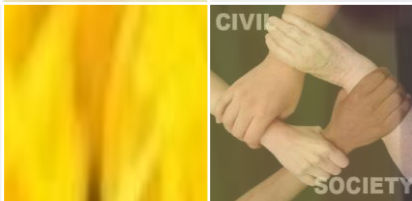
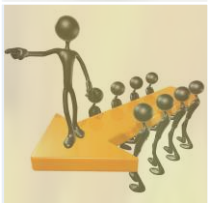


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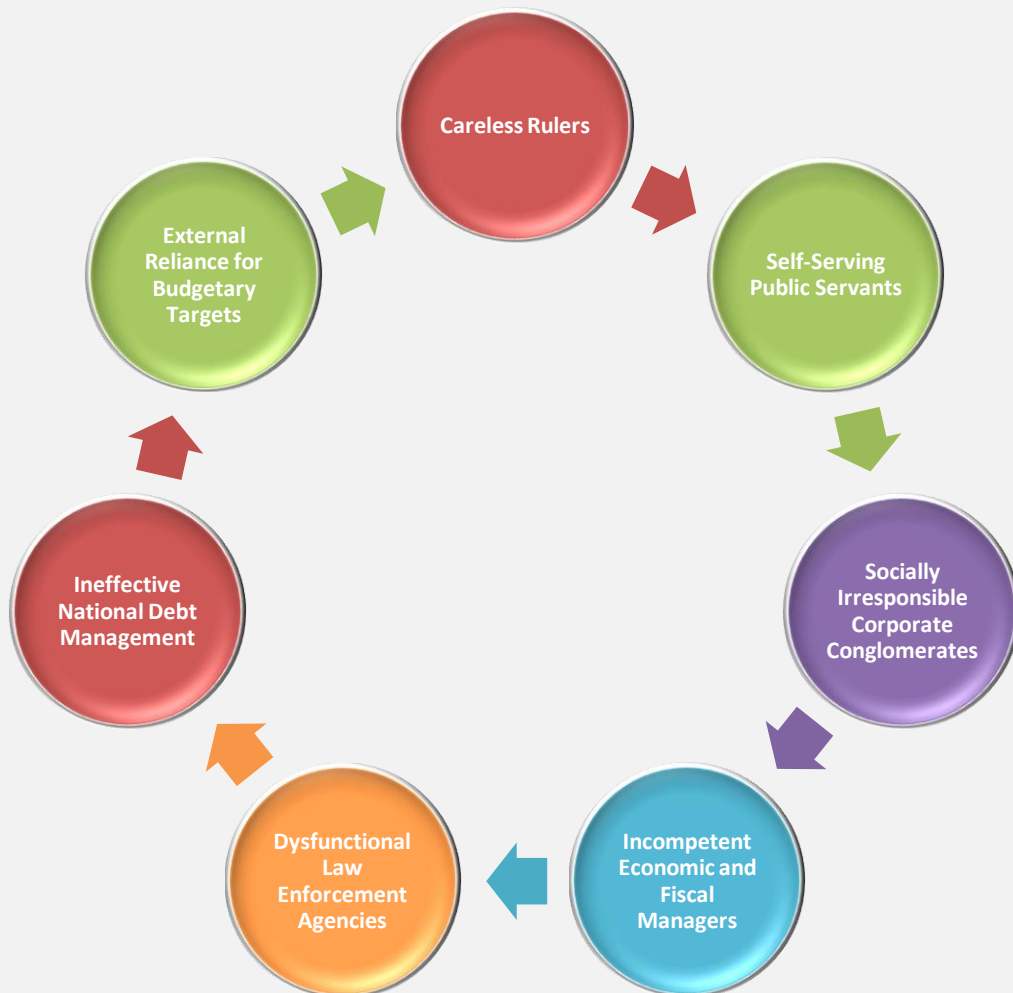
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I am Pakistan and that is my name. I do not find a nation behind that name. Every nation takes pride in its natural elements of national power and carefully configures them to form a unanimous common National Strategic Vision for the people and the government to follow on the road to growth and prosperity. Did I ever have a National Strategic Vision? Yes I did and that always remained a sacred but confusing and forcefully debated subject for more than six decades without a consensus on what does that actually mean! That disputed vision is embodied in Lahore or Pakistan Resolution.

