

THE DAILY CAUCUS



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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Trust in DPRK?

All bark and no bite!? Does that really sound like DPRK?

By Mallika Gera

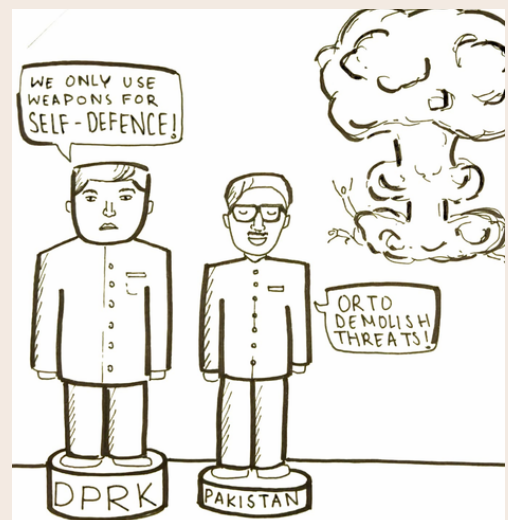
Democratic People's Republic of Korea so far has successfully conducted 6 nuclear tests since then year 2006, each one being more advanced than the previous, and posing an increasingly fatal threat to the world.

As we're aware of the reputation DPRK holds, and of its recent advancement in military and artillery, which has also been deemed as a "serious security issue" by the council, the question arises, can DPRK really be trusted with such weaponry? And if yes, then why is there a prevailing biasness against it, and why is no question raised when nations like USA too, do the same? As the session began, the delegate of DPRK elaborated a point to be brought in light, "how is it fair that countries like USA get to retain their nuclear weapons but countries like DPRK aren't?" and stated that DPRK is to utilize their nuclear tests for self-defence only, but given Kim Jong-un's unreliability streak, is it safe to say that this will actually be abided by? DPRK's statement was then further backed up and defended by the delegate of Pakistan, "the nuclear weapons DPRK will only be used during urgent crisis and threats", aiding that the possession of nuclear weapons in either country are no cause of fright. The delegate of USA crisply quoted, "The United states of America believes that sanctions are an important tool to bring DPRK to the table regarding the topic of denuclearization. USA looks down upon the blatant disregard by DPRK." To which DPRK raised a rather remarkable question by asking if USA too, would be open to denuclearizing, given all the anti-nuclear statements it has passed so far against DPRK, and the fact that they stated they're protecting their country and allies, however their past bombing of Japan evidently speaks otherwise, which raises USA's statement to question.

The sailboat of the committee is on dangerous and unpredictable waters, with no safe land in sight. We hope that a resolution is sought, and a viable agreement can be incurred, with a peaceful decision viable and lasting for all countries and their allies.



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Another War? World War III

By Tara George

The meeting started to commend. North Korea (DPRK), has conducted 6 nuclear tests so far, in 2006, 2009, 2013, 2016 & 2017. The most current one was on 3rd September, 2017. Nuclear weapons been directed on 9th of October for the first time in 8 years. At the UN headquarters, the unanimous sec. Council called it serious security issue.

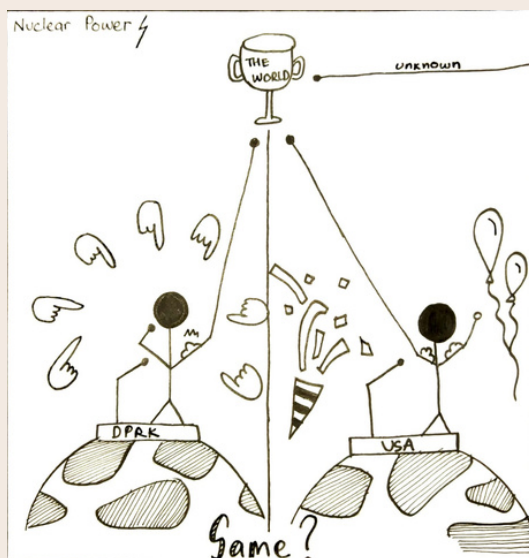
India states in their speech that 'they want Dprk to band all nuclear activities'. The delegate of Pakistan in their speech clearly believes that nuclear weapons Dprk has is only for self-defence, which is only used during urgent crisis and threat. Pakistan further states that 'they strictly follow non- nuclear aggression act' with India and pose zero threat.

The session proceeded with a war of words between USA and Ethiopia. Meanwhile, Ethiopia questioned USA 'how are they telling north Korea to denuclearise when they have nuclear weapons themselves' to this, It led to a constant argument that USA believes that they would not willingly harm any country like that and they would only use it if they get attacked.

