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Pakistan is not a country to be taken lightly or ignored either as an inconspicuous fragile or a failing state in the community of nations irrespective of what Pakistanis, Pakistan's media, Pakistan's friends, Pakistan's enemies and foreign intelligence agencies say, write and predict about Pakistan. Like Israel, Pakistan is also a "Child of Destiny like Country." It has come into existence for a higher unknown purpose. This purpose will unfold only when the time comes. That is why today's topic of this article is "Why does the world need Gladiator like General Maximus? Pakistan, the global system of governance, war against terror in Muslim countries, about to begin serious war between rich and poor in developed non-Muslim countries and the role of media"

Pakistan is the first and the last frontier in the ongoing war against terror in only the Muslim countries. The overall system of governance has almost failed to keep pace with rapidly globalizing world. War against terror has a serious contribution in adding to the seriousness of widening gap between rich and poor people in the non-Muslim developed countries and media is engaged in a war of deception of its own. These five different aspects of today's rapidly globalizing world are inseparable. The causes and the consequences of these five aspects are very closely linked with each other. It is, therefore, need of the time to study them as they are supposed to and not as they are discussed in media as separate issues with no relevance to each other.

Pakistan is the first and the last frontier in War against Terror



It is not important at all what the others think of Pakistan. The only important question is how the Pakistanis think about Pakistan and what are they proud of? Are they proud of Pakistan? Are they proud of Islam? Are they proud of being Muslims? Are they aware of the real strength of Pakistan's tangible and intangible elements of national power? Did they ever try to measure the country's overall natural and human resource potential and evaluate its actual performance for a SWOT analysis at any level through any medium? Does Pakistan have a National Strategic Vision Timeline to follow? The people see a country named Pakistan on the map of the world but does that country have a nation?

The answers are very simple. Pakistanis are proud of their country. They are proud of Islam. They are proud of being Muslims. They are aware of the strength of Pakistan's elements of national power. They are cognizant of the potential of their country's natural and human resources. But country's overall performance is not satisfactory. Why is it so? It is so because as a nation Pakistanis are nothing but a self-disillusioned leaderless crowd. Islam, like all other religions from the Same Single Source, is seen unveiling itself slowly and gradually through scientific discoveries and changing social and economic behaviors across the globe but alas Muslims not to mention Pakistanis alone are not seen anywhere on any social, economic, political, diplomatic and military front among those who are busy in doing that.

Pakistanis are proud of Pakistan but totally unaware of the need to make Pakistan proud of them. They are proud of Islam but they do not miss any opportunity to ridicule Islam in any possible way they can consciously or unconsciously through their conduct. They are proud of being Muslims but they do not behave like Muslims. Since Pakistan's independence and even before that they were never aware of Pakistan's natural and human resource potential. Pakistan never had any natural and human resource management plan. How one can expect the performance of such a country to be satisfactory?



What one needs is only the courage to say that he really doesn't know who he is; he doesn't know the purpose of his life, is not aware of what is happening around him and the need to behave as a Pakistani and a Muslim.



It is said that democracy and dictatorship both have failed to deliver in Pakistan. It is a wrong statement. The people don't know the difference between democracy and dictatorship. Dictatorship is nothing but a transition phase of a sick democracy's treatment through military command's civil operation. The dictators come into power to put derailed democracy back on track "always on popular demand" under "Law of Necessity" but the powerful infectious virus called "taste of

political power" and incompetence, insincerity and dubious political, institutional, business and intelligence affiliations of the "technically planted" teams of civil technocrats and politicians formed in haste make them sick too. This is exactly what has repeatedly happened in Pakistan. The reasons for transitions from democracy to dictatorship and from dictatorship to democracy have never been properly analyzed. Both the success and failure of dictatorship establish the importance and need of democracy as the only system of governance.

