has shown their weakness and the shallowness of their system and lack of resources to tackle an emergency. The countries which are spending major chunks of their budgets on amassing weapons and building up huge armies and spending meager budgets on the social development were the ones whose weakness of the health system and social care system was fully exposed. The poor countries faced extremely critical situations to look after their poverty stricken populations and daily wagers and those who lost their jobs due to lockdowns and closure of industries. The poor nations were like a man who did not do any savings for the rainy days.

Lesson # 7: The rich countries or many poor countries as well have amassed weapons of mass destruction in the name of national security, securing their borders due to real or perceived threats from their neighbouring countries and far off enemies and built up huge military establishments. But they are zero in medical and social care for their populations. They cannot survive for even few weeks when they are faced with pandemic like COVID-19. After the crisis of COVID-19 one hopes that they will learn ways and means to build up their medical and social care systems for the protection and continuation of their societies.

Lesson # 8: World Policeman USA which has military bases in more than 65 countries of the world and spends trillions of dollars on maintaining its supremacy over the world has also been exposed that its healthcare system and social care system was so weak that it did not have the capacity of handing and providing care to its more than two hundred thousand COVID-19 patients.

In countries like Pakistan the nation continued to be divided even in the face of such dangerous and widespread pandemic that the government and the opposition parties continued to fight and allege each other for causing spread of pandemic and not taking proper measures for the control of the pandemic. The politicians of Pakistan are so selfish and mean that they used this major threat also for their political gains. The opposition continued to demand that we should get united to fight Corona virus and for that purpose the corruption cases against opposition leaders should be abolished. This caused a mess and haphazardness in distribution of ration and financial help among the poor, the jobless and the daily wagers who had become jobless due to lockdowns. Since we Pakistanis are a terribly divided, disunited and disorganized nation, in fact we are not a nation of people, but a herd of cattle. We are divided on religious, sectarian, ethnic, racial, caste, community, regional, provincial and many other basis. This has been proved on many times and in many ways. This time in the face of Corona virus as well the provision of financial help among poor and the jobless was terribly disorganized and haphazard. Some philanthropists distributed ration and money among some poor for the purpose of show off because in our

culture many people do charity for show off. This had many flaws. Many beggars pretended to be jobless and amassed ration from different sources and sold it out to the shopkeepers in their area. And many needy people remained without any help.

The government of Prime Minister Imran Khan launched a huge program of providing financial help to the poor and the daily wagers who had lost their jobs. This again had many flaws because the culture is such that people hardly dare to speak the truth and reveal the truths about their financial conditions. So far so that many members of the business and industrial community conceal facts about their businesses and industries and prepare double books and show that their businesses and industries are running in loss so they do not pay any taxes. Same was the case with Nawaz Sharif, the man who was Pakistan's Prime Minister for three terms. He owned more than 100 huge industrial complexes, was prime minister but was showing that his business and industries were running in loss.

Same is with majority of Pakistanis. Many pretend that they are in miserable situation and take away the help that should be reaching the poor people. Same is true about the Zakat Fund (Zakat is a religious tax which is to be paid by every Muslim in the Month of Ramdan, the fasting month of Muslims, at the rate of 2.5 per cent of their assets.) Many Muslims do not pay this tax and Sunnis declare themselves as Shias to save this tax. Some do not pay it to the government treasury and distribute it among the people or institutions that they feel are needy. Some 600 Billion rupees is collected every year during the month of Ramdan, but most of the money goes into the pockets of those who are not poor and needy. This fund is so huge that it could eliminate poverty from Pakistan if all the Muslims (they are 97 per cent of the population) pay their Zakat honestly and if it is distributed among the real poor and the needy.

Since government and the opposition cannot and are not trained to work together in a crises situation and are more prone to indulge in blame game, making political mileage and criticizing the ruling party because opposition parties cannot digest the credit being taken by the government for doing something for the masses.

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Lesson #9: COVID-19 has turned everyone into an untouchable because social distancing compelled everyone to stay away from everyone. So far so that parents preferred to stay away, avoid hugging and kissing their own children who were their lives and children treated their parents as untouchables. Indian culture is full of discriminations and prejudices on the basis of religion and caste because the Hinduism has four caste, Brahmins claim that they are made from the head of gods so are the most superior one and the Dalats are created from the feet of gods so are the most inferior ones. In the Corona situation the Muslims were blamed for cause creation and spread of Corona virus. This is totally unjust and unethical to blame a religious community for the Corona virus.

There are many societies which are full of discriminations and prejudices on several basis. In Pakistan, Muslims discriminate against Non-Muslims, Muslims discriminate against Muslims, and Christians discriminate against Christians so on and so forth.

So those who hated, discriminated many on the basis of colour, creed, caste, ethnicity, race, nationality, region and gender must keep in mind that pandemics like COVID-19 can turn everyone into untouchables and loathsome.

Therefore, we must not discriminate against anyone on whatsoever basis.

Lesson # 10: Need for Sustainable communities: Capitalism is total selfishness and it failed in the face of COVID-19. Therefore, we must think of building up sustainable communities which can survive during short or long lockdowns when faced with COVID-19 threats.

2 | CONCLUSION:

- Despite of all the huge military setups and scientific advancements, the richest and the most powerful nations of the world proved to be zero when faced with COVID-19.
- The poor countries faced extremely critical situations to look after their poverty stricken populations and daily wagers and those who lost

jobs due to lockdowns and closure of industries. The situation of poverty in such countries is already such that their 60 per cent population lives below the poverty line.

- The poor countries are not organized properly to handle situations and distribute relief among poor.
- Most countries lack medical facilities to handle such situations.
- Pandemic like Corona can turn everyone into an untouchable.
- In countries like Pakistan, political point scoring continues even in a dangerous situation like spread of pandemic like Corona virus.

3 | RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Poor and rich countries need to train their populations to fight such situations in a united and organized manner.
- Nations must pay more attention to building up their medical and social care systems instead of military and weaponry build ups.
- Poor nations must stop behaving like the man who does not do any saving for the rainy days.
- We must train our children to stop discriminate on any basis whatsoever basis.
- Nations must allocate major portions of their budgets for social and medical development.
- World community must cooperate and continue to conduct medical and scientific research to fight any major health crisis in the future.

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