Committee moves into a significant moderated caucus with the topic being 'Humanitarian

crisis in Korea'. USA refuses to denuclearize so there can be a prevention of a nuclear war. Hence the moderated caucus has been concluded by Dprk mentioning in their speech that efforts that Kim Jong put on wheat ad barely farms that brought and rumours were made which causes interruption. Dprk further quotes in their speech that NR had signed NPT but seeing even simple member states not bound to it, the country had withdrawn. Countries fear the DPRK because its powerful. It is a know fact that Dprk is deep in a humanitarian crisis. Poverty and starvation rates are astonishingly high.

USA states that, if north Korea is in such an economic crisis, then how does it manage to have such a strong artillery and military? The answer to this is that the' Korean government considers missiles and bombs to be more important than the citizens of its own nation.'



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SECURITY COUNCIL

STUCK IN WAR TORN

Will Russia and Ukraine be able to sort out their differences?

By Sanjana Bhat

Violence prevails at the top of the equator. The agenda of the security council was the deliberation upon the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Now the question is, will the committee be able to come up with a resolution? Can peace prevail?

Vladimir Lenin once remarked, "There are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen." We are living such weeks right now. The challenge is to make sense of what those changes will bring.

In a chilling act of aggression, Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a military assault on Ukraine in the early hours of 24 February. The fast-developing conflict has its roots in historic political, diplomatic and military events.

The committee began with a war of words between Russia and Ukraine. The delegate of Russia's speech stated what is characterised as a "special military operation" to demilitarise and "de-Nazify" Ukraine. Russia also stated that the West and its allies have tried to lessen the security of Russia, and NATO is filled with countries that pose an Anti-Russian stance; they cannot be expected to overlook such a big threat to its security.

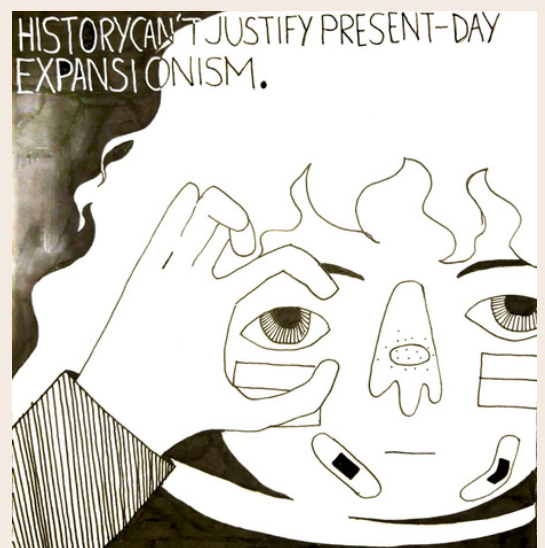
The delegate of Ukraine opposed by saying that this incident is a reminder of how dangerous this war is in Ukraine is becoming, and how uncertain and confusing things still are on the ground, Russian troops were advancing towards Kyiv and thousands and thousands are fleeing in advance of possible siege on the city which is only causing destruction, resulting in millions of deaths and nothing else.

Now the question is, why is USA so involved in the situation between Russia and Ukraine? Will they benefit from this? It's self-centred policy has weakened the security system by trying to bring itself right to Russia's doorstep. It's expansionist policy has rattled the peace existing in the world by threatening the security of Russia.

In the end what matters is, the world has just started to recover from the effects of the global pandemic and every country including Russia and Ukraine are looking forward to a growth in their economy which is only possible if peace is found.



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A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

Russia must pay for its actions

By Anouttara Nayar

The tensions in the UNSC committee rise in crescendo. All delegates were immersed in heated debate which of course, led to daring statements that ignited a fire of rage in all our hearts. One statement that practically paved the way for such an article was an infuriating exclamation made by the delegate of Russia in which it was stated that Russia had no intention of annexing Ukraine but instead, only wanted to act as a mediator in a Ukrainian civil war.

Such a statement made me rewind the clock back to when this geopolitical rivalry between Ukraine and Russia officially began. It was 2014 when Vladimir Putin annexed Crimea and unleashed absolute hell on Ukraine under the façade of protecting ethnic Russians residing there from the Euromaidan protests. He surreptitiously issued an invasion into Crimea, portraying it as a rescue operation. “There is a limit to everything, And with Ukraine, our western partners have crossed the line.” Putin said in a March 2014 address formalising the annexation.

History, unfortunately, repeated itself but in a much more large-scale manner. This feud now aged 8 years and transformed into a full- scale military invasion. 24 th February, 2022 marked the day when 9 hundred civilian deaths were caused by Russia’s harrowing actions and when millions were robbed of their homeland and had to migrate for safety. This time, Putin used the excuse of de-nazifying and de- militarising Ukraine to protect ethnic Russians living there who were allegedly facing grave discrimination in the form of bullying and genocide.