The day my founders decided to draw a territorial map for me, they had to know what my real worth was.



- *Was I viable?*
- *Did I have the resources essentially needed to survive as a sovereign independent state or states?*
- *Did I need a code of conduct as a sovereign independent state and what could that be?*
- *Who was to be assigned the task of doing what?*
- *What were to be the rights and responsibilities of those striving to be known as independent Pakistanis?*
- *What was to be their source of pride?*
- *From where did they have to start their journey?*
- *What was their intended and planned destination?*

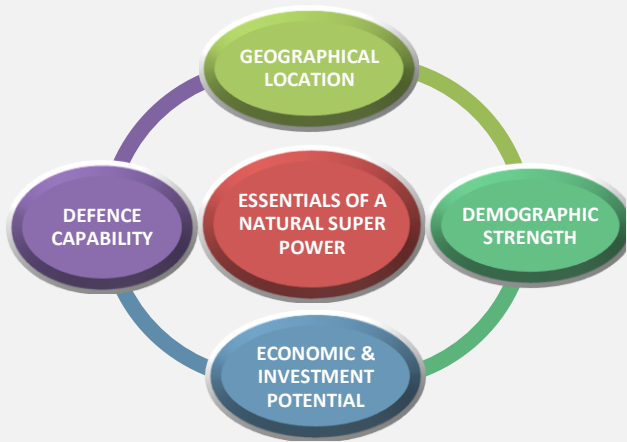
The answers were and are always readily available. I tried and I constantly try to understand these answers but fail to understand them. The answers lead to more questions:



- *Am I really natural and human resource rich or poor?*
- *Am I a single State or a confederation of States?*
- *Do I have a flawless code of conduct called constitution?*
- *Do the privileged and the deprived have the same constitutional rights and responsibilities? Are they treated alike?*
- *Is there any source of pride for Pakistanis?*
- *Do the government and the people have a timeline of doing what they intend to do?*
- *Am I Muslim or a secular state?*

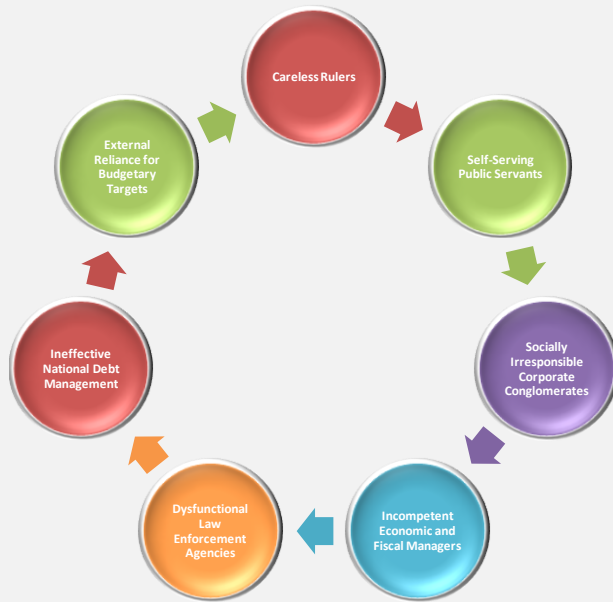
Do you have the clear answers to the questions or are you as confused as I am? Why am I confused? I am confused because a casual glance at my elements of national power clearly indicates that I am one of the natural global super powers demographically, geographically, economically and militarily. What did I fail to mention? I have failed to find across the board quality of leadership for the proper use of my demographic, geographic, economic and military strengths. **Demographically**, I am a country of predominantly young generation; **geographically** my Regional GDP is the highest in my region and one of the most attractive globally; **economically** I am comparatively much better positioned to become a regional and global agricultural, industrial and service / over all competitive cost-attractive quality human resource hub; and **militarily** I am one of the seven mightiest military powers of the world! And surprisingly I am ridiculed as one of the most fragile and about to fail state!

