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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WHAT TRULY DEEMS A NATION WORTHY OF INTEREST?

By Mallika Gera

Simply great power only? Or does it hold responsibility too?

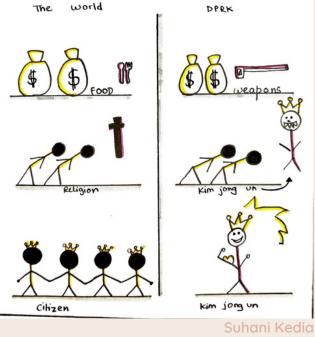
27 th April, 2022: "As said with great power comes great responsibility, but what happens when power is given but there is no responsibility?" the delegate of turkey came off with a strong opening, by right off the bat calling North Korea not only an irresponsible nation, but also managed to paint its power in a negative light. However, the question arises, has DPRK even harmed another nation so far? By now we're all well versed with the power DPRK has held, with such pride, since 2006, yet no single country has incurred any harm by it, so if it really holds any ill-intentions, why has it, given its

impetuous decision-making president, not taken any action so far? For if there's one thing we know for sure, is that Kim Jong-Un is not one for patiently sitting around, and impulsive decisions are definitely one thing we can count on from his side.

North Korea was then confronted by Japan, who voiced their disagreements upon the matter by stating "when it comes to Japan's peace and security we shall not hesitate, we shall develop nuclear weapons as we have the means to develop a very large arsenal in a very short period of time that is why we are also called a legitimate nuclear site" who is also a known ally of the US, and with this rather intriguing speech, retaliated the delegate of Pakistan, by crisply inquiring, "are you trusting the United States more than DPRK, even after USA has attacked you, not once, but twice in the

past?" which also sheds light to another issue, what exactly makes the United States more trustworthy than DPRK? For if we speak taking past actions of the nation into consideration, it should be taken as just as, if not less reliable than DPRK.

All in all, each country understandably will rush to its own defence and self-preservation, so we simply hope that a peaceful agreement can be sought, and nations can survive in harmony.



DOMINANT DPRK? what are the countries opinions on DPRKS nuclear power possession?

By Pia Kanwar

what are the countries opinions on DPRKS nuclear power possession?

The session was commenced once again in hope for a resolution to be found, the delegate of turkey began the GSL with a powerful speech talking about their hopes for a peaceful world, the delegate of turkey believes that DPRK possessing nuclear power is a threat to the rest of the world, the delegate also mentions the strain that is put on the environment that comes from the testing initiated in DPRK ."with great power comes great responsibility, but what happens when power is given but there's no responsibility.

Meanwhile, Ethiopia believes in the total denuclearization of all countries, rather than just DPRK, Ethiopia also touches upon the topic of their belief in complete peace and how even if the country had enough financial aid to possess nuclear powers, they would choose not to.

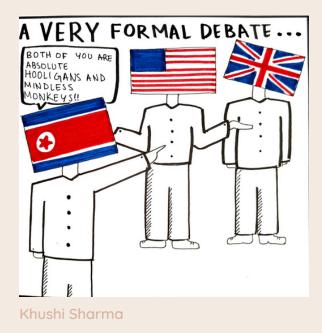
The aggression shown by DPRK causes instability and insecurity across the boarders especially the countries neighboring ,as mentioned the nuclear aggression is a serious hazard for developing countries in south east Asia and Africa.

Meanwhile the delegate of Japan informs the committee that they will not hesitate to develop nuclear weapons when it comes to Japan's safety and security.

The delegate of Indonesia does not support the intercontinental ballistic missiles moreover does not support the possession nuclear powers however, The delegate says they don't believe that sanctions help with the bettering of DPRK.

Pakistan gives us a different view of this situation.

Pakistan believes that the nuclear weapons owned by DPRK is only for self defense, and is only used during urgent crisis and threats. Pakistan completely follows the non-nuclear aggression act with India. Pakistan and DPRK also hope to become permeant members of the security council.





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PRESS CONFERENCE

Shadow over ties

By Sanjana Bhat and Anika Rawat

Q1. The Delegate of Russia claimed that their troops placed in Ukraine are simply under a "special military operation" whereas the Delegate of Ukraine clearly stated in their speech that it is an invasion. Is there any justification the delegate could offer as to why it was prepared to resort to such drastic measures instead of engaging in peaceful dialogue with the opposition?

Ans- The Delegate of Russia stated that placing troops in Ukraine was well within their rights as Ukraine has violated the Minsk agreement and has refused to acknowledge LPR and DPR.

Q2. What are the costs to Russia, both economically and politically to engage in the invasion of Ukraine?