Governance is a team function. A leader without a team can never deliver. Self-proclaimed leaders without teams of apolitical outstanding experts in their respective domains always turn out to be demagogues and political game spoilers instead of reformers and nation builders. Pakistan is such an unfortunate country that, in its entire history, it did not even once have a truly national leader who had come forward with a National Strategic Vision and a dedicated team of professionals.

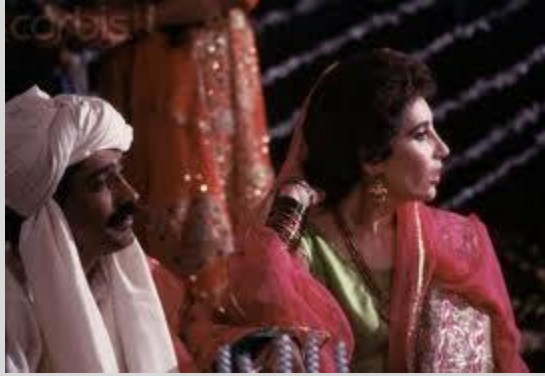
Ayub Khan was fortunate to have a team of outstanding individual credentials but even his revolutionary economic plan to modernize and industrialize Pakistan was sabotaged from within.

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto was a statesman par excellence, knew the art of getting work done by his team but his reckless political and tactless diplomatic conduct resulted in his tragic premature death surrounded by mysterious conspiracy theories.

Zia-ul-Haque did not have any national agenda at all and is wrongly blamed for fake religious reasons instead of holding him responsible for a carefully designed political plan that had literally buried the possibility of the emergence of a genuine national political leader and a national political party in



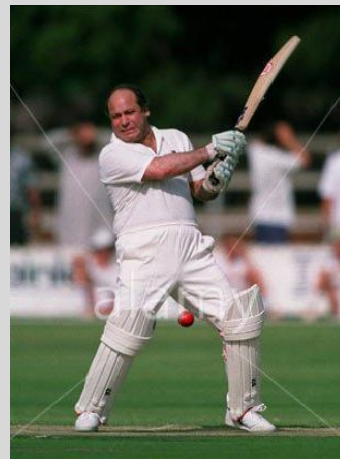
Pakistan. His support to religious groups was an American Agenda to counter Soviet influence in Pakistan and recruit volunteers, as from other Muslim countries, for war in Afghanistan. His political policies had destroyed the very national political foundation of Pakistan. He laid the foundation of provincialism and provincial politics in Pakistan.



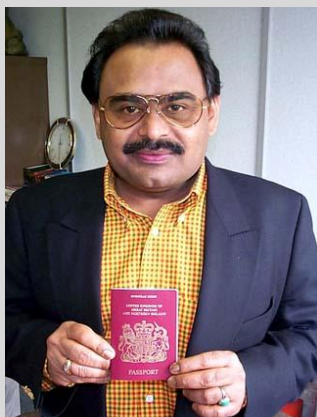
Benazir Bhutto was a powerful politician but an unlucky negative marital influence in her life not only destroyed her political career, it resulted in her miserable death like her father too. Her father was victim of circumstances beyond his control but she was victim of her over-confidence and over-cleverness to the extent of stupidity. She is wrongly and shamelessly treated as a martyr which is evidently the biggest historical joke invented by Pakistan's media and enemies of the country.

Nawaz Sharif, in the beginning of his political career, was not a political leader. He was an immature political representative of the corporate mafia and temporary blue eyed chap of military establishment.

His pro-business and pro-investment policies were a positive welcome sign during his first tenure but corruption stories and non-serious attitude like over-played love for cricket at a time when the country was confronted with serious internal and external problems were and are enough for disqualifying him to be the Prime Minister of Pakistan for the third time. His chance of becoming a Prime Minister again is as good as the possibility of sun turning into moon and night becoming a day if the constitution of Pakistan is not amended. But in a country of 200 million "assumed to be media-



certified fools" word impossible is impossible to even think of. He personally appears to have politically matured but the majority of core team members around him, irrespective of the credentials of a few, are certainly incapable of introducing any meaningful reform in the system of governance. If he comes into power after essentially compromising his "vision of a sovereign independent Pakistan," free to make its own internal and external decisions, he will be a prisoner of coalition politics as usual.



