

The Unwanted ULFA (Who Won the Battle?)

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Sri Arvind Rajkhowa, the Chief of ULFA arrested in Bangladesh on 2nd Dec.2009 and sent back to India, who surrendered himself at BSF at Dawki, the important international trade centre bordering Bangladesh. Again on 6th Nov.09 two top leaders of ULFA- Shri Shasha Choudhury (Foreign Secretary) and Shri Chitraban Hajarika (Finance Secretary) were also arrested from Tripura, at the border of Bangladesh.



Beside them, Sri Biswamohan Debverma, the leader of NLFT also arrested by the Bangladesh police and handed over them to India.

What it shows?

-Does ULFA become weak and unable to survive or has changed its stand?

-Does the Bangladesh Govt. become anti-insurgents or is working under pressure from some international quarters?

-Does ULFA have lost its base in the society of Assam?

Such many more questions are bound to arise in the minds of people.

After all what is the reality?

ULFA and many other insurgent groups were operating from Bangladesh who were patronage by the Bangladesh Govt. The same country which was denying the presence of any such groups there, out of a sudden we see a sea change in its policy that it is arresting leaders of such insurgent groups and handing them over to Indian Govt.

On the other hand, if we recall our memory, we find Bangladeshi Muslims were operating under the umbrella of ULFA. A good number of Muslim cadres were there among the arrested ULFA cadres. People witnessed it and felt that ULFA is now under the control of Bangladeshi Muslims and working for the interest of Bangladesh. It was its compulsion, because it has taken refuge there in Bangladesh. In addition, people felt that its top leadership have owned vast business and property their and are leading a lavish life. These are the main reason why ULFA has lost its base in the society.

The most important point to notice is that after the Bangladeshi Muslims secured a good presence in Assam (about 30% of Assam's population) and floated numerous insurgent groups here, it did not see any importance of ULFA's umbrella. Now they are operating independently. The Govt. policy, which is influenced by political motives of ruling political parties, treats such Insurgents as part of its Minority policy. It is a bonus to such Muslim insurgents. Hence, the Bangladesh Govt. needed no more help from ULFA for the survival of its population present in Assam.

What does it mean?

ULFA has lost its ground after Assam lost its peace in the hand of Bangladeshi infiltrators. It should have driven out them but it took action against the innocent Hindu populace who

came to Assam for the sake of job. To look into the recent past, the Assamese- Bihari conflict killed innocent Biharis and other Hindi speaking people; and benefited only to the Bangladeshi Muslims by transferring livelihood of Biharis to them. Will the ULFA leadership apologize for it before it breathes its last in days to come?

To sum up, the real problem is still to arise at the people of Assam. We should not forget the episode of last year when Bangladeshi Muslims attacked Bodo and Assamese villages in Udalguri and Darrang district in October 2008. They burnt more than 1500 houses and killed about 100 people. People are still living in refugee camps in Udalguri district and fear to return their own villages. They say, 'our village is in 'BORDER' and we will not go back. We do not find any safety to our life and property'.

Another 'BORDER' has taken its shape inside our own land on the same basis- the RELIGION, which was the basis of partition of our country in 1947. Would you dare to deny it or will like to keep your eyes closed to deny the TRUTH which has already taken its shape here in Assam- at your doorstep itself!

Can you say who really won the battle- ULFA, People of Assam or the Bangladeshi Muslims?