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**THE PLANS AND THE TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE THE TOOL MASTERS ARE APPARENT:**

We thank all those who pass on their sympathies to England in the aftermath of recent terrorist attacks. We must not of course forget other cities around the world that have experienced similar atrocities committed against their people. Some say it is a message, suggesting that the west is not wanted in the Arab peninsular and other Muslim countries. The terrorist's only wish is to drag these countries back in time where they, who kill and maim, can rule by medieval dictatorship. We laugh however, in the faces of those who consider that brutal atrocities are a strike against imperialism; after all, the perpetrators of these foul crimes, as with all fanatical militant activists, have their own agenda for ruling the people, and that is to indoctrinate their minds from an early age, ruthlessly control them by installing fear and hatred into their minds and souls rendering people's individual right to think obsolete, and instead become controlled packs, used to commit acts against themselves and the whole of humanity, and in consequence lose their own ability to make a judgement. For those who travel and have travelled, would have witnessed the difference in societies where freedom of expression is the norm, compared to those societies where a simple opinion will get you arrested and imprisoned, or even death, so it is bewildering to say the least, through the eyes of most people who live in a comparatively free society, that certain people give the impression, they prefer to live in a society of controlled thought. Those who choose to, do so because it offers them power if they abide by the rules of tyranny, much like communism did, where families could not trust each other. Many would prefer to break free, but are trapped within the realms of fear, as it would be deemed apprehensible if they rejected or questioned that which they were indoctrinated, or so they believe; not realising that many around them wish for the same thing, but they too are fearful of being the first, once again communism comes to the head of examples?

As with all tyrannical regimes, public silence, allows them to extend their stay in power. Foreign governments (Western) have always discounted public interest in these dictatorships as irrelevant, therefore would not openly draw a picture for us to view, that was left to the news papers, and even then very few took much notice of countries far away and out of mind! Then the internet came along! Not only can we explore the world, we can add our voice to human rights issues. As the ordinary people of the world become more aware of the brutal regimes which exist, they now have the power to bring them to the surface encompassing a much wider debating circle. . Together with numerous exiles opposed to such regimes, who add their voices to the script, the ability too disrupt the influence which regimes have over the people, is beginning to flourish, but without a contribution from within these oppressed countries, it is valueless!

Burma today, has many voices speaking on its behalf, but not all carry weight. Some are from Burma, and have inside knowledge of events albeit flimsy, others, although from Burma, are only in it for fame and fortune and have no idea as to the real world Burma lives in. These individuals, contribute nothing substantial because they are thousands of miles away from the raging fire, and have no intention what so ever, of taking water to it.

Governments no longer holds the monopoly on information, we the people, have been offered the means to search out answers, and there is always someone willing to give answers if we search deep enough!

**EVERY CONFLICT NEEDS A TROJAN HORSE:**

An enemy is weakest at its heart, not its tentacles which can grow back. In Burma it's case, as with every country, the heart is its people. It's the people who beat to the rhythm of the tune played by respective governments. In democracies, the people will stop dancing when a tune loses favour. We do have one advantage when disgruntled however; it is unlikely that our soldiers will fire upon us, and imprison the leaders! All democracies were once undemocratic, and free speech was not always as it is today. It was only a short time ago in history that British women became eligible to vote.

Burma needs its own Trojan horse. It needs the means to penetrate into the heart of the people and disrupt the tune they are forced to dance to.

Not until voices stand together on Burmese soil will the seed grow.

As with the game of cricket, the bowler will place his fielders in strategic positions, because he knows his ball delivery will dictate the batsman strike, and therefore can predict its travel. In Burma today, only one opponent to the regime is in a position, and has the infrastructure to build a Trojan horse, indeed has probably, already done so, while most only talk!

**CASUALTIES ARE AN UNFORTUNAT NECESSITY TO VICTORY:**

Already the casualty rate is endless, the only difference today, is that people are dying without the option of fighting for their families, and freedom, because people thousands of miles away choose to fight the struggle from the comforts of safety! Thankfully, there are those who have been on route to change all that!

We are all aware that many have died in the past because they confronted the regime, but the fight should not have ended there. Burma's problem was leadership, or the lack of it. Instead of disappearing into the jungle to guide the people, those who could have influenced people's thinking, decided instead, to abandon them to their plight. It's much like the crew of a ship deserting the passengers even though the ship was capable of reaching a safe port.

