



## **TERRORISM CONCEPT, CAUSES & SUGGESTED REMEDIES: AN OVERVIEW**

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### **Introduction:**

Terrorism perhaps is the degenerated product of the social system, which has shaken social security and mental peace of a common person in the society. Yet till today no universally accepted definition has been formed and found. Reason for this is, that all analytics take their natural values while defining terrorism.. Terrorist of a country is considered to be the hero of another country. But Robert Friedlander states the word terrorism is somehow related to French revolution and its Jacobean dictatorship. But the fact is that since the beginning, different so called ruthless emperors took terrorism as the tool and instrument of their administration.

To know more about the word terrorism, let us here discuss the concept of terrorism.

In fact to hold the effective control over terrorism, UNO in 7<sup>th</sup> decade tried to form the substantial definition on terrorism, but America and other non aligned countries were different in opinion. As the result no constructive definition was formed.

According to Jay Millin :

Terrorism is a kind of armed struggle, so it should be considered as Military operation.

While James Miller stated- differently : To him "Terrorism was the political violence."  
Brian M. Jenkins defined Terrorism partly in better way. According to him,  
"Terrorism is an act of violence, threat of violence designed primarily to instil fear and terrorise".

James Boer Bell defined Terrorism as, "The systematic use of violence for the purpose of revolution. It has been an indispensable weapon of the weak and a tool for those who lack the resources not the will".

Therefore terrorism could not be checked up till today because, different nations has got different views on it. To some, it is fight for liberty, to others it is struggle for freedom and religious security etc. etc.

Keeping in view several opinions of several countries, League of nations in 1937 stated "criminal activities done against the person and country, or cause injury to disturb the peace of the country shall come under the category of terrorism."

#### FORM OF TERRORISM:

There are two forms of the terrorism

(A) National terrorism

(B) International terrorism

(A) Terroristic activities which are related to linguistic, communal and regional freedom problems, come under the category of National terrorism.

for example- Struggle of LITTE in Srilanka, I.R.A of Northern Ireland. The Red Army of Italy, Khalistani Commando force, and ULFA in India.

(B) As far as International Terrorism is concerned, it covers the larger targets, like the freedom struggle for a country through terroristic activities.

For example- Philisthene struggle, African National congress of Namibia and S.W.A.P.O, come in this category.

So it is evident from above mentioned concepts that change, desire for achievements, ambitions to attain desired objects is the human tendency and it is difficult to wash it away. In the process of this change today there is a tremendous tempest of terrorism and separatism. It is again evident that such situations like terrorism, separation & extremism are due to abundance of self motivated Interest. The intensification of terrorism happens to create the atmosphere of fear and anxiety among the masses where they always live under the clouds of violent activities. There are several terroristic organizations working in India and abroad to serve the purpose. The names are known to most of the Intellectuals present here. As far as the motive of the terrorists apart from the basic target is to kill the peace from the roots and rule ruthlessly over the masses. The most painful terroristic attack which really moved every single Indian was the terroristic attack on Indian parliament- On Dec. 13 and on Kashmir assembly in Dec. 2001.

Right from an ordinary Indian to Intellectual Indian, everybody is worried to know the causes of terrorism. I too as proud Indian often roll my mind and recollect the happenings of the past and give serious thought to know the causes of terrorism. I find few causes as follows

(1) Lack of education

(2) Problem of employment

- (3) Lack of motivation in dealing with terrorism
- (4) Impact of external powers
- (5) Dearth of true path finders
- (6) Jealousy & ill will cherished by neighbouring countries
- (7) Financial support from different agencies
- (8) Abundance of terroristic camps in operation to destabilise the peace and security of the country.
- (9) Over ambitious attitude and attraction for false glamour etc.etc.

But after given thought to all above mentioned causes if we think the outcome of terrorism, we find terrorism encourages.

- (1) Violence and destruction
- (2) It looses faith and confidence against the established Govt.
- (3) It creates the feeling of insecurity among the masses.
- (4) It becomes an obstacle in National Integration.
- (5) It causes serious financial damage to the country.
- (6) It creates social unrest and paves the way to social downfall and blocks the progress of the Nations.
- (7) It creates the unnecessary feeling of caste and community among the people. Therefore if we think wisely and analyse, what we gain and what we loose in tsfi process of this unwanted tension; We find that at the end of the day, it becomes difficult to define the loss & profit account.

As, I mentioned earliar in my discussion that till today no finally accepted definhction has been formed by any person, country and organization, but keeping a general concept in mind, I can try to frame few suggestions which-I think could be creative & constructive for the purpose of presentation.

- (1) First of all I would suggest to provide appropriate, moral, ethical & Intellectual education to the so called lost youths.
- (2) External forces should be suggested strongly not to interfere in the internal matters of the country. They should be strongly forced to withdraw their movements.
- (3) Awareness should be created among the masses as to know and realise the role of friend and foe in their lives.

- (4) Borders of the country should strongly be protected, guarded & watched as to stop the infiltration.
- (5) Political unity and motivation is required in dealing with terrorism instead of playing the game of votes.
- (6) To bring the drifted youths in the main stream of the country and enable them to feel to the core of their hearts that they like other countrymen are the heart and soul of the country.
- (7) By providing good job opportunities, country can solve the problem of survival and insecurity of livelihood.
- (8) To continue sincerely with the peace process, as to enable dissatisfied brothers and give a place of joy in the heart of nation and enable our brothers to realise, that India is loving, caring and worthy country keeping the glory of the past, while giving larger space for prosperous, harmonious & glorious future without the instinct of jealousy, violence & destruction.

I not only hope but believe firmly, one day the dream shall come true.

Jai hind