Altaf Hussain, like Nawaz Sharif, is also allegedly, a political statue sculptured by Zia-ul-Haque to either put an end or to seriously damage Peoples Party's influence in its home province. He did not only succeed in doing that he, if true, has made Altaf Hussain and his party the most powerful and influential political player in any coalition government not only in the province of Sindh but at national level also. His unbelievable mysterious magical hold on his party cadres from London, reverence of his party workers and political followers for him

in a country full of ready-made political turn-coats like Pakistan raises a number of questions about his “invisible leadership mantra” that will only come out at an appropriate time.

General Pervez Musharraf had succeeded in fooling the most intelligent political analysts with his brilliant Seven Point Agenda and hiding his incompetence as a civil and military leader behind Euro-American support for making nuclear Pakistan a partner in a scheme to completely destroy the natural and human resource rich Muslim world socially, economically, politically, diplomatically and militarily.



This was a time when the Muslim world needed Pakistan to come forward and show that it was truly a Fort of Islam. Pakistan is Fort of which Islam? Pakistan is Fort of a religion which is constantly ridiculed in Pakistani media day and night allegedly as an outdated, obsolete and unpractical religion dominated by insane, ignorant and intellectually and morally bankrupt Mullahs? A Fort of Islam equipped with nuclear capability is a target of threats from all around, from within and from outside.



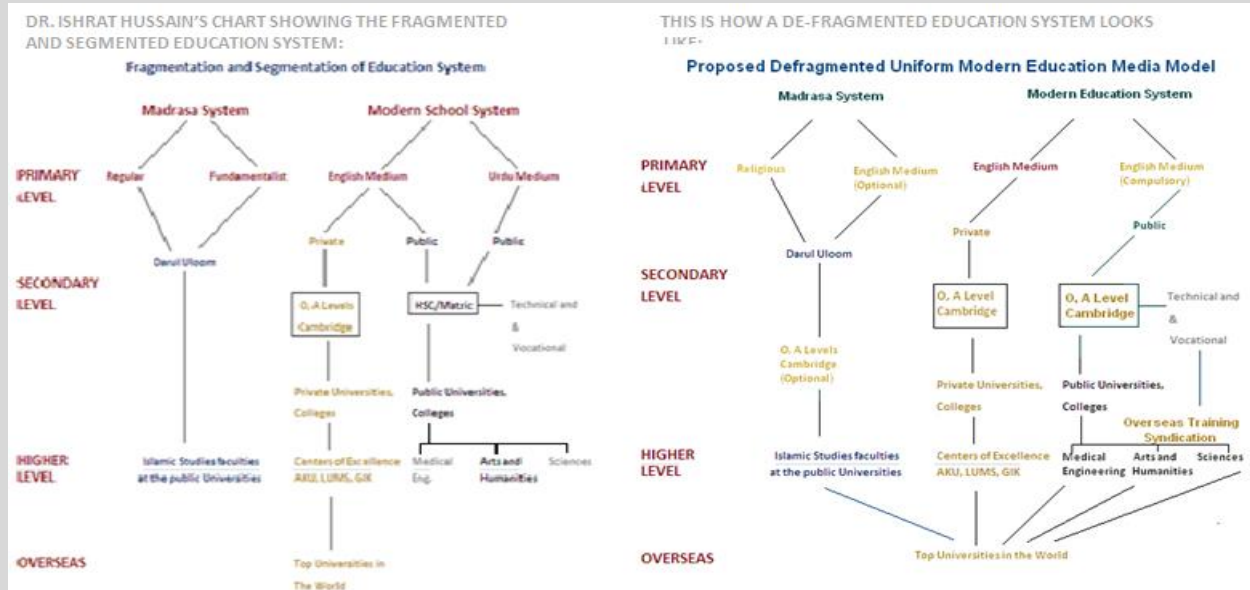
The country’s nuclear capability has turned into a security liability instead of a national asset to be proud of with humility, dignity and grace. Instead of taking pride in everything that deserves to be genuinely proud of, Pakistanis do not hesitate or feel ashamed of ridiculing it and accepting the ridiculous blame to be ignorant, socially unbalanced, politically immature, diplomatically unpredictable and militarily unfit to defend their sensitive installations and assets