Ans- The delegate of Russia expressed that the country's economy will take a hit but not drastically. They claim they are prepared to take the loss for the security and well-being of the nation.

Q3. What is the economic damage to Ukraine now, and how has it increased in the event of a Russian invasion?

Ans- The delegate of Ukraine spoke about how the economy of Ukraine depends on the import and export of goods. This invasion by Russia is greatly decreasing these transactions which caused them a major financial loss.

Q4. What do you Russians think about the war? And what impact would this invasion or "special military operations" have upon the citizens and civilians of Russia?

Ans- Delegate of Russia claimed that the citizens will be joyous to see the liberation of neighboring nations and removal of NATO.

After "the special military operation" the delegate expressed that the citizens of Ukraine and Russia would be seen collectively, as two bodies and one soul.

Q5. USA's actions imply that they support Russia but in reality they are one of the founding countries of NATO. Elaborate on it.

Ans- The delegate of USA stated that simply conversing with Russia or other countries does not mean that USA is wishing to make an alliance with them. USA firmly stands in support of Ukraine and whole-heartedly believes in democracy.

Q6. Could the delegate of DPRK elaborate as to why NATO should stop expanding eastward?

Ans- the delegate of DPRK expressed that the expansion of Neetu East word would pose as a threat to Russia as NATO is making alliances with Russia's neighboring countries. If these nations were to join hands with NATO then they would I have enough firepower to invade Russia.

Q7. Could this turn into World War III?

Ans- This invasion of Ukraine could turn into a NATO- Russia war very quickly. A small comfort is that as long as there is no direct involvement of NATO, the absolute risk of a full-scale war is relatively low.

THIS IS A PLEA

By anika rawat

The events of the past month Have shook us all. The development of nations Has taken a huge fall. Death and destruction have Spread like a virus, How long will it go on We tire of this. People have been forced to go under the ground and their lives have come to a standstill, but, there may be hope to be found to survive with an unwavering will. To make it out of this As well as one can, Escape to a place safe of any child or man. This is a plea for help, this is a cry Of outrage, We yell to be free, to be let out of this cage. To walk the open streets once more, To not be frightened for our lives When we open the door. This is plea for the war to be stopped We cannot live like this We want back the life We miss.



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WILL THE MIGRANTS SEEK JUSTICE? IS BELARUS TO BE BLAMED? OR THE EU?

By Sara Patel

Day 2 started with the delegate of Belarus's very controversial speech which was not received well by the committee. They stated in their speech "the EU has time and again denied their entry and hence the responsibility has come on our shoulders to provide the hopeful migrants with the best we can". The delegate was faced with the question asked by the delegate of El Salvador "if Belarus wanted to help men why did they create the crisis in the first place?" to which Belarus answered "it was EU who created the crisis by providing sanctions" this lead to a word war between the two delegates as, the delegate of El Salvador asked the follow up question "and if Belarus support human rights then why did they use migrants as political weapons?"

The delegate of Canada said in their speech "the Belarus regime is giving them (migrants) no choice but to enter the EU, and the Belarus army is often found to assaulting the migrants. We stand with the EU and remain committed to ensuring the regime is held accountable".

The delegate of El Salvador's response to the question "what are your views on the crisis "we have to figure out a solution, my solution is to transport the migrants to UK". The delegate of Latvia said, "both are at fault but I think Belarus is at fault as dumping people at the border without food, clothes, sleeping bags or anything is a human rights violation". The question remains will the blame game stop? Will the committee take responsibility and be able to come up with a solution?



BLAME GAME WILL THE REFUGEES EVER GET REAL HELP?

By Sameeksha Gupta

The past few months we have been seeing the Belarusian - European crisis in which Belarus led thousands of innocent migrants to trespass, stay and eventually freeze to death without resources on the belarusian-european border. We saw how Belarus abandoned their own people to take revenge from the EU for issuing sanctions against belarus. Moreover while we were in the middle of crisis where we actually know that Belarus is in the wrong, they have broken human rights, they have risked innocent people's lives in the name of revenge and also blamed EU for the crisis as they first sanctioned them ,but what are the other countries doing except putting the whole blame on belarus and taking no responsible for the dire state of the refugees. whether if its EU who has done nothing but put the entire responsibility of the crisis on belarus but the truth of the matter is that they are also to blame as they did nothing but worsen the crisis,

It was the EU who tortured and ill - treated with the migrants who tresspassed on the belarusian-european border and if belarus has broken human rights then so have the EU. not only EU for months now we have seen poland and jordan criticize belarus for its actions but what have they actually done besides blaming others, poland has only made excuses of giving limited resources