This extremely shameful state of my affairs leaves no room for delay in addressing the questions that I have raised earlier because they can not remain unanswered for a moment more as they are not only



crucial but awesomely serious for the determination of my independent status called SOVERIEGNTY! My sovereign status becomes doubtful and questionable when some individuals in leadership role think only about themselves and forget that they, as member of a nation, have certain obligations to me.

In a situation like this I, being the only identity of my nation, start losing face in the community of nations. When that happens the following symptoms are clearly visible in different walks of national activities:



- *The rulers become fearless, careless and are confident that they are more powerful than the power of law of the land.*
- *The public servants become self serving, unaccountable and unanswerable*
- *Tax evasion and black economy start destroying the country's economic base*
- *Economic and fiscal management turn into nightmare*
- *Law and order situation becomes an administrative headache*
- *National debt becomes an unbearable and in-disposable ballooning burden*
- *External financial and economic bailout entails conditions, demands and pressures creating internal and external social, economic, political, diplomatic and military deadlocks*

... And

- *Doubts are spread about my survival*

## Isn't that what I am going through today?

I have identified the commonly known and discussed symptoms but I do not see any serious attempt for the cure of the ailing system of governance for making my sovereignty a reality. How can I expect those beneficiaries of the dis-configuration of my elements of national power to surrender their privileges from within and outside my boundaries by intentionally weakening of my sovereign status?

## THE CARELESS RULERS

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Whatever happened to me prior to first martial law and before the second dismissal of the government of Nawaz Sharif is understandable for the following reasons:



Immediately after independence and prior to Ayub Khan's military take over of the government, politicians were totally oblivious of national priorities. They were not able to put together a code of national conduct called Constitution until 1956!

They were not even aware of the need for evaluation of my tangible and intangible elements of national power to put National Strategic Vision and Goals on paper. They were aware of only political power and their shameful indulgence in conspiracies for acquiring that political power paved the way for army's intervention in my political affairs. No matter how unjustified that was and how wrong the application of the law of necessity to legitimize that extra-constitutional action was, the best thing Ayub Khan did



was to prioritize my economic growth through rapid industrialization. His teams of capable ministers and competent top ranking bureaucrats prepared road map for my economic self-reliance that is backbone of any country's globally acknowledged sovereign status. In the process those at the helm of corporate affairs naturally benefitted from their business expertise and material resources at their disposal to build privately owned corporate entities and conglomerates. These

corporate entities and conglomerates turned into family owned business empires. It was a global phenomenon. On the political front the military government's policy makers and social delivery system managers failed to maintain a judicious balance between economic growth and expectations of the people both in my east and west wings. They were focused on economic front. They did not pay equal attention to address the political frustration and growing social unrest.



By the time Ayub Khan's team realized that and came up with the idea of local bodies elections things had gone out of control. Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, politically the smartest member of Ayub Khan's team knew what was happening, jumped out of military ruler's cabinet, formed

his own political party and came up with a unique combination of pledges for party manifesto declaring people as source of his party's political strength; Islam as his party's religion; and socialism as his party's economic system promising Roti (bread), Kapra (cloth) and Makan (house) to every one. From religious point of view Bhutto's manifesto neutralized the appeal of religious parties; from political perspective, it

was what people were looking for; from economic point of view it was happening in different parts of the world in the name of nationalization of important industrial, agro-based manufacturing and service conglomerates of national importance and from social angle international organizations were extending a helping hand for the uplift of socially and economically deprived and excluded communities across the globe. **That was cleverly designed political mix of promises.** What Bhutto failed to envision was that his



political mix of promises did not have any chance of success in either his own country or anywhere else in the world. So, first casualty of his political mix of promises was my process of industrialization and economic growth; second was over-employment and unemployment as a consequence of politically motivated low-quality human resource recruitment and heavy losses due to mismanagement and

unnecessary overheads. Consequently, the promise of Roti, Kapra and Makan also remained an illusion for Bhutto's voters.