at naval, air and military bases. One of Pakistan’s leading news channels is repeatedly describing Pakistan as a nuclear country in which the schools don’t have even toilets without showing what is needed to be shown and discussed! The toilets in schools are considered far more important than a country’s available unchallengeable defense capability and a system of education that focuses on the

provision of across the board quality education to the children irrespective of the social and economic status of their parents. It is never mentioned that this same rotten, out-dated, ill-staffed, segmented and fragmented system of education has produced scientists like Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan, Dr. Abdus Salam, Dr. Saleem-uz-Zaman Siddiqui and hundreds of others in other disciplines of natural and social sciences who had received their basic education in Pakistan. If the overall education system is reformed



than what can Pakistan expect from its educated citizens. The media has its own content development, packaging and presentation priorities. The focus is not on uniform syllabus and the need for reform on overall education delivery package. The focus is on toilets, buildings, furniture, fans, ghost schools and dreadful teachers. The media in Pakistan has evidently failed in showing Pakistan the path to social, economic, political, diplomatic and military maturity and a way out of the mess it is in. The stress is on



ridiculing everything in connivance with those who are responsible for the mess without showing a way out.

In a situation like this, Pakistan is internally and externally alleged to be a safe haven for extremist elements without on ground presence of or a visit to the troubled Federally Administered Tribal Areas



by any senior anchor, columnists, reporter and analyst appearing in television programs and writing for national and foreign newspapers and magazines. They conduct and participate in studio discussions assuming everything based on what they hear from national and foreign intelligence agencies, ISPR and those politicians who live in Islamabad and cannot dare to even visit these areas for obviously known reasons. Even if they do visit these areas they can never dare to tell the truth. Another argument for

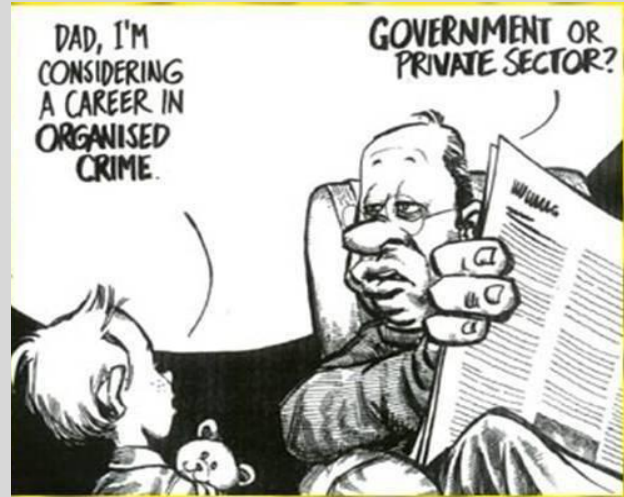
declaring Pakistan a safe haven for terrorists is insistence on the acknowledgement of doing acts of terrorism in Pakistan by the spokesmen of the terrorist groups from within Pakistan. None of the spokesmen has ever been traced and or interviewed by the Eifel towers of journalism in Pakistan because they are not allowed to leave the comfort of their studios and offices to go to the tribal areas and risk their lives. This is true reflection of their dedication to their profession of which they and their employers brag a lot in programs and promos. Pakistan's intellectuals, analysts, columnists discuss terrorism, link it with the Muslim extremists but fail to mention the real sources of terrorism and extremism.

Is about to collapse system of governance the main cause of the acts of the acts of terrorism?

Islam, America and non-Muslim countries are not the parallel and opposing sources of terrorism and extremism. The prevailing rotten system of governance in almost all Muslim and non-Muslim countries alike is the real source of varying degrees of unrest, agitations, protests, terrorism and extremism.

