US Superpower Terrorism Posing An Immediate Threat To World People

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The above-stated two headlines indicate the principal challenge now facing the world. How it is the principal challenge, what is its genesis and in what way it should be dealt with—becomes clear after going through the following text.

The concept of superpower denotes a power that is superior or more stronger to other existing powers. And the idea of terrorism expresses a phenomenon that terrorises or intimidates the people or governs by violent methods or upholds unilateralism in defiance of the decisions as arrived at by the majority of world nations, whether inside the UN fold or some other international institution.

Since US is superior to all existing powers, that is why it is a superpower and because it enforces its authority chiefly through military means (as exemplified by its brutal killings in Afghanistan and Iraq in the very beginning of the 21st century and in nearly 50 countries in the 20th century) and unilaterally defies the decisions taken by the majority of countries, that is why it personifies terrorism.

The US superpower terrorism is a phenomenon of recent origin. It arose after the collapse of its rival superpower, the Soviet Union, in 1990 which left it as the only supreme world superpower, with a few medium superpowers, like Britain, France, Germany, China, Japan, Russia, etc., entrenched in varying regions of the world.

Since its origin, the US superpower terrorism has declared that US national security and national interest will be its defining principle in deciding right and wrong in the world. That is, the US security and national interest will determine the content of US democracy, its rule of law, its openness and freedoms, the working of its free press, the practice of human rights, gender-equality, treatment of prisoners, etc. From that time on, it has never deviated from its extreme chauvinistic position, always using it as a pretext to commit terrorism to achieve its ends.

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The first serious US unilateral terrorist act is its rejection of the near unanimous opinion of the world scientific community and over 90 percent nation-states of the world that a fatal environmental threat has been developing on our planet earth. As overwhelming number of facts indicate: the constantly increasing volume of greenhouse gases (GHGs), depleting global water resources, large-scale deforestation, degradation of more than 60 percent of arable land, dying out of many bio-species and unsustainable use of other natural products has been creating an existential crisis for the human race as well as other bio-phenomena. The scientific community has since been highlighting the worsening state of our environmental aspect. A large number of reports have already been released by various renowned scientists on different environmental issues. Of these numerous reports, those which have calculated the time-frame in regard to the maturity of the crisis, two are particularly worth-mentioning. One is the warning sounded by 6,000 famous scientists of the world in the year 2000 which emphasised that if the human community did not stop the production of GHGs in a short-span of time, the global warming would make the earth uninhabitable for bio-life by the end of the 21st century. The other is the 2002-UN's WWF study which has warned that if the human community (especially the rich nations and the rich persons) does not change its extravagant and wasteful lifestyle, our planet earth will become unsustainable for human life within 50 years. Other scientific experts, who have not committed themselves to any time-table, do admit that the environmental situation is highly alarming.

In the realm of practice, the US environmental terrorism has done the biggest harm to earth's environment. The US is the biggest producer of the GHGs, generates over 30 percent pollution in the world and refuses to endorse 1997-Kyoto Protocol as approved by the whole human world. Besides, it is the topmost guzzler of the world environmental resources. Its argument that any reduction in the production level of its GHGs and any decrease in the use of its environmental resources will harm

US economy is the most absurd logic devoid of all sense of proportion and only embedded in an anti-human instinctive thinking.

Since the beginning of the 21st century, it is on a campaign trail to seize control of all important environmental resources in various countries of the world by all means, using firstly the business tricks and finally the military force.

The second serious US unilateral terrorist act is its disregarding of the fact of unsustainable mode of our existing development model (mainly characterised by unendurable inequality, inequity, poverty and injustice) as pointed by all the global institutions concerned with human growth, i.e., the UNO, WB, IMF, WTO, etc.