Bhutto has another feather in his crown and that is my unanimously approved constitution of 1973 that has politically remarkable binding clauses to keep the federation intact, administratively over-destructive executive privileges and socially false promises

those have nothing to do with the shameful realities on ground. This aspect of 1973's constitution ironically has never been discussed or debated on any platform even after witnessing their disastrous

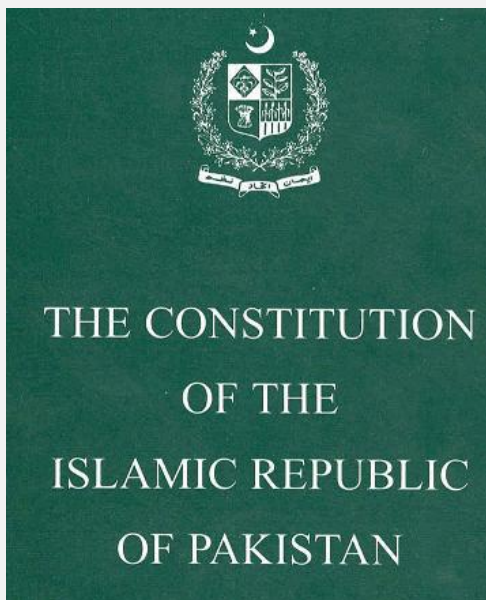


consequences. And that is actually what has made the rulers recklessly careless in their personal conduct at my cost.

*This Is A Constitutional Blunder That Has Hurt Me The Most Other Than Anything Else.*

## **THE MOST TALKED AND LESS THOUGHT ABOUT CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES**

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(1) “All executive actions of the Federal Government shall be expressed to be taken in the name of the President.”

(2) “The <sup>[96A]</sup> [Federal Government] by rules specify the manner in which orders and other instruments made and executed <sup>[96B]</sup> [in the name of President] shall be authenticated, and the validity of any order or instrument so authenticated shall not be questioned in any court on the ground that it was NOT made or executed by the President.”

To me Article 99 is the mother of “constitutionally lawful” and “officially transparent” corruption in Pakistan. The Articles 248 and 99 make the President and the Government (Read Bureaucracy) unquestionably above law and free of fear of trial in any court of law for any action that they take as “Federal Government in the name of President.”

The politicians invest millions and billions of rupees in elections and like any businessman expect return on their investment with the help of state functionaries. Articles 248 and 99 of the constitution facilitate these criminal activities and encourage politicians and bureaucrats to enrich themselves and their families at my cost and making me poor and over-burdened with debt. They plunder wealth and push me into the hell of poverty and debt. They become security risk too because they do not keep the plundered money in the country. They open bank accounts in foreign countries and invest that money abroad. This is what the enemies of the country need to twist their arms and get anything done.

This is exactly what is now openly happening since 2007 and a little earlier with the initiation of negotiation on “Charter of Democracy” and “National Reconciliation Ordinance.”

### **SELF SERVING PUBLIC SERVANTS**



This is an interesting untold story. Taking full advantage of Article 99 the bureaucrats in their individual official capacity and at times in connivance with a group of their equally or more corrupt colleagues, federal ministers and relatives of the high officials in three pillars of the state entered into formal and gentleman agreements with business tycoons, contractors,

sub-contractors and companies on terms and conditions that served their personal anti-state interests but evidently and seriously damaged my reputation and financial health. That was and is not happening behind the curtain or under the table any more. Article 99 is such a blessing for the corrupt government officials that story after story of their corruption in media and endless series of trials, with a number of

exceptions recently and during Pervez Musharraf's regime, corruption often smiles at transparency and accountability in the conduct of government business. How do they do it?

Corruption has internal and external dimensions. Internally, business tycoons, multinational companies, the business cartels and government officials draft and enter into agreements "in the name of President" in direct favor of the corporate beneficiaries and indirect earning of "consultation fee" and other benefits and privileges for themselves and their families. Externally, the Presidents and Prime Ministers "in the name of Foreign Direct and Indirect Investment Inflows" enter into dubious business deals in connivance with Economic Hit Men of enemy states and their intelligence agencies. A number of such internally and externally initiated deals have been reported and discussed in print and electronic media without any outcome so far except an ongoing series of court trials pending final verdict.