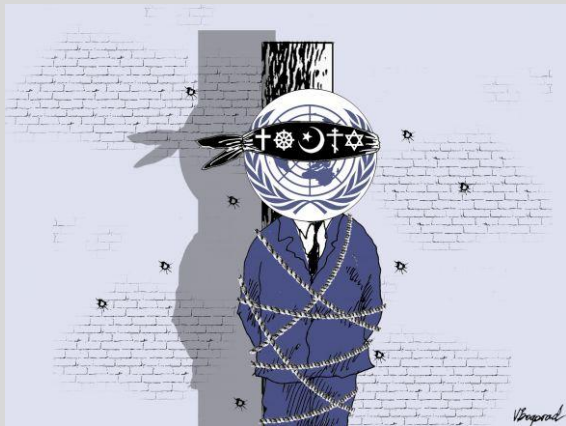
Who are globalizing, perpetuating and misrepresenting this global situation? They are Muslim and non-Muslim political leaders, heads of the states and governments riding on the shoulders of a blind,

irresponsible, careless media, reporters, analysts, intellectuals, and anchors and their hosts. They have become worst kind of neo-colonial political and corporate exploiters and usurpers. The people in the Muslim countries are not the only victims of this brutal, inhuman and condemnable global neo-colonial political and corporate exploiters and usurpers. The people in the most advanced countries of the world are now realizing that they are also victims of a system of governance that is empowered through their votes but shares the benefits of that power not with the voters but corporate exploiters.



How the reaction to the failure of the system of governance is presented in media?

The reactions to this exploitation are different in reality from how they are presented in Muslim and non-Muslim countries. The target of terrorism and extremism are not the people of any country, it is the system of governance across the globe. And how do the media present it on screen?



In Pakistan, whenever an act of terrorism takes dozens of lives, the first question that is asked in media is, does Islam allow this kind of inhuman act? Our media has not done even a single program on what has happened in Tunisia, in Libya and what is actually happening in Syria right now. However, in a number of programs the participants declared that situation in Egypt cannot be compared with the situation in Pakistan because Pakistan is a democratic country, media is free and institutions are performing their functions.

Can there be a more deceptive and unrealistic statement than that? What kind of democracy do the analysts take refuge in? Which freedom of media do they talk about? And what is the performance of the institutions? People know the answers to these questions very well. What politicians, media and pillars of the state are trying to convey is that there is nothing wrong with the system of governance, everything is normal and there is nothing to worry about. Is it really so?

The “genuine overall global resentment” against the system of governance has been turned, thanks to media, into a war against terrorism in Muslim and war between poor and rich in non-Muslim countries. The focus of discussion on media, therefore, needs to be shifted from war against terror and war between rich and poor to demand for reforms in the system of governance across the globe. Why it is not being done?

The answer is very simple. The ad-dollar dependent media, corporatized politicians and criminal corporate mafias, excluding the companies that adhere to the rules of doing business, cannot imagine of survival without an atmosphere of uncertainty, exploitation and internal and external confrontation.

Exploitation causes economic disappointment that turns into social resentment and if not controlled, it ultimately leads to political unrest.

In America it turns into Occupy Wall Street Movement.

In Western Europe it becomes violent agitation against austerity measures.

In Eastern Europe it results in Color Revolutions.

In Middle East it is reflected in seasons of political upheaval and results in murders of leaders and change of governments.

And in Asia and Africa it is called Islamic Militancy and Terrorism.

