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LONDON – DUBAI PARADISE FOR CRIMINALS

“Corruption is the enemy of development, and of good governance, it must be got rid of. Patriot politicians, public servants and people at large must come out together to achieve this national objective.”

After Switzerland, Has London and Dubai developed into the paradise for all corrupts and criminals? How and why the governments of both the countries are encouraging and protecting corrupts and financial criminals of other countries? A huge number of financial criminals have become the investors, especially in Dubai, with all their illegal money.



ALTAF HUSSAIN



Why are they protected? Why the governments of United Kingdom support and encourage people like Altaf Hussain, who speak against a country of his birth nationality? Why the financial criminals like Zardari, Nawaz Sharif, Ishaq Dar and many others are allowed to hide or invest their illegal money, in Dubai, United

Kingdom and Switzerland? Its complete failure of our administrative, legal and foreign policy which remained so ineffective that since 1992 the corrupts, looters, muggers and murderers are hiding under the protection of London, Dubai and Switzerland managements.



Why these absconders and the looted money is not handed over to the Pakistan government? If the system is so weak internationally, Pakistan should also start shielding financial criminals of other countries, offering them to be investors in Pakistan.

Pakistan, because of its geopolitical situation is imperative and sought after by the United States, China, Russia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, the Central Asian Republics and the countries of South Asia. It has emerged as a critical geopolitical Pivot on the Eurasian chessboard, which has raised a rage amongst Indian fanatic, radical and terrorist leadership against Pakistan.

Unfortunately, since long we lack leadership, intelligent to grip this geopolitical situation for the development of the country, instead every one tried to get the maximum personal benefit out of the situation. Right from Zia ul Haq's regime to date, all leaderships, civil or military, remained encircling to their own advantages, not public. The most untoward part, the country has faced, they all remained busy buying foreign properties and establishing business-houses in foreign countries. Most of the leadership kept their children abroad while ruling this ill fated country.

Parvez Musharaf, when was heading this country, his son was residing in United States, serving an American organization. Asif Ali Zardari, as president, was the head of this country, but his children were residing in Dubai, so-my-so, Zardari, as president of Pakistan, was spending his Eids in Dubai. Sharif family, who earned name in business and political standing from this country, also remained busy investing money abroad, as soon as they got the chance. Now, Sharif's family is residing in the costliest area of London, and claim they are British nationals and don't fall under Pakistani Laws.

Parvez Musharaf also owns flats in London and Dubai with a unique excuse to justify his ownership of such valuable properties; he stated that these were a gift from the King of Saudi Arabia. So unfortunate, the president of the biggest Islamic country, an

atomic power, didn't feel embarrassed for a single second while making such frivolous statement, which is against the dignity of a seat called the "president".



The disreputable finance minister Ishaq Dar also owns gigantic properties in Dubai and London. From where he earned such huge amounts or how the funds were managed? He is unable to provide the details. But, he is a chartered accountant, knows the way to divert the profits into loss and cheat the taxation. He knows the way of financial jugglery, so will manage some miracle, courts accept it or not, that's imperative.

The nation has a big question, Quaid-e-Azam was financially very strong, Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan owned huge properties in united India, both didn't own a single property abroad. Field Marshal Ayub Khan ruled this country for eleven years and developed its infrastructure, industry, agriculture, education system, health structure, constructed dams and canals, built new cities and satellite towns, huge investment was involved, but neither he nor any of his ministers own any property abroad. Malik Ameer Muhammad Khan, governor West-Pakistan was another rich person in Ayub's cabinet, he also doesn't have any property abroad.

Field Marshal Ayub Khan when ousted by Gen Yahya Khan, was asked to leave the country through a safe passage, but Ayub Khan refused with the remarks "Kill me, hang me, but I will not leave this country. I can't bear the disgrace of living in exile".

Z.A.Bhutto, number of times was offered to leave the country for never to come back. He refused and faced the death penalty. He didn't own any property abroad.

Then, from where this dirty game of corruption started that ruined this country, how all politicians and higher hierarchy started this game with the filthy thinking, "earn from this country by legal or illegal ways, shift the money abroad, invest there, keep the families abroad and keep on ruling this ill fated country".

This dirty game started from Zia regime, then there's no end to it. Most of the politicians, senior personnel of civil and military, own properties abroad, their children studying or residing there permanently. It has become a fashion to own

properties abroad, visiting foreign countries every year and spending summer holidays abroad.

We don't question their visits or spending holidays abroad, our main question remains around the leadership of this country, who have established business-houses and properties worth billions abroad especially in London and Dubai. One of the foreign analyst has questioned "when these Asians, especially Pakistanis were so fond of residing and having properties in United Kingdom, why they pushed us out of India, why they wanted to have an independent state, when they never wanted to live there" , I had no answer to that, just that all the corrupts and criminals want to keep their illegal money in London or Dubai.

If the leadership keeps their financial matters straight, no one can dare to shift money abroad. If the leadership works with clean hands, others would be forced to follow, or the legal system of the country should be so tight and clear that no body, general public, government employees, business personnel or politician ever defy to act this way.

In sum, our politicians and lawmakers are regrettably skittish; they always figure out that protecting the highest chair is in their own interest. All start singing a different tune, as soon as any of their act is challenged. This poor nation has no authority to check their misdoings or can't ask the foreign countries, not to protect our absconders and looters.

If the things kept on moving in this manner, within next decade London and Dubai will be full with fraudulent and corrupt mafia. They should keep in mind, crooked politicians who betray their public, will surely betray all those, who provide them shelter, a corrupt always corrupt, nature can't be changed.

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