#### **SOCIALLY IRRESPONSIBLE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE CONGLOMERATES**



When the public office holders and the public servants fail to take care of the genuine basic needs of the people and speed money becomes order of the day then the people gradually start demonstrating the indifference to the needs of the country and its internal and external affairs.

The money earned through corruption goes into the pockets, properties and overseas bank accounts of the corrupt politicians and the public servants and I become poor and indebted. Poverty and debt create internal chaos and paves the way for external interference.

Irresponsible business community and corrupt corporate conglomerates are far more dangerous than my foreign enemy. Their fake, sub-standard, over-priced and over-advertised products, commodities and services play havoc with the public purse, health and my economy. Government has lost control

over prices. A deep rooted cycle of corruption has been engineered at manufacturing, farming, distribution and retail levels. Non of the business organizations so far has taken any visible serious legal



or other action, other than giving mild threats on TV channels and organizing a few fake agitation rallies, for the end of 12 to 18 hours load shedding in business, commercial and trading hubs of the country. It clearly indicates that they are making so much tax-free money that they are least bothered about the extra cost on electricity generation for using expansive diesel generators and other means

even at retail levels! Nothing can be more surprising than that strange attitude of clearly visible indifference. They are not doing anything about target killings and extortion mafias also. On top of that, without any consideration of unscheduled load-shedding for 12 to 18 hours, constantly increasing cost of utility bills and petroleum products an endless flood of irritating commercials of mostly fake products is seen on almost all television channels whenever electricity companies allow the people to switch on their TV sets. The plundered over-profits on majority of fake, sub-standard, over-priced products are shared with media owners and government officials too. I am unfortunately a poor and about-to-fail country of disgustingly and criminally filthy rich characterless and shameless successful business houses, media owners, politicians and government officials. They are not worried about my future because they are rich and successful if I am poor and ridiculed as a fragile state. They will remain rich and successful when I will be no more. They don't care! Ironically there is no genuine consumer protection platform with sufficient resources and people's support to put an end to this extreme form of unstoppable perpetual criminal exploitation.

## INCOMPETENT ECONOMIC AND FISCAL MANAGERS



The economic and finance managers of the country do not find a way out of the debt quagmire simply because they are either understandably not interested for the reasons already listed and / or are incapable of addressing the genuine public issues in their proposals and policy guidelines. Instead of

over-facilitating the business cartels what my economic and finance managers need is to develop an economic policy framework that reflects the genuine expectations of the people. They have to plug an



alleged Rs.600 billion to Rs.800 billion per day corruption hole. The people need to be convinced that the money they pay to the government will be spent on their comfort, convenience and well-being and not on the lust and luxuries of the public office holders and

public servants on tax-evaders' account for ripping me off my money. How that can be done?

- By eliminating the corrupt practices and element of speed money in government offices
- By making the rules of doing business simple and procedures transparent
- By announcing definitive deadlines for official response to the proposals, applications and grievances of the public to make the public servants responsible and responsive
- By creating online monitoring and evaluation systems

and

- By engineering an administrative design in which the public, the public servants and the public office holders undertake joint initiatives for designing, development and implementation of a number of communities focused social sector development schemes

### **DYSFUNCTIONAL AND INEFFECTIVE INVESTIGATING AND LAW ENFORCING AGENCIES**

An irresponsible, irresponsive and corrupt bureaucracy, irresponsible politicians, corruption, tax evasion and debt burden create economic uncertainty, damage the internal investment climate, block the external investment flows, raise the level of unemployment to an irritating extent and as a consequence of social and political chaos and unrest turn the law and order situation into an administrative headache.