“The end goal was not to re-create the Soviet Union but to make Russia great again.” writes Gerard Toal about the Crimea invasion. Russia’s actions are severely ego-driven and insidious which not only diminish a huge portion of world peace but also endanger all citizens of Earth. There is most definitely a desperate need for dialogue between the two nations but Russia refuses to comply. The UNSC committee has not been able to draft a resolution yet but hopefully, their ardent efforts will not go to waste in the end.



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A MONSTER NAMED BELARUS

By Sara Patel

Parents crying,
Children dying,
And Belarus just sitting and lying.
No shelter,
No food,
Just a country who is crude.
Harsh weather
But it's not colder than the president's heart.
Countries take no responsibilities,
And just present their monstrosities.
Authorities assaulting,
Are lives worth nothing?
Poland refusing medical care,
Providing no shelter
Is being a decent human so rare?
No one taking accountability
Is being humane a rare ability?
Politics is denying basic rights
Is this tunnel always going to be dark?
Or will humanity see light?
Is there a resolution?
Or will we end where we started?



Navya Bassi

"NEITHER FAIR, NOR FREE"

People are not weapons!

By Shreya Jain

26 th April, 2022: The United Nations Human Rights Council sat down to discuss the Belarus- European Union border crisis consisting of influx for numerous immigrants, mainly from Iraqi Kurdistan and other from parts of Asia, Africa, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia etc. The committee began with delegates from all over the world expressing their concern and regard for the thousands of immigrants stuck at the Belarus- European Union Border.

The delegates discussed how the crisis needs immediate attention and suggested methods to do so such as stopping all flights to Belarus and providing the migrants at the border with all the necessary resources and humanitarian aids.

Countries like Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and Federal Republic of Germany believe that this is all “an act of war” where people are being used as weapons. The Republic of Poland also stated how the root cause of the crisis are Belarus’ president, Lukashenko’s “irresponsible and repressive actions”. Other delegates accused The Republic of Belarus of “luring migrants to Minsk” with the promise of easy entry into the EU and later pushing them to the border. Belarus was asked if it takes responsibility for these people to which Belarus responded by saying that it is working with the UN Refugee Agencies to provide all the refugees with the best conditions possible and “this suffering can only end once the EU opens its borders to these helpless people striving for better lives”.

The committee discussed their need to take care of the rights and conditions of the refugees first for they did not choose these conditions for themselves and are forced to live in such harsh circumstances. The question is, how long will the people have to wait until they can finally live safely and peacefully.



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WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

Attorney General of America executed: America has hit rock bottom

Attorney general killed by the joint forces of Taliban and Al Qaeda

By Aashee Dhiman

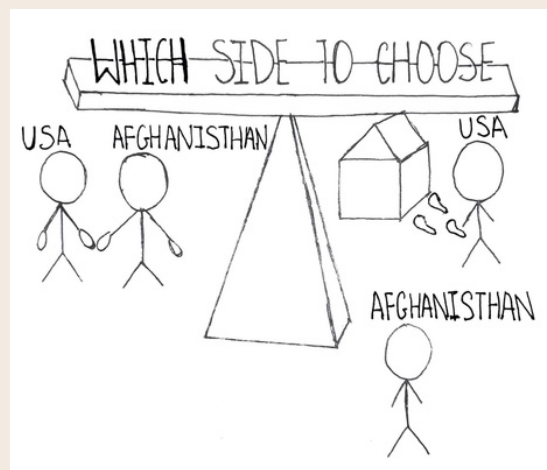
“This committee has failed the citizens of the United States and their families”. This statement was given by the new Attorney General of the White House Situation Room in response to the execution of his predecessor. And rightfully so...

United States of America- one of the most developed countries of the world in terms of economy, military, infrastructure and most other aspects, has failed its people by not being able to save the life of one of the most prominent political figures of this committee. The incompetence of the committee and being this irresponsible is unacceptable. Is this the America that the world knows? Our ancestors spent decades, even centuries trying to get this country to the point it is at right now. Is this what all their efforts have led up to? On September 11, 2001, when four hijacked commercial airlines were crashed into the World Trade Centre- not Washington DC, not America, but the whole world's blood was boiling. And we were avenged by the American military who tracked down Osama Bin Laden. Did we not learn anything from past events? Or did we already forget about the past?

Today, history has repeated itself- the Taliban along with Al-Qaeda have attacked us yet again, and it is imperative that we are avenged again.

