

## **Changing the World Order**

The latest reports from Iraq indicate that more than one million people have perished in that country. Millions of people have become refugees in the adjacent territories. The devastation of infrastructure worth millions of dollars has taken place. The ecology and environment of Iraq has drastically changed laying an adverse effect on the human habitat of not only Iraq but surrounding countries as well. This conflict has greatly ravaged the cultural heritage dating back to thousands of years. Great treasures of artifacts and invaluable historical relics have been either destroyed or looted away. In some respects the horrors of Iraq are more than the devastation caused by World War two.

This wanton death and destruction which continues unabated in Iraq has been caused in the name of regime change with the ultimate objective of changing the existing world order. The excuse to invade the Iraq has become a cruel joke of the contemporary history. The regime change in Iraq has no doubt taken place but at horrible costs. The change has neither brought any comfort to the people living in that region nor has it brought any significant changes in the present day world order. On the contrary, it has polarized the region which is giving rise to new and uncontrollable conflicts.

The will of the peoples' of the world is reflected in the institutions and structures at international level. The United Nations, reflecting this will, had resolved to forge the joint global initiative in establishing a world free of conflict. It is ironical that the global community did not stand up firmly to stall the move and prevent the destabilization of Iraq. In case the global community would have resisted the invasion of Iraq in the first place, the horrendous situation which is being witnessed in that country today could have been avoided.

Be that as it is, the world community cannot be a silent spectator to the horrors and miseries of the people of Iraq. The global community has to come closer in harnessing means and methods to stop the blood shed in that country. In this behalf, it is important that the unity and integrity of the entire country should be maintained. In case that is not done the peace can never return back to that area.

It may be pointed out that having failed to achieve its desired objective and witnessing the fiasco caused due to the misadventure, the superpower of the world sometimes proposes the division of that country. It is being argued that it would satisfy the urges and aspirations of different ethnic groups and tribal clans. This short term quick fix is fraught with great dangers; hence it should be rejected out rightly. In case the world community intends to introduce the democratic paradigm in Iraq. It is important that the unity of the country should be forged at social and political levels. The democracy model may show some way in bringing peace to the beleaguered territory of Iraq.

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