### **How this visibly incurable headache can be cured?**



- Genuine public and private sector participation in national reconstruction will make the bureaucracy responsive only by re-inventing the monitoring, evaluation and punishment and reward system through transparent apolitical process of meaningful exemplary accountability.
- The strict application of selection and election criteria based on a candidate's character and the replacement of politicians turned rulers with responsible and responsive public representatives will either reform or totally replace the existing rotten system of governance.

- Good governance will eliminate corruption, discourage tax evasion, reduce debt burden, put an end to economic uncertainty, improve the internal investment climate, attract external strategic investors, create employment opportunities and bring the law and order situation back to normal.

The cure lies in the replacement of politicians turn rulers with responsible and responsive public servants in public offices. For that FBR, NAB and FIA needs to be independent of Executive Influence.

### INEFFECTIVE NATIONAL DEBT MANAGEMENT

When the people refuse to voluntarily put their share in the country’s kitty; when the public office holders start fleecing the public to live like kings and queens; when the national priorities are not listed; and the public money is wasted on non-productive schemes and projects then the wheel of debt retirement process abruptly stops.



Pakistan has escaped the global disgrace of default in the past. The task now is to put the economy back on track preparing the ground for a revived spirit of self-reliance – the key to my absolute sovereignty.

It is a two way process. The government has to come up with a workable economic revival plan and when that is done then the people will have to put in their share to the extent they comfortably can. They will have to obviously go through a little bit pain and ignore it for my very survival’s sake.

The preparation of an overall social welfare based economic revival plan and its acceptance by the nation and its willingness to extend a helping hand, therefore, is the ONLY key to debt retirement.

## INCREASING EXTERNAL RELIANCE FOR BUDGETRY TARGET



Who rules the country and what system of government, the people of a country choose is none of other nations' business. How the country uses its human and natural resources is also its own prerogative. When the other countries start telling a country what to do and what not to do, how to do and how not to do then there is something terribly wrong with that country's independent and uninfluenced

exercise of sovereignty. Any country that provides budgetary breathing space enjoys the right to dictate its terms no matter how humiliating they are.

**What is wrong with me?**

My visible inability to retire internal and external debt that I owe and an alarming level of increase in my debt is closing all available options for my honorable survival as an independent sovereign state.

**What is the way out?**

I am desperately looking for NATIONAL CONSENSUS on an ECONOMIC REVIVAL PLAN on war footing with God speed. If the needful is not done quickly then my Sovereign Status will REST IN PEACE!

## CONCLUDING TO DO **WISH** LIST

An investigative initiative by university students engaged in research to critically examine the following cycle of evils that has turned my national strengths into incurable weaknesses is urgently needed:

- **Careless Rulers** →
- **Self-Serving Public Servants** →



- **Socially Irresponsible Corporate Conglomerate →**
- **Incompetent Economic and Fiscal Managers →**
- **Dysfunctional Law Enforcing Agencies →**
- **Ineffective National Debt Management →**
- **External Reliance for Budgetary Targets**

To me self-serving rulers and public servants appear to be the main culprits. However, media owners and their employees are equally responsible for giving undue prominence to undeserving politicians. They are guilty of criminal negligence of their responsibility to me. They don't know the difference between a "traitor" and a "martyr." They have so far failed to expose the criminal acts of politicians. Now they are trying to address their unintended blunders but a soft corner for dishonest politicians for known and unknown reasons is still visible in their coverage of national and international issues.

The people have to carefully watch political leaders, corporate conglomerates and their big bosses and media owners and their employees. They have to create powerful independent public platforms to monitor the activities of these three national actors who have messed up every thing in the past. Once they are under observation and consequent court trials, the other pillars of the state will automatically come back to their required mode to serve me and my people.

The purpose of this message is to initiate a discussion on the subject for addressing problems and seeking solutions.

**I know who the culprits are. They are beneficiaries of the mess I am in. They have full support of the big media houses and my enemies. It is not in their interest to reform their style of governance. Disciplined street power, awareness of the voters' power of his vote and its careful use are expected to gradually bring a change. There is no short cut. So planning, patience and organized effort will lead the way to my emancipation from my enemies in politics, business and media**