If all these voices clubbed together and moved into the jungle, and instead of blowing hot air trying to convince others of their reading skills, (because that is all an academic is, a reader) they would have the opportunity to practise what they preach.

Very few have ever put their theories to the test; all they do is compare notes with, other academics, indeed most would not know how to begin. I studied for years, the art of soldiering in all its forms, and have no doubt, soldiering is a practised art; I have pieces of paper honouring my successes in strategic studies etc, etc. I am also a trained field Para-medic, a practised fire fighter, an experienced combat helicopter pilot, a former member of the Special Forces. I hold a number of other skills also. My argument here is not to boast of my skills but to emphasize; without practical application on the ground, experience gained in the classroom, is utterly valueless, other than to compare notes over the comfort of knowing that you cannot be blamed for incompetence simply by talking, because all you need to do is refer back; acknowledge your error, and continue! If I made a mistake, or committed an error in judgement, people died; it's as simple as that, therefore; the people who constantly blurt out inconsistencies and retrospect, which is all they are capable of due to the lack of foresight, either shut up or act, Burma will not move one inch from its present day dilemma! There are those who have acted, there are also many surviving in jungle conditions which would frighten many. Deep inside the front line there is a not too surprising absence of academic geniuses, their excuses are laughable? This fact is crystal clear to the young and old who are fighting this war, and when they are shown draughts of all the debates undertaken on their behalf, mostly by people they have never heard of, it's just as well these people stay away, relishing the comforts they have become accustomed to, because what they will not get on the front line, is a welcome mat!

#### **BURMA'S TRUE FRIENDS:**

All too often, observers are blind to the feelings of most Burmese people, and see Burma only through the eyes of exiles who profess to know all the answers, when in fact all they offer are more questions. Over the past decade certainly, more detailed information of what is happening in cities, towns, and the rural areas of Burma, have been obtained, not by Burmese (Ethnics included) but by westerners who seem to have more of a passion toward the country than many exiles? Much of the information supplied to western governments and human rights organisations come from these same people, and it is this which has led governments to speak out more loudly, not the futile input of the exile community who prefer to stay safe! Without the passion for freedom and human rights displayed by those non-Burmese, risking their lives and enduring months of hardship in order to obtain information, Burma would not even warrant a place on the list of priorities of western governments or the UN, and ASSK would only render a slight interest in people's minds!

#### **FIGURES OF PROMINANT LEADERSHIP:**

There are only two: one works from the outside, and is not afraid to confront issues, he is extremely familiar with western ways therefore makes him a valuable commodity. He acts out his ideas to test their probabilities instead of simply preaching, and moves accordingly. The other figure, although working to a similar pattern, works from the inside, and on the battlefield, therefore holds first hand knowledge of the situation on the ground. One of these figures works in comparatively open fields, whilst the other operates in the hedge groves and in total

darkness. Both contribute their own ideologies for all to read and analyze, and if the reader is so inclined, is free to pose any question!

Where these two most prominent figures differ is; they work independently of each other but, inadvertently perhaps, are building the same wall, they simply started at opposite ends?

Of course there will be some differences in the combination of bricks and perhaps the type of brick used, but in essence, the individual skills held by each party is the key to a door which for too long, has kept Burma imprisoned? The job requires two strong minds of different categories, which can battle out solutions without holding back through fear or criticism, even if at times, they lose their footing and are forced to back peddle for a while?

These individuals, are the two most prominent figures to emerge from what was decades of stagnation. For many years the same old voices and loyalties to tradition, and the inaptness of those who have dictated progress, or the lack of it, now finally, the mould has been broken. Both have displayed their courage in different ways, but both have moved the goal posts of Burma politics into focus!

Both, may not have intended to travel, to the same destination, but it is inexorable their routes will meet! When they meet, it could be at a cross roads or a T junction, but hopefully it will be nothing more than a rest stop, on a one way street?

It does not matter what others say, they have never been in a position to change the course of events on the ground anyway, so are in no position, to interfere now. What will be noticed; when the way is cleared, critics will want to join the winning side, less they be pushed into oblivion, exactly where they belong some would say?

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