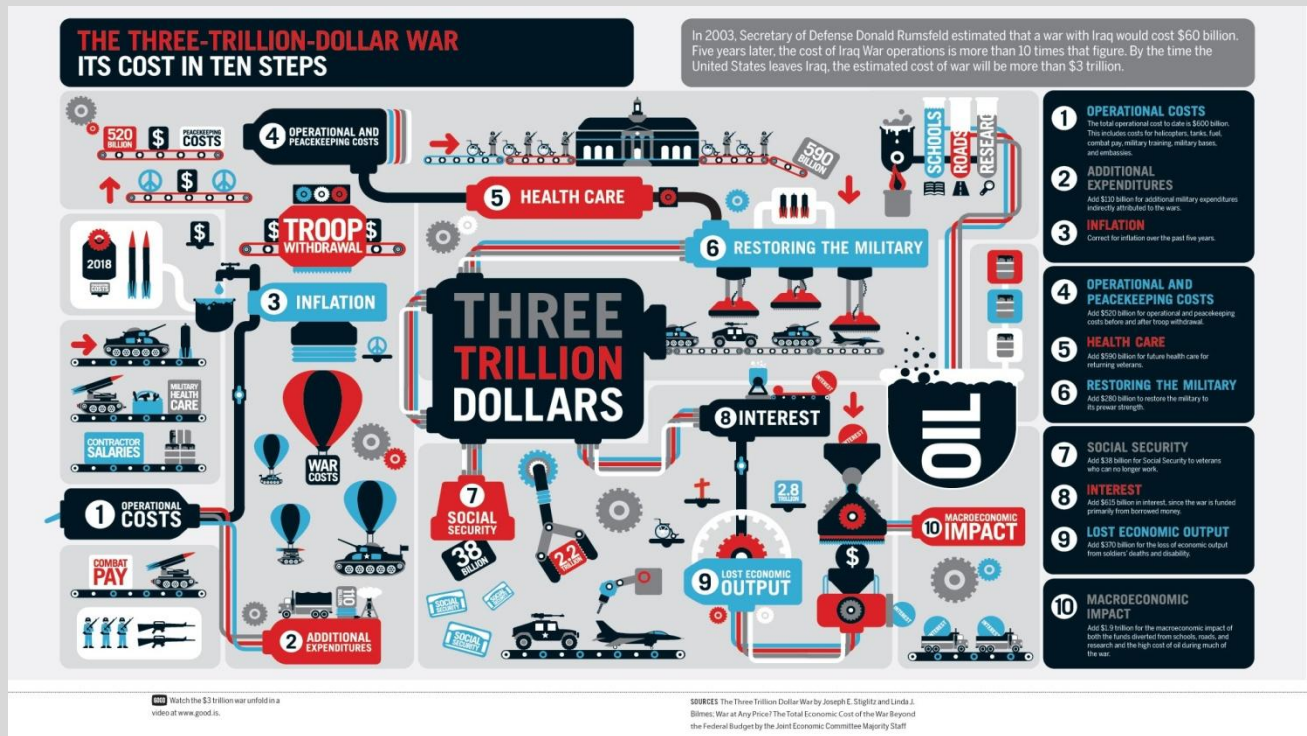
This is one aspect of how the realities and myths need to be seen and shown.

These are neither outcomes of acts of terrorism in Muslim countries nor war between rich and poor in non-Muslim countries. These are simply an outcome of the desire to see the system of governance reformed and performing as it is supposed to in the interest of people and not the privileged classes.



There are a number of hidden and rarely discussed aspects of cleverly engineered misperceptions by vested interests with the support of media.

A few of the hidden aspects are the massive sales of obsolete traditional weapons, smuggling of expired products, artificially manipulated and speculated price hikes, simulation of oil price shock waves, blockade of natural and human resources, restrictions on



immigration, sale of security related technology and equipment, outsourcing of military and intelligence operations in different parts of the world, testing of new weapons, recruitment and training of child soldiers, smuggling of blood diamonds, human trafficking and money laundering. These are all “business opportunity creating gimmicks and tools” of today’s players in national and international politics. And who provides a justification for the legitimization for the use of these gimmicks and tools? The armed gangs of terrorists which are “intelligence assets” of unknown invisible patrons, who finance their training, deploy them and remain anonymous. These assets are created, used, abandoned, forced to run for their lives and destroyed without showing even a glimpse of their dead bodies.

