

ANOTHER MILITARY COUP [?]

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On 3rd October 2015; an air strike carried out by US forces in Afghanistan heavily damaged a charitable hospital in Kunduz, killing about 19 people — three of them reportedly children — under UN Charter the event could be classified as 'war crime'. Later the death toll went up as 22.

The health facility targeted was **'Doctors Without Borders Trauma Centre'** in war-torn town of north Afghanistan and the air assault continued for 30 to 45 minutes, resulting in a large fire that burned some patients to death in their beds. Among those killed were 12 of the charity group's staff members. The US-led military coalition in Kabul confirmed that air strike as **'American' and 'having caused collateral damage to a medical facility'**.

Last weekend's deadly attack on an international hospital in Afghanistan was a reminder of the terrible war that still continues in that territory. The United States promised to investigate what Gen John Campbell, the NATO commander in Kabul said, was a mistake.

Referring to the **'Washington Post' dated 6th October 2015**;

*'Since months, the US has been quietly exploring some diplomatic options that could reduce the violence in Afghanistan — and **perhaps even curb the danger of a nuclear Pakistan next door**'.*

Perhaps noting retaliation from Pakistan after Raymond Davis episode in January 2011, Osama bin Laden's killing on 2nd May 2011 and Salala's air attack on 26th November 2011 — and blockade of Nato supply routs as a result, the United States had recognized that the best way out of the Afghanistan conflict would be a diplomatic settlement that involved the Taliban and its **'alleged sponsors'** in Pakistan. Since then there have been secret peace talks, on and off but the effort hasn't borne fruit yet.

However, the pace of negotiations has quickened since early 2015, thanks to an unlikely US diplomatic partnership with China. Beijing's involvement is a new dynamic and shows an instance where **"US interests overlap with those of China."** China facilitated discussions between Afghan government and Taliban representatives in late May [2015] in Urumqi, the capital of Xinjiang province, where the US and Pakistan were also there as observers.

A second round took place in early July at Murree in Pakistan where *"the two sides agreed to seek a peaceful end to the conflict by attending regular meetings."*

A third round was scheduled for early August in Murree but it was torpedoed by the leak from Afghanistan that Mulla Omar had actually been dead for two years. After an interval, Akhtar Mohammed Mansour became leader of the Taliban. US officials believed that the new leader had launched the recent offensive in Kunduz to consolidate his control of the group.

The White House then turned their guns to Pakistan; exploring new limits and controls on its nuclear weapons and capabilities. The US has secretly indicated to open a path towards the civil nuclear deal that was launched with India in 2005. [*President Bush and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh had agreed on that civil nuclear deal **on 18th July 2005** lifting thirty years US moratorium on nuclear trade with India - the US Congress on **1st October 2008** had given final approval to that agreement.*]

Since two decades the US high officials have viewed Pakistan's nuclear program as one of the world's most dangerous security problem. Now once again Pakistan has been asked to re-

consider its "**brackets**" that is why PM Nawaz Sharif has been called in Washington on 22nd this month. PM Nawaz would be compelled to agree to restrict its nuclear program according to its actual defense needs against India's nuclear threat. Pakistan might agree not to deploy missiles capable of reaching beyond a certain range, for example upto Israel's Tel Aviv.

PM Nawaz Sharif is likely to agree with US terms – and once again the Pakistani populace would be made fool through media discussions lead by stooge anchors like Arshad Sharif that **'PML[N] has got Civil Nuclear Deal with the US - at par with India – a great success of PM Nawaz Sharif'**.

The US Pentagon and White House know that 86% Pakistanis hate them in an arena of Moscow's retreat from Afghanistan, Civil Nuclear Deal of 2005 with India, Obama's one sided deals with Kabul's Karzai and 2011's humiliating attacks on Pakistani soils etc.

If PM Nawaz Sharif agreed with any deal on Pakistan's nuclear program, he would face another mid-term kick off of a possible **MILITARY COUP** – be ready to witness it.

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