If one of the most influential people in the country can be kidnapped and executed this way, the common citizens of the country really do not have much hope for their security. One of the United Nations' main objectives is the maintenance of peace and promoting good foreign relations. Yet here we see the Attorney General being taken to Peshawar, to Pakistan- America's ally for many years...

The 30 helicopters that were asked for could not be sourced and only 10 could take off. Hence, we were outnumbered threefold and got into an even bigger hostage situation. On top of that, senior Al-Qaeda members were spotted amongst the dead bodies, which is even more concerning as ties between the two groups (Taliban and Al-Qaeda) had been weaker in the past years. If we have all the necessary evidence against the Taliban regarding the murder of the Attorney General, then why are we not taking any action? From the incident of 9/11 to America taking back its troops, to Taliban taking over Afghanistan for the second time in two decades, and now to the death of the Attorney General- America has reached rock bottom and things cannot get any worse from this point onwards.



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A Ticking Bomb

The US needs to stay in Afghanistan

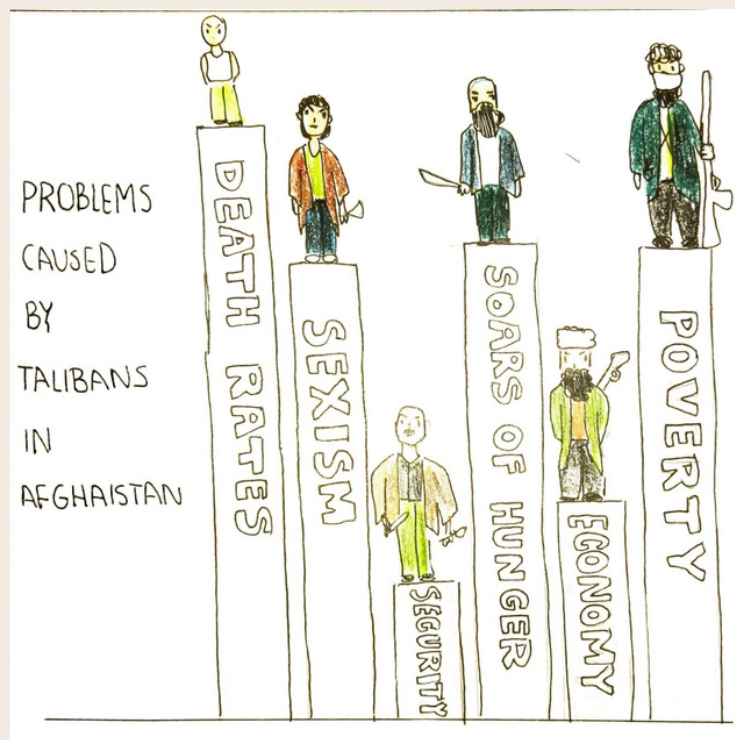
By Praarthana Pandey

With the Taliban threatening to take over all of Afghanistan's provinces, right now is the time when they need the US's help the most. Afghanistan had been under the reign of the Islamic fundamentalist group known as the Taliban from 1996 to 2001 until the invasion by the US army. Now, 20 years later, they are closer than ever to coming back into power if the American troops are withdrawn from Afghanistan.

In the last 20 years, the Americans have trained and equipped the Afghan army with multi-billion-dollar equipment. aside from that, there have also been, at any given moment, up to a hundred thousand American soldiers helping them defend their country. The latter, rather than the former, is likely what has stopped the Taliban from taking over Afghanistan. If all the troops are withdrawn, it would leave the Afghans well equipped but ill prepared to fight for their country. The last time the Taliban had control over Afghanistan, their rule was strict and brutal. They prohibit all behavior that was deemed un-Islamic, discriminated against women and destroyed any and all protests.

For the United States, the Taliban is a hated enemy. The UN team that monitors them has stated that the Taliban still holds strong ties with the Al-Qaeda. Thousands of US citizen were affected in some way by the 9/11 attacks and remember them in vivid detail. If Afghanistan is taken over by the Taliban, it could lead the Afghanistan turning into a haven for terrorist other religious fundamentalist groups, and hell for the civilians who have lived there for generations. The Taliban and its likenesses could launch brutal attacks on the many countries, and pose a great threat to The US.

All this rests largely on whether the United States decides to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan, leaving the army to fend for itself, or to let the troops remain there for the moment and find a way to curb the power of Taliban.



Namrah Zaidi

THE INDIAN CABINET

DUTY UNTO DEATH

The Indian Cabinet convenes for an emergency meeting.

