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THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PROBLEMS AND NOT TO SIMPLY CRY WOLF!

The Ethnic nations have suffered greatly under Burma's military regime, but it must also be remembered; that all military dictatorships oppress their own people too, even their own families are not immune from threats and intimidation, so it is not just those who regard themselves as an Ethnic minority, who are subject to oppression, but all who oppose it. The SPDC have enslaved **tens of millions** of Burmans and forced them into a life of misery and suffering, much of which is never emphasised enough. This is due to the fact; to accept what goes on inside self contained Burman territory, at least that of which; is regarded as Burman, would mean the free world alliances would have to acknowledge human rights abuses on a massive scale, and possibly interact to the point of upsetting other nations allied to the regime. Whereas; support, albeit superficial, shown toward the ethnic nations is not seen as a threat in what might be termed as "stepping on the toes of the tiger." However; were the Ethnic and persecuted Burmans to unite, could become a formidable force for good, a prospect which the SPDC is only too aware of, and is indeed fearful of its potential if allowed to seed, hence the divide and rule policy! This would create a whole new ball game in the way foreign policy of other countries is instigated in regard to Burma! However; this can only come to fruition, if the world focuses on Burma as a whole, and not continue to float the idea, that it is only an ethnic problem! Considering Suu Kyi is herself, Burman by birth, and is regularly mentioned, it appears rather intriguing to say the least, that it is rare to see publicised, if not completely absent, that many millions of Burmans are oppressed to the point of savagery, and have no where to hide, and because they are Burman, are weary of becoming refugees along the borders which consist mainly of ethnics, who for many decades, have mistrusted the Burman. Ironically, in today's world, the ethnics will never beat the SPDC without the aid of the Burman population, who may very well have more reason to despise the regime than the ethnic. As one example seen in Iraq; it was Iraq's own people who suffered the worst atrocities because he knew it was them he had to control, because any up rising would come from within and not from outside! Iraq was fortunate or unfortunate, depending on one's point of view, that its location was important to the west, the rest is history. Burma however; does not hold the same importance to warrant foreign intervention as with Iraq, plus the consequences would be on a different scale!

Because the inhumanities inflicted upon the Burmans, are not expanded into the minds of the world as with the ethnics, it suppresses the true scale of horrors taking place, therefore; only receives superficial acknowledgement!

WE MUST ASK OURSELVES; TO WHOM DOES THIS LACK OF REPORTING REALLY BENEFIT?

There are of course, those on all sides, who benefit from bowing down to the SPDC. As with all dictatorships, they must have their cronies, whom they bribe, corrupt and of course install fear. But, at the end of the day, when the shit hits the fan, they are a cowardly group of people, and a very small minority in contrast to the population, and further more, would creep under the nearest stone once they encounter, or suspect, threat to themselves.

But could a united alliance happen or is it simply unworkable. If it is, unworkable, then Burma as a mixed cultural nation has no hope. The only other solution although non-survivable, would be for each and every ethnic group to either stand alone as independent countries or integrate with the countries to which they border, for example; India, China and Laos. Another solution of course, is for a Burman rebellion, led by a Burman. After which, once all preliminaries were put in place, *(including non-aggressively, securing its borders preventing any ethnic splinter groups from perhaps taking advantage of a situation which they deemed as open for grabs)* would install a democratic government. Without the fear of attack, or persecution, the ethnics could then concentrate on the restructuring of their own internal infrastructures. Once stability has revealed itself on all fronts, plans for integration, if desired, can be assessed on peaceful soil?

The NLD have, and never did have, neither the will nor the capacity to launch such a task. People should only have to look toward the origins of democracy in Burma, to find their saviour. Aung San left his legacy to U Nu, who due to his faith in trusting others, became a victim of his own compassion. Realising his demise, and after spending years in prison, he defied the regime right up to his death. Today, U Nu's legacy has been passed down to the leaders of the PDP which he founded, where many, personally witnessed history being made, having learned valuable lessons which have strengthened their resolve to the point of mastering both the military and the political arena, with no comparison anywhere within the pro-democracy arena of the present day, including the NLD! It must be remembered; it was Suu Kyi's relationship with Aung San which bedazzled the people to vote blindly for the NLD, not its ability to govern! *(The trees could not be seen, only the forest!)*

It must be said, no matter how difficult it is to accept, that many ethnic leaders are in fact; their nations own worst enemy, because they have no political or military

strategy allowing engagement with the regime, worsened by age old disagreements with their fellow ethnics, accompanied by the centuries old mistrust of the Burmans. However; because of a better understanding which now exists between many ethnics and certain influential Burmans that both have suffered greatly under this regime, allows for serious agendas to be discussed which were otherwise unworkable in earlier days.

The latest beam of light, as it has been described, of the UN visit to Burma, has once again ignited the voice boxes of dreamers. Once again, they cannot see the trees, only the forest, therefore; are blind to the hidden traps it holds within! This attitude only delays yet again, the task in hand. All hope is lost only when people fail to meet the challenge because they do not hold the qualities it takes to project the necessary directive, or to recognise those who do! It is for this reason; that the PDP of today has surged ahead on its own cognisance, and is fast becoming the only option!

We do hope that Suu Kyi is given her freedom, along with others suffering in prison.

OPTIONS:

The Ethnic nations want their autonomy, or even complete independence. This can of course, only be achieved both by;

- A. destroying the military regime and to rule in their place, or;
- B. For the regime to agree on terms put forward by the ethnic leaders!

Both would be extremely unlikely to ever happen!

ALLIANCE:

Only two choices:

- C. Either ally themselves with the SPDC, and therefore become voluntary slaves, or;
- D. Ally themselves to each other (Ethnic groups & Burman democracy activists) and take on the SPDC from one front.

Both the above have been tried to a certain extent, and failed!

LAST STAND OPTION:

- E. As already mentioned; an active Burman pro-democracy party, led by a Burman. With the moral support of the ethnics, and perhaps help in other necessary areas. Of course guide lines would still have to be set up between those concerned but the regime would find it much more difficult to contain hostilities when the fight is wide spread and on its own doorstep? A Burman villager for example; would be more likely to support and join a force of Burman, simply because the ethnics rarely move more than a couple of Kilometres from their own boundaries, as they too feel weary of moving into areas where Burmans are living, because they believe they may be betrayed to the regime!
- F. This stalemate has allowed the regime to continue its oppression since 1962.
- G. Its time someone took the fight to them?
- H. Do not allow the little voices of no consequence who constantly preach but never act divert your mind from the obvious task. These voices from people, who have no intention of risking their lives for Burma, are little more than perhaps, inadvertently, aiding and abetting the SPDC in its roll as tyrant?

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