

## IMPACT OF TERRORISM ON WORLD PEACE

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### ABSTRACT

*Today almost every country is facing the problem of terrorism, in real sense terrorism has taken the shape of global problem, whole world is affected by this danger. Terrorism is not only curse to the society but also curse to whole humanity. It results in the heavy loss of men, money and property. It squashes the world peace. Al Qaeda, ISIS and Boko Haram these are some terrorist organizations which have put whole the world in danger. These organizations with their chiefs such as Osama, Zawahiri and Baghdadi are actively working in some countries like Afghanistan, Syria Yemen and Pakistan due to this, the conditions of these countries are deteriorating day by day. In this paper, an attempt has been made to highlight such problems and trying to find its solutions.*

**Keywords:** Al Qaeda, ISIS, Boko Haram, Terrorism, Zawahiri and Osama.

### Introduction

Terrorism, in broader sense, is the use of violence, terror and fear to achieve some definite ideological aims. The increased use of suicide attacks from the 1980s onwards was typified by the 2001 September 11 attacks in the United States. 9/11 were a series of four coordinated suicide terrorist attacks carried out by the militant Islamic extremist network al-Qaeda. The hijackers successfully crashed the first two planes into the North and South Towers of the World Trade Centre in New York City, and the third plane into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The master mind behind this terrorist attack was Osama Bin Laden. On May 2, 2011 Osama bin Laden was killed by US Navy seal commanders under operation Neptune spears in Pakistan Abbottabad. Then US President Barack Obama declared that justice had been done by killing Laden. Osama bin Laden was later buried at sea. was a Saudi Arabian-born<sup>1</sup>

In 1979, when he joined Mujahedeen forces in Pakistan fighting against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan. He helped to fund the Mujahedeen by funnelling arms, money, and fighters from the Arab world into Afghanistan, and gained popularity among many Arabs. In 1988, he formed al-Qaeda<sup>2</sup>. He was mastermind of 9/11 attack, FBI of US declared him as most wanted fugitive terrorist, during which the FBI offered a \$25 million bounty on him<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Terrorist organisations has spread all over the world for example ISIS Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, is also creating terror among the world was founded by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in 1999 and gained global prominence in 2014, when it drove Iraqi security forces out of key cities during the Anbar campaign. Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, He joined al-Qaeda in Iraq there and rose through the ranks until he was appointed (emir) the highest leader in 2010 Al-Qaeda in Iraq reorganized and renamed itself into Islamic State of Iraq during this time. In June 2014, the group permanently broke with al-Qaeda, renamed itself the "Islamic State", and declared itself a caliphate. Baghdadi was chosen caliph of ISIL by the members of the Islamic State qualified to elect a caliph.

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Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, Baghdadi directly got involved in ISIL's atrocities and human rights violations. These include the genocide of Yazidis in Iraq, extensive sexual slavery, organized rape, floggings, and systematic executions. He directed terrorist activities and massacres. He embraced brutality as part of the organization's propaganda efforts, producing videos displaying sexual slavery and executions via hacking, stoning, and burning".<sup>4</sup> Baghdadi himself was a serial rapist who kept several personal sex slaves. On 27 October 2019, Baghdadi killed himself during the Barisha raid, Syria under US Operation Kayla Mueller conducted by the United States following approval from President Donald Trump.

Next is Ayman al Zawahiri, the Egyptian born surgeon turned jihadi helped al Qaeda chief Osama bin Laden plot the 9/11 attacks and helped the terror group survive and spread in the years after. Many counter terrorist experts regarded al Zawahiri more responsible. On the run after 9/11 al Zawahiri rebuilt al Qaeda leadership in the Afghan Pakistan border region and the supreme leader over branches in Iraq, Asia, Yemen and beyond. With the credo of targeting near and far enemies, al Qaeda after 9/11 carried out years of unrelenting attacks: in Bali, Mombasa, Riyadh, Jakarta, Istanbul, Madrid, London. Attacks that killed 52 in London in 2005 were among Qaeda last devastating strikes in the west. Zawahiri served as the second emir of al-Qaeda from June 16, 2011, until his death. On July 31, 2022, al-Zawahiri was killed in a U.S. drone strike in central Kabul, Afghanistan under the approval of US President Joe Biden. The drone has Hellfire R9X is believed to be equipped with six razor like blades extending from the fuselage that slices through its target but does not explode".<sup>5</sup>This US drone strike was appreciated by many as US intelligence team was successful in taking al Zawahiri out without a single civilian casualty. It only hit Zawahiri without disturbing the building structure integrity to minimise risk to civilians.

