## Why Imran's DHARNA never demanded protection of minorities?

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Fear and uncertainty haunts Pakistan as Dharna and LoC conflicts turned deadly and seem to be unending and political parties are vulturine for power. There is nothing in no party's agenda about abolition of infamous blasphemy laws and cold blooded murders of minorities. This planet has lost its vastness for the persecuted Pakistani journalists, minorities and women. The recent stiff policies of some of the countries like Sri Lanka to deal with the ordinary citizens seeking asylum have reminded the era of Immurement, where the person is locked within an enclosed space which cannot be escaped from. A likewise situation of minorities, journalists and women is prevailing in Pakistan and the corrupt politicians who are also directly involved in manslaughters get out of country to find safe havens.

Prof Dr Muhammad Shakeel Auj, dean of the faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Karachi had been marked for death after a lecture that had been interpreted as "blasphemous" by the radicals and a Fatwa issued against him.

The gruesome shooting of a 70 year-old man Muhammad Asghar, by a policeman, convicted of blasphemy in Rawalpindi who suffered from debilitating paranoid schizophrenia is not the only one where blasphemy victims are murdered by the law enforcers.

During the first nine months of this year, 170 Shia have been killed in Karachi alone despite the fact of an ongoing operation by the heavy presence of the law enforcement agencies.

Only in July 2014, for example, did sectarian terrorists kill at least three Shias in Quetta on Eid while later in the month the city of Gujranwala witnessed an atrocious massacre of Ahmadis, including an unborn baby, two girls and a woman, all burned alive by a mob over a picture on Facebook".

People dance and cheer after attacking Ahmadi people's colony and brazenly shared on social media but no one prosecute to encourage the killings, protected by the blasphemy law.

In August this year, six people of Zikri community were killed and eight injured in a firing incident in Balochistan's Awaran district.

The capital city Islamabad used to be a comparatively a low violence area. But this highly fortified city has been hit hard by the sectarian violence as the law enforcement agencies quoted that violence has claimed 10 lives last year in comparison with 1998 to 2013 (five years) when only nine religious fatalities reported.

This is just a tiny segment of the ordeal minorities, journalists and women going through in Pakistan.

The government and opposition numbed to abolish blasphemy laws fearing the wrath of the radicals. According to a report published in Dawn, "a collaborative study by South Asia

Partnership, coupled with the National Assembly's own report on its performance, during its first year the house could spare only 15 hours to discuss minorities' issues as a whole or raised only about 10 times.

A recent US report has quoted US secretary of state John Kerry as saying, "In Pakistan, militants killed more than 500 Shia Muslims in sectarian bloodletting and brutally murdered 80 Christians in a single church bombing last year. The Pakistani government has yet to take adequate steps to bring those responsible to justice," after releasing the annual congressional report on International Religious Freedom for the year 2013.

The incumbents in Pakistan have badly failed to deliver and deal with the issues and Pakistan has turned into "Politicians Only" zone as the main business arteries and commute of the country seized by the politicians "Whenever and wherever" they want.

There are no harder policies for the ignored and egoist politicians who are exposing people to the risks using the ideology of Jihad and have people killed to keep their ego alive and continue to stay in profitable politics. Politicians are ABOVE THE LAW and rampant to organise deadly meetings. Since Imran and Qadri have started blood-spattered conspiracy to derail fragile democracy and keep the military in-charge of the affairs, at least twenty people are dead, economy has been jeopardised, foreign dignitaries have limited mobility, and Pakistan has been ranked as the least travelled destination, LoC fight has turned deadly and the sanctity of the parliament has been desecrated. None of their demands is for the protection of minorities, women/ children rights, curtailing of the parliament expenditures or energy related. Imran-Qadri's direct threats to Democracy, Ransacking federal and public property, manslaughter, aggravated assault, physically and verbally abusing uniformed police and assumptions of the power as mobsters needs to be dealt with the full force of justice. The EU, America, Canada and all of those countries denouncing violence should make Imran-Qadri ineligible to travel to those countries, enlist PTI and PAT as the organizations supporting, propagating and harboring Jihad, Violence and Anarchy and freezing of assets. If common, law abiding citizens can live with every day's abuse, why these politicians are above the law, both in and out of Pakistan?