By Aanya Sharma

The clock rung 9 in the morning, and the delegates wasted no time in putting the country's safety as their first priority. The Indian Cabinet has convened for an emergency meeting once more, and this time lives of the Mumbai citizens were at stake. It was reported that Mumbai would be a victim of a terror attack by the Pakistan based terror organisation Lashkar-E-Taiba. After a month of high security in the country's commercial capital, the city let down its guard. However, Indian intelligence has now reported that a boat carrying 10 terrorists has been spotted half an hour before in Indian waters, but the vessel has now vanished.

The mic first passed to Chief of Anti-Terrorism Squad who started the committee with, "Losing sight and trace of the ship is negligence...which could result in the major terrorist attack." After that, the

Indian Cabinet wasted no time in beginning their deliberations of the terror attack and the precautions Mumbai must take. Common points that jumped out of many speeches were to increase security in the city and the surveillance at coastal areas. Some delegates proclaimed that the threat should be publicly announced to achieve the cooperation of the masses while others rebuffed this

by saying it will create an atmosphere of panic that will hinder the efforts of defence keepers. A quick unmoderated caucus later, the Executive Board introduces a new crisis in the committee. Two armed individuals suspected to be members of Lashkar-E-Taiba have been spotted in the on the

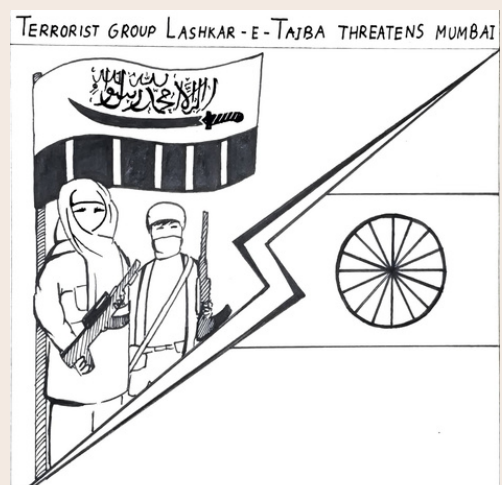
Juhu beach with the aim of hijacking the Juhu Aerodrome which houses many aviation aircrafts and helicopters. The committee now passes into an unmoderated caucus in which delegates seemed to

be concentrated near the Chief of Intelligence Bureau as he makes the Plan of Action. Sponsors for the motion seem to be many in number.

The unmoderated caucus comes to an end. The Plan of Action is now being shared with Chief of Intelligence Bureau and the Chief of RAW explaining the steps and reasoning the delegates took to reach the conclusion which is now put on screen.



Shashwat Singh



Myra Talwar

A TWIST IN THE TALE

Terror unfolds on Juhu Beach

By Arsheya Sharma

The second session has commenced with an unexpected twist in the tale. Four terrorists have entered Mumbai and were spotted in Juhu Beach. After much struggle one was captured and quite unfortunately two escaped on a helicopter and one on a bike. The evacuations conducted were successful, however four of the civilians were injured.

The Round Robin has begun with each individual speaker's time being 60 seconds. The Chief of Intelligence Bureau updated the committee that three bombs with a 500 m radius were aquired by the terrorists, something the 'respectable' Chief Minister of Maharastra failed to grasp. After her speech, she was questioned by the Chief of Intelligence Bureau on the sources of her statement when she dismally said the bombs had a 300 m radius. The Chief of Air Staff instead of suggesting that the Airforce be involved (keeping in mind that two of them escaped by air), elaborated on sending aid and on investigating the terrorist that is currently in police custody. Ironically, the Chief of Army Staff insisted on surviellance in the sky and suggested that the CAPTURED terrorist be ARRESTED and questioned. This bizzare and confusing statement raised no less than seven points of order. The Minister of Home Affairs grieved on the fact that four civilians were killed in the evacuation. The Chief of Marine Commandos obliged to the prudent and reminded the Minister that the civilians were in fact injured and not killed.

The Chief of Intelligence Bureau supplied another alarming update on the status of the arrested terrorist. A video was displayed in the Committee which showed the questioning of the guilty. He was brutally yet rightfully subjected to physical torture upon which he revealed his code name. It was Johney Jacob and when further knocked on the head he hopelessly cried out 'Allah' and fell unconcious.

The question now is; Is there a possibility that the terrorists will surrender or be captured? Or will they continue to roam free and subject civilians to further terror and misery?

If immediate action is not taken, then the Indian Cabinet will, undoubtedly, be blamed for the actions of the terrorists that attempt to cripple this beautiful nation. As stated by the Defence Minister, 'Failure is acceptable, giving up is not'. The Indian Cabinet must strive to capture these members of the terror organisation Lashkar-E-Taiba and bring this reign of supposed anarchy to an end.



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