The Al Qaeda chief's presence in Kabul put many questions before international community. First it raises the question about the credibility of the Afghan Taliban government. Several observers' sources suggest that al Zawahiri was moved to along with his family, to the heavily guarded place in Kabul earlier this year by the top Haqqani leadership, which has matrimonial and strategic ties with Arab militants of al Qaeda. It is said that Haqqani provided shelter to Zawahiri in Kabul, but one can't put the whole burden on Haqqani because we shouldn't forget that the founder of the Taliban, Mullah Muhammad Omer had sacrificed his government to protect Osama bin Laden following the 9/11 attacks."<sup>6</sup>Every claim of the Taliban will be considered false and shallow. Because al Zawahiri's presence in Kabul was a violation of Doha Agreement as the Taliban promised that Afghan land would not use for terrorism.

Second this attack may harm Kabul's relations with the global community, no country will recognise the Taliban's rule. The path of progress will be halted.

Third The US drone strike that killed Ayman al Zawahiri has raised questions over Pakistan's possible role in raid, Did US use Pakistan's airspace for strike?

Fourth Some media reports that the drone was possibly launched from Ganci Airbase, the US transit facility at Manas in northern Kyrgyzstan near the Bishkek international airport, whereas US is salient to disclose where the drone take off from. Fifth Afghanistan had termed the strike as an attack on its sovereignty, how US can did airstrike in area without its permission.

Taliban condemned attack, said it was a violation of Intel principles whereas former US president Barack Obama said that Zawahiri's death a proof we can root out terror & not be at war. He further said that for bringing one of the masterminds of 9/11 attacks to justice. At this, China too reacted that all forms of terrorism must be opposed but at the same opposed to Double standards on counter-terrorism operations. According to the article of times of India, after the US killing of Al Qaeda chief Ayman al Zawahiri, some of the top contenders to take over the militant organisation are as follow as Saef-al-Adel, an Egyptian once involved in the assassination of Anwar Sadat in 1981, helped in bomb attack in US embassy in Nairobi and linked to the killing of US journalist Daniel Pearl in Pakistan in 2002. Next contender might be Yezid Mebarek, an Algerian, involved in al-Qaeda Islamic Maghreb activities. And Moroccan born Abd-al-Maghrebi, the son in law of Zawahiri is wanted for questioning by the FBI in connection with his membership in Qaeda".<sup>7</sup>(sources from Reuters, www.reuters.com )

Global Terrorism Index is a comprehensive study analysing the impact of terrorism for 163 countries, it is created by Steve Killelea and its report is published by the Institute of Economics and Peace. This index is based on four indicators: i) the total number of terrorist incidents, ii) the total number of people killed iii) the total number of injuries, iv) total property damage. Afghanistan topped with score of 9.11 in index. Afghanistan is the top country by Global Terrorism Index in the world. Afghanistan is the most affected by terrorism on Earth".<sup>8</sup>

The financial negative impact by terrorism: Every terrorist attack gives severe blow on finance of any country. Besides the human cost, the financial setback would be more severe than realize such as the destruction of national property, increased uncertainty in the markets, Set back to Insurance, national & international trade, Tourism and FDI. It destroy infrastructure, redirecting public investment funds to security or limiting trade. Actually, terrorism can give only death, fear terror, injuries, property damage and GDP losses .9/11 attacks in US as the incidents with the highest economic impact accounting for deaths and injuries only at US dollars 40.6 billion".<sup>9</sup>

Efforts for eliminating terrorism and promoting world peace: Besides Governments, the private sectors, the media, and other groups in society also encourage the exchange of intelligence, information, and expertise between national agencies and across borders to uprooting terrorism. The war or fight can never be a solution of anything, it can lead to only heavy loss of men, money and property. The God has made this world to rest and recline not for war and conflict so all the powerful countries should work for the peace of the world and eliminating terrorism, only then we call ourselves human being in true sense.

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