The 2002-UN Human Development Report expresses: the world's richest one percent receive as much in terms of income as the poorest 75 percent. The 2001-UN Human Development Report writes: "Of the 4.6 billion people in the developing countries, more that 850 million are illiterate, nearly a billion lack access to improved water resources, and 2.4 billion lack access to basic sanitation. Nearly 32 million boys and girls are out of school. And 11 million children under age five die each year from preventable causes—equivalent to more than 30,000 a day. Around 1.2 billion people live on less than (the equivalent of) $1 a day (1993 PPP US $), i.e., live below the poverty line, and 2.8 billion live on less than $2 a day, i.e., live just above the poverty line. Such deprivations are not limited to developing countries. In OECD (Organisation For Economic Co-operation and Development) countries, more than 130 million people are income poor, 34 million are unemployed and adult functional illiteracy rates average 15 percent." This report further states that the richest 10 percent of the U.S. population (around 25 miIIion people) had a combined income greater than that of the poorest 43 percent of the world's people (around 2 billion people). The 1999-Human Development Report says: that, by the late 1990's, the fifth of the world's people living in the highest income countries had 86 percent of world GDP the bottom fifth just 1 percent, 82 percent of world export markets the bottom fifth just 1 percent, 68 percent of foreign direct investment the bottom fifth just 1 percent and 74 percent of world telephone lines, today's basic means of communication the bottom fifth just 1.5 percent. The 1996-UN Human Development Report tells: just three of the world's richest people have the combined GDP of the 48 least developed countries. The world's 225 richest people have a combined wealth of over $1 trillion which is also the total income of 47 percent of the poor who number 2.5 billion. The wealth of 32 of the world's richest persons exceeds the GDP of South Asia (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Srilanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldives) plus Iran and AfghanIstan.

Interestingly, the Mughal Emperor at New Delhi (Like Jahangir, Shahjahan, etc.) during his climax of power is said to have an annual income of Rs 15,000 at the present-day prices, according to an expert estimate.

The third serious US unilateral terrorist act is its secret cherishing of recently refashioned fundamentalist trends—like Hindutva, Pan Islamism, Buddhist Nirvana, Christendom, Western Free Market Philosophy and Marxian State-Managed proletarian utopia—in order to cause various types of confusions among the people. While the different varieties of religious fundamentalism are causing hatred among various religious groups and conditioning the peoples mindset on fanatic lines, the adherents of free market philosophy are orienting the people towards consumerism and commercialism and the state-led communist utopia goes on singing the hymns in praise of public sector.

The fourth serious US unilateral terrorist act is its underplaying of the dangers coming from daily-rising violence, crime, corruption, woman and child oppression, minorities suppression, extinction of tribal and aboriginal livelihoods, daily worsening miserable conditions of different varieties of unorganised labour (who collectively constitute nearly 40 percent of the world workforce) and the increasing attacks on human rights and civil liberties in the world as a whole, particularly in the traditionally known democratic countries, like UK and US.

The fifth serious US unilateral terrorist act is its projection of world terrorism (devoid of any definition, whether by the UN or some other institution) as the principal enemy of the world people. Oriented by Huntington's book "clash of civilisations", it identifies civilisational clash as a struggle between Islamic fundamentalism (which, according to US, only represents fanatic Islamists) and christian evangelism as symbolised by its missionary zeal for human cause as well as by the values of

western political democracy, free market economy and secular culture. It is on the basis of this fabricated story that the US has selectively declared Islamic fundamentalism as a threat not only to all world religions, but also the world people. So far this US concoction has stayed on, yet its loose ends have started falling apart.

The sixth serious US unilateral terrorist act is to achieve its basic goal of establishing exclusive US supremacy in the newly-emerging world order through a seven pronged strategy which stands for achieving the first US position in the domain of (a) world natural resources, (b) world market, (c) scientific-technological research, (d) military strategy with its clear aim, most destructive weapons and highest efficiency, (e) world economy and its currency, (f) UN and Security Council, and (g) all types of international institutions like WB, IMF, WTO, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, WHO, etc.

The seventh serious US unilateral terrorist act is to create disorder and anarchy at all those places which have a specific importance, like Iraq and Afghanistan in the context of its global objectives.

The eighth serious US unilateral terrorist act is to isolate, weaken, disrupt, and finally eliminate the US rival superpower competitors, like China, Russia, etc. It had already roped in India, Japan, Australia, etc., in its anti-China project and is trying to do the same in regard to Russia by enticing latter's former allies, like Ukrain, Bylo-Russia, Tajikastan, etc.

The ninth serious US unilateral terrorist act is to undermine all genuine and voluntary humanist and environmentalist peoples movements.

The tenth serious US unilateral terrorist act is to disrupt every genuine peace movement at all times and places. Alongside, it also tries to harm all genuine moves for the resolution of various tension points in the world, like the issues of Jammu-Kashmir, Palestine, Dafur, etc., various border as well as territorial disputes between different countries and a number of peoples ethnic struggles for cultural and self rule emancipation, while surrepticiously trying to impose its own formulas ensuring its hegemonic role in every settlement.

The above facts denote how US superpower terrorism is posing an immediate threat to world people.

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Taking up the question of the basic (or long-term) cause of US superpower terrorism, it lies in the existing nation-based corporate capitalist social system and its chief human motivational factor, i.e., self-interest. Both the social system and its human motivational factor have, during their over 200 year long national rule, brought forth an environmentally unsustainable, unjust and inequalitarian order where the mighty ride roughshod over the backs of the weak and the haves dominate the have-nots with money and power constituting the accepted norms of justice and truth.

