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Thirty million Nepalese had been under the chokehold of the Indian Government that had not been released by the time of writing of this article, yet.

Prime Minister Sushil Koirala had shown that he was not accountable to this chokehold, as he did nothing except for requesting the Indian government to release the thousands of Nepal-bound supplies trucks held at the Nepal-Indian border by the Indian custom officials at the behest of the central government of India. Not showing accountability to the chokehold, Prime Minister Koirala had demonstrated he was not accountable to the Nepalese people.

What Koirala could do was he could call the Indian ambassador in Nepal to his office, and asked him why the Indian custom officials had been holding up the Nepal-bound supplies trucks. He did not think that it was necessary to do so rather let the thirty million Nepalese suffer from the Indian stranglehold on the Nepalese.

Rather the Indian ambassador in Nepal invited Nepalese reporters for the luncheon press briefings in Kathmandu. One of the reporters that attended the ambassador's luncheon press briefings wrote in a local newspaper that he felt as if he was having a feast at the funeral. Unfortunately, none of the Nepalese reporters bothered to wear a black band protesting against the Indian blockade.

Do we need such a prime minister, and for that matter do we need the constitution that gave birth to such a prime minister unaccountable to the people. Certainly, we did not need such a prime minister and the constitution that had made such a prime minister. In fact, the recently promulgated constitution had been the main reason for the current incredibly intolerable conditions created by the Hindu-terrorist-minded Indian prime minister.

The so many Nepalese including the leaders such as Prachanda and KP Oli had been so proud and ready to sacrifice everything only not to bow down to the Indian iron grip. Okay, they did not bow down to anybody but Nepalese had been suffering for their pride in keeping their heads above anything. They did not think that Nepalese had been suffering from their monkey arrogance. They also did not think that Prime Minister Koirala was responsible to such a condition but none of the so arrogant Nepalese did not ask why Koirala did not take any actions but he had been following the policy of "wait and see."

Why Nepalese did not ask the home minister that had boasted that he would bring the fuel by air, the reasons for not bringing the fuel and other supplies by air. Home Minister Bamdev Gautam could say such an irresponsible thing but he did not bother to bring anything by air rather stopped fueling foreign planes in Nepal, and stopped filling up the gas tanks of the private cars. Probably, hundreds of gas stations had been making a lot of money from the short supply of gasoline selling it at the parallel market, as the government had declared the shortage of fuel even though the government had sufficient reserve for six months.

Did we need such a home minister? Certainly not but Nepalese could not do anything against him rather they quietly accepted his boasting of bringing fuel by air, and be proud of not bowing down to anybody. How long Nepalese would be able to standing upright when they did not have fuel to travel, they could not go to hospital, they could not run the factories, and they could not bring supplies to the population centers. How egotistical we had been tolerating everything except for not bending.

The time would soon come when Nepalese would break themselves up if they were not to bend then. Now, if Nepalese wanted not to bend in any circumstances then they needed to force Prime Minister Koirala take the matter of not sending the supplies trucks to Nepal with Prime Minister Narendra Modi immediately.

If Modi were not to listen to Koirala then Nepalese needed to force Koirala take the Indian border officials holding the Nepal-bound supplies trucks to the International Law Court charging them for the attempt on the homicide of 30 million Nepalese. Why so proud Nepalese did not even think of talking so not to mention forcing Koirala to do so but they were very happy to be proud of not bowing down to anybody.

The so-called Nepalese leader called Upendra Yadav boasted that not the Indians holding the supplies but his cadres and he had been holding the trucks on the border. He even went on saying that he would close even the northern entry points meant stopping any supplies trucks coming from the northern border.

What rights Mr. Yadav had to choke the thirty million Nepalese? He had not only no rights to do so but also it was a criminal act. He needed to understand it if he were to be the man of intellect. Why the so proud Nepalese did not ask Prime Minister Koirala for bringing Yadav to justice for such a criminal act? It was clear that Nepalese were not for following the rule of law but they were for bullying each other.

Every rational Nepalese would be empathetic to the demands of the ethnic people and the Madheshi people but the way they were trying to achieve their demands was not right at all. They could do better protesting peacefully rather than violently stopping all the supplies trucks coming to Nepal from India. Peaceful protests would take long time no doubt about that but they would have better results than doing illegally.

After so many days of making Nepalese suffer from the shortage of daily-need supplies, Prime Minister Koirala and his colleagues had been bending down to the demands of the ethnic and the Madheshi people and preparing for amending the newly promulgated constitution. Everybody knew that rational reporters and people in general had been saying that promulgating the unacceptable constitution would be disaster but Koirala and his colleagues did not listen to anybody and went ahead with promulgating the constitution bringing the untold miseries to the thirty million Nepalese.

