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HATE BEHIND SMILE

Though since long we lack a real leader, but no Prime Minister or President or leader in my lifetime has made me think as much about leadership as Shahid Khaqan Abbasi has. That's because in my lifetime no one has embodied the ideal of leadership as adversely as he.



He claims that still Nawaz Sharif is the Prime Minister, it means, he is a dummy acting as a Prime Minister or he wants to show that he's is unable to make any decision and all decisions are made by Nawaz Sharif. Every normal-headed person is confused with his statements.

Abbasi must note that leader articulates a clear vision and set of principles, which become a well-lighted path that well-intentioned people can tread. His leader, Nawaz bellows, babbles and contradicts himself, achieving an incoherence that no level-headed person can follow. One of his ministers who is considered an intellectual

amongst the illiterate ministers, always tries to show the corridor for next 20 years, without a vision or without a proper planned path. Perhaps he has to save his minister-ship only with this theme before a nin-cum-pooof head of the party.

**“Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools,
that don’t have the brains to be honest”**

Abbasi’s expektorations about the recent elections of senate and his remarks for the institution, challenging the highest democratic forum are a baffling proclamation as a head of the state. He blamed and shamed the forum only because his party could not take it over, while renouncing the value of parliament as a misbegotten magnet for swarms of non political elements.

What’s more, Nawaz Sharif and Maryam Nawaz are not only challenging the institutions, they are trying to create an atmosphere of mutiny. Nawaz has forgotten, its his party’s government, his party’s persons are sitting on the highest chairs of premiership and the president. Then, against whom, he is talking, perhaps, he knows that his party’s government will not arrest him, especially in federal and Punjab. He clearly evokes a situation of mutiny against his own government. People used to think that this man “Nawaz” is without brains, he is trying to prove. Nawaz is being intentionally disingenuous or unintentionally daft.



Is Nawaz without a brain, or has only spleen? How strange, his turn-turtle style of thinking perhaps depends on the hour and audience. Let us not forget how, a short while back, he went from suggesting Yousaf Raza Gillani to leave the seat and comply with the court order and go home, file an appeal and wait for its decision. Now, he is not ready to accept the highest legal forum’s decision, this is the opposite of leadership. It’s the quintessence of Nawaz.

A leader takes some share of responsibility. Nawaz can't cycle through scapegoats fast enough. The country is going to hell because of his statements against the sensitive institutions specially the "Justice" department, yet he is mumbling to accept his fault or the corruption he has made during his 37 years in power, whereas the figures unmistakably show his rocketed up assets in and out side the country. All of these have been directly or indirectly assailed over the past few months by a person who swerves from epic self-pity to operatic self-aggrandizement. A leader always steers clear of his statement.

A leader attracts top talent. Nawaz repels even rank mediocrity. A leader models the behavior that he or she should want from his or her lieutenants. Nawaz is legitimately excellent at cultivating an inner circle unburdened by legal or moral ethics. **Nawaz's has become an example for a green light for corruption.**

Thinking of Abbasi, one imagines the prime minister with a snout instead of a nose. He presides over an administration of pigeons only trained to the tune of Nawaz.

What's truly shocking is on every petty matter Abbasi springs up, takes notes, but not all of it is petty and none of it is shocking for the public. They know the tone is set at the top, by a boss who maintains serious conflicts of interest. Sad part is the behaviour of the sitting prime minister who glories in nepotism and treats the premiership as an opportunity to prove his loyalty in slavery.

A leader knows whose counsel to seek and whose to be wary of. Abbasi knows only the siren's song of sycophants saying what he wants to hear. He's not interested in a diversity of input and information.

**“A ship of democracy, which has weathered all storms,
may sink through the mutiny of those aboard”**

(Grover Cleveland)

He doesn't do what a leader should and challenge himself, to be bigger. He exploits his privilege to be as small as possible. With all the government watching and potentially taking cues from him, he crassly insults just to the institutions he is heading as the Prime Minister, just to please the person who holds his strings. **Normal leaders have their fictions, their flaws. Abbasi is hardly soiling some pristine tradition.** Will there be anything like that with Abbasi? Some memory of dignity or grace? The question, I fear, is rhetorical. While those premiers sometimes failed to lead, he doesn't even try.

**And never think that Allah is unaware of
what the wrongdoers / unjust do.
He only delays them for a Day when
eyes will stare (in horror)**
(Quran 14:42)



Mian Nawaz Sharif and Shahid Khaqan Abbasi should remember; Leadership is about setting a direction, it's about creating a vision, empowering and inspiring people to want to achieve the vision, and enabling them to do so with energy and speed through an effective strategy. It's not pleading about yourself and begging for support of people to manage to the lost power. People now laugh it out; both should notice the hate hidden behind their smile and uproar.

**“I can calculate every thing
even the velocity of light but cannot calculate the
HATE of people behind their SMILE”**
(Albert Einstein)

I would like to repeat my words; Every thing in your life is a reflection of a choice you have made, if you want a different result, make a different choice.

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