The corporate capitalist system's human motivational factor of self-interest, emerging from Adam Smith's theory of man as selfish by nature, has pushed its counterpart, i.e., man's social interest, to the background.

In fact, self-interest is the basic instinct of the animal sphere, while man has, since his evolution as homo-sapien, become bio-social by nature. The characteristic of being half-social is the only quality that distinguishes human species from the animal ones. When man becomes devoid, of social aspect, he turns out just like an animal in his lifestyle.

Since, the attainment of money and power represents the maximisation of one's (or self) interest, the whole world is now chasing after these two life-extending elixirs. This money and power-hunting business (by bringing in the most unsustainable environmental order and a highly unjust and inequitable human system) has now led the world to the brink of a serious environmental and human disaster.

As regards the short-term (or immediate) cause of terrorism, it rests with the social system's operational agency or the government. Oriented by their self-interest, the leaders of the corporate capitalist governments (based on the party system in every country), are mainly devoted to the maximisation of capital-owners wealth alongwith their own and holding of power by fair means or foul (i.e., violence, crime, corruption etc.). Their standard stock in trade is "to say one thing and do the other."

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Coming to the short-term (or immediate) solution to the problem of US Superpower Terrorism, it lies in the establishment of a justice-based society on the basis of five principles, i.e., (1) supremacy of environment and people at all times and climes, (2) establishing of a strong bond of brotherhood among the people, (3) empowerment of the people in place of corporate capital supported political parties and business circles, (4) social security to every deprived and needy person, and (5) the rationalisation of irrational income differences in the proportion of 1:5.

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Turning to the basic (or long-term) solution of the problem of US superpower terrorism, it resides in the replacement of present corporate capitalist system by the Nature-human Centric system.

Nature-Human Centric system upholds the vision of "One World" in contrast to the vision of UN charter which presents the present world as a union of nations. "One World" vision serves the peoples interests, on the one hand, and takes care of environmental conservation, on the other.

It demands a new type of social management and development model that stands for a five-fold priority, i.e., environmental sustainability, social equality (with 1:5 difference in incomes and social security as a fundamental right to all), productivity, democracy (empowerment of the people in all matters) and transparency. This five-fold priority corresponds with the bio-social nature of humankind, i.e., it co-ordinates the man's self-interest with his social interest.

It represents its new concept of social development and progress in contrast to the two traditional national systems. While both the corporate market-led and the corporate government-directed one (often called the communist model) single out profitability, productivity or the growth rate as the only measure of social development and progress, nature-human based agenda totally rejects the concept of money or capital as the supreme thing in society and holds that only the environmental promotion and the whole peoples betterment alone represent the supreme thing in society. Money or capital represents only a medium of exchange and beyond that it has no value.

Nature-Human Centric system, first of all, needs a stable and durable peace and security. To establish such a peace, it is necessary that the politics of domination, privilege and special powers be discarded, mode of confrontation and military solution be ended by total disarmament and vesting the full control of nuclear weapons in the UN, political, economic and cultural inequalities be done away with and the development gap between the developed and the developing countries be removed.

Second, it requires a social system that is based on fully democratic principles, functioning and structure. Such a social system necessitates the ending of the rule of special veto powers in UN system and the restructuring of the nation-state management in the light of the principle ensuring the maximum possible empowerment of the people in decision-making corresponding to the necessary dilution of the party centralised power.

Third, it demands a rational and realistic economics whose concepts, laws and rules are required to be framed in the light of former's two top priorities (i.e., humankind and environment) and five development principles (i.e., environmental sustainability, equity, productivity, democracy and transparency). In view of human's bio-social nature, both Adam Smith's basic economic principle of "self-interest" and Marxian basic economic rule of state nationalisation of everything are one-sided.

Fourth, it calls for a way of life (or lifestyle) that is embedded in basic human and environmental values and promotes rational, humanist and environmentalist thinking, behaviour and organisation among the people.

Fifth, it stands for scientific realism which studies and interprets natural phenomena in the light of scientific facts and social objects on the basis of authentic information and data.

Lastly, it is necessary that, in any restructuring and updating process of the old social system, the entire constitutional-legal framework be based on the bio-social nature of man, i.e., on the coordination of human self-interest with social interest—thus bringing in a realistic human psychology conditioning or motivational factor to accelerate social process.

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Our present task is to raise the peoples awareness about the problem of US superpower terrorism, its cause and solution.

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