From where does the Gladiator come in to rescue the world from the mess it is in?



Symbolically, the situation in the rapidly globalizing world reminds three characters of film Gladiator: Emperor Marcus Aurelius, his male heir Comodus and General Maximus Decimus Meridius. The only prescription that comes to mind is “the wish (of Emperor Marcus Aurelius) of globalizing world temporarily granting leadership to General Maximus Decimus Meridius (symbol of social, economic and political reform) hoping eventually to return power to the deprived of true democracy people of the world (Rome).”

The fake friends of democracy, corporate beneficiaries of democracy and partners-in-crimes against democracy media are three faces of a single character Comodus. Comodus has the power, means and the commanding thumb to declare anything right or wrong, true or false, act of terrorism or war for

freedom, and the ultimate truth or a conspiracy theory. In order to authoritatively and honestly separate the right from wrong, the true from false, the act of terrorism from war for freedom, ultimate truth from conspiracy theory, General Decimus Meridius has to take the lead and declare an all out War for a much awaited truly Globalized New World Order in a totally a different way than what the futurists, intelligence agencies and analysts are foreseeing, discussing and showcasing.



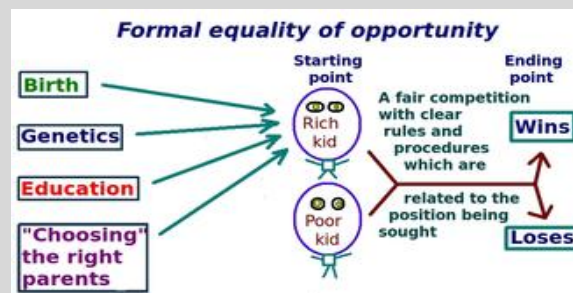
The Declaration of the formation of Global Investigation and Public Prosecution Squads and Judicial War through Peaceful Means

A global judicial war through peaceful means against out of control dishonest, cruel, unfair and extremely biased Comodus needs to be declared through peaceful transparent investigation and judicial process. A process that will ensure the unveiling of the hidden truth through the formation of Global Investigation and Public Prosecution Squads and filing of cases for transnational court proceedings on crimes against humanity. The public will be motivated, mobilized and convinced to make sure through peaceful organized rallies every night after working hours for the global jurisdiction beyond borders and writ of the International Court of Justice binding on every person of any country irrespective of his social, economic, political, diplomatic and military status.



Any social, economic, political, diplomatic and military criminal will not be entitled to immunity no matter what the constitution of a country states on this subject. The term co-lateral damage will be redefined and the killing of any innocent civilian of any age and any gender for any reason anywhere in the world will not go unpunished. The Heads of the States, Governments, Chiefs of the Armed Forces and Heads of the Law enforcing agencies will be held responsible for the death of any civilian anywhere in the world through acts other than a formally declared war between two and more than two countries.

Education system will provide equal opportunity to students of school, college and university going age purely on aptitude and merit for acquiring quality specialized, vocational and work integrated learning in any institution of his choice at affordable uniform fee structure jointly sponsored and financed by parents, government and corporate sponsors.





Rules of doing business will be re-defined. Free and unhindered flow of natural and human resources from one country to the other will be ensured. Inhuman and unfair immigration laws will be challenged and revoked. A rationalized equal global minimum and maximum pay structure for employees will be demanded for all. The big corporations, business houses and retail outlets will not be allowed to earn profit beyond a certain limit. Prices of commodities,

products and services will not be allowed to fluctuate on the outdated, cruel and inhuman principle of elasticity of demand. It will be the responsibility of the government to make sure that the supply and demand imbalance does not create oases of affluence and deserts of deprivation. What are the regulatory bodies for?



This is a broad preliminary outline of a system of governance that is based on across the board accountability, access to justice at no cost, rules to arrest the extent of collateral damage declaring it an inexcusable criminal offense, a reformed uniform easily affordable and accessible system of quality education for all and fairly regulated level playing field for doing national and transnational business.



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