So, Koirala and those leaders responsible for promulgating the constitution that needed to be amended not even a fortnight had passed since its promulgation were responsible for the current suffering of the Nepalese people and for the economic loss of billions of rupees every day due to the Indian chokehold. Why did not the so proud Nepalese that did not bow down to anybody make Koirala and other leaders accountable to creating such a terrible situation but they themselves had been suffering from the untold miseries of having the shortage of every thing that needed for supporting the regular lives of the common folks because they could not think of such things with the pride in not bowing down to the Indians.

The national and UN human rights organizations had nothing to say when the India had been illegally putting the thirty million Nepalese under the threat of being choked. The people working at the human rights organizations had been smart enough to take the human rights of some people but when thirty million Nepalese had been under the siege they had nothing to say. They had to keep the jobs nothing else.

Some people had been very happy with the news of opening of the northern entry points. Opening the northern entry points could not save us from the life-threatening blockade

because first the northern entry points even opened could not meet the supplies Nepalese needed; second, the northern neighbor also could do the same thing as the southern did. Try to help the Tibetans living in Nepal; the Nepalese administration would receive the punch from the northern neighbor.

Then, what should we need to do? We needed to follow the international law on the landlocked countries and we needed to force the neighboring countries bordering on us follow the international law. We needed to be prepared for managing everything following the international law.

Why did not Prime minister Koirala or the prime minister in-waiting KP Oli talk about taking the Indian Prime Minister Modi to the international law court for violating the international law by keeping the Nepal-bound supplies trucks on the Indian side of the Nepal-India border? Holding anything by force was a terrorist act, and anybody doing so was called a terrorist. Could so arrogant Nepalese even think of that kind of actions? Being arrogant was one thing but being practical was the real thing.

Indian Prime Minister Modi said that he was sad to see Nepalese suffered so much from the Indian embargo on the Nepal-bound supplies trucks if the media reports were correct. Modi knew that holding the supplies truck on the Indian side of the border with Nepal was a terrorist act but he did so because he had not shed his Hindu-terrorist mind, yet. He had been the mute spectator of killing of thousands of non-Hindus in Gujrat when he was a chief minister. Even now killing of non-Hindus on the suspicions of keeping the beef had been the regular event elsewhere in India. Prime Minister Modi did not feel shame to ban not only the slaughter of cows but also selling the beef violating the rights of non-Hindus to eating beef. Thus, Modi had been slowly choking democracy: so-called one of the largest democracies in the world.

The US administration had denied Modi the entry to the US for a decade for his inhuman work in Gujrat. Recently taking questions and answering them at the Sicilian Valley at the meeting with the facebook boss in the US, he wanted to show that he had a soft corner in his mind shedding tears when he spoke about his mother had to do laundry and dish washing for the neighbors for supporting him but his heart was not broken when thirty million Nepalese had been living without supplies, and losing billions of rupees worth of business everyday because of his holding of supplies trucks on the border between Nepal and India not to mention shedding tears for thousands of non-Hindus killed by the Hindu fanatics in Gujarat when he was the chief minister of that state.

Neither President Xi Jinping of China nor Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India would save Nepalese from the economic strangulation. Nepalese had to live as the citizens of the landlocked country. We had to take the refuge in the international law and had to have a corridor through the Indian Territory in the eastern Nepal to Bangladesh for trading with Bangladesh and for the access to the sea. We needed to have the corridor of passage through the Indian Territory to the sea, too, and through the Chinese territory, too. Then, we would be truly very proud Nepalese that would not bow down to anybody.

KP Oli had been projected as the next prime minister. However, he had not shown any accountability to the current disastrous situation created by the Indian embargo on the supplies trucks to Nepal. Would he be accountable to the people once he would be the prime minister? Why he should be accountable to the non-voting people when a few hundred parliamentarians would elect him. Why he needed to be accountable when he had to pay for so many votes for him to get elected to the chairman of his party and then to the prime minister of the country.

So, our constitution did make neither the prime minister nor any elected high officials accountable to the people. The main fault laid on the constitution that was faulty, that had been beneficial to only a few people leaving millions of Nepalese high and dry. The current constitution had to do for the current dreadful situation. The constitution had brought so much misery within a week of its promulgation then how much misery would it bring if it were to be enforced forever, anybody could guess.

So, Nepalese being so proud of not bowing down to anybody, would be better off if they were to start off working on making the constitution inclusive for the benefits of the entire people not of the majority only; then enforce it firmly, and bring anybody violating such constitution to justice. That was how Nepalese could stand against the embargo of any neighbor on the supplies trucks heading to Nepal.

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