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‘HUMAN RIGHTS- AS I SEE’

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The first word for humanity is *ঐক্য* and for human rights *মানব অধিকার*. Our national poet through out his life cried for humanity. No other poet, literate, columnist, or any other person cried for humanity so loudly, even not the United Nation. Before his poetic composition *মানব অধিকার* practically, it was unknown to this sub-continent. British rulers off and on violated Human Rights of the people of this country calling them native, but no body dare to raise a finger.

Human Rights comes when any one deprived of his legal right. Before Islam and more precisely, before Hazrat Mohammad (ISM) there were practically no human rights. It was victors or powerful acceptance of some kind of right of a vanquished or weak for survival before slow death, for their benefit. Islam or to that effect, Hazrat Mohammad (SM) was the first to accept that vanquished or weak has a right equal to conqueror. Human Rights varies from person to person, country to country, nation, to nation, religion to religion but Islam gave absolute Human Rights as Rasool (SM) was first to say that every one has a right to survive, right to education, right to have shelter, right to have home and clothing. Holy Quran first declare that before sweat of laborer dried, pay his/her due, behave humanely with captives, domestic hands, neighbors and behave properly with family members, neighbors, elders, younger, teachers, adversary, even to the domestic animals and birds. The Muslims need not search Humanity or Human Rights from American or its allied,- if a Muslim stick on to the teaching of Hazrat Mohammad (SM) and read Holy Quran minutely that is enough to protect his and others all shorts of rights, including human rights.

Human Rights gradually evading as when United Nation keep a deep ear to the crisis of Palestinians, Iraqis, Iranies, Kashmiries, Labanonies and so many Muslims then where is Human Rights? It's now Humanity or Human Rights minus Muslims. American or its allies way or Human Rights is destroying the nation and give proper medical support to the disabled survivors. When the people of these Muslims are as become prey of the so called aggressors, no body, even the UN keep a deep ear to the cries and no call for Human Rights is seen.

Human Rights now have regularly been infringed/violated by all, including the so-called controller of UN. If any one has a respect to himself/herself, he/she cannot infringe others right. Human Rights violated when one think himself above law. In Bangladesh, besides Constitution, there are other laws to protect one's right but, when it clashes with Political personals or with superior interest, then Human Rights evaporated. Laws are in Bangladesh to protect human rights but the laws are not

followed. Bangladesh is a Country where promise made in Parliament forgotten on the next breath and a section of lawyers in violating the verdict of Supreme Court, behave like trade union activist. No law can save Human Rights unless the nation become educated to the stage of self respect, and respect to other, to obey law and to take meal with known source of income. Education is the color of life and unless be educated one cannot have any idea of Human Rights.

Human Rights and Peace for Bangladesh can be a topic and may be an important topic but, this is, as I see, in the present context, is a misnomer. My country where 75% of the inhabitants lives below the level of poverty and reason for poverty is unemployment and unless these people be provided with job so that they come out of poverty, Human Rights then become a full moon in the sky which can be seen, enjoyed and cherished but can not be reached. Every body shouts at top of voice for Human Rights and Peace but no one take any positive step, and criminals, both in social and political life are spread like white ant. Now a days Human Rights movement activities are seen and vigilant more than the past but Human Rights condition has not been improved. Every Organization, who shout for Human Rights, confined the movement in their sell. Unless the entire national involves in the movement, the cry for Human Rights then belong to an individual or to an organization or to a sect of people but it will not see the door of success. Many things may be said, laws may be amended high-lighting Human Rights, a separate investigation department separating the police force from party politics may be set up, system for witness protection, heavy compensation for torture victims, making law enforcing agents accountable for human rights abuse, compulsory medical examination of detainees, but unless corruption be eradicate from all government sectors, goal for Human Rights can not be reached. A corrupt person or a corrupt Government is unable to do this. It is the sayings of the day that third world countries the Government being the tool of corrupt person are submerged in corruption as such no effective step can be taken. Corruption is the mother of crime. Corruption and Human Rights can not go side by side. One must go. But who will do? In third world Countries, as I see, democrats are enemies of democracy and mother of corruption but in spite of that we may hope for a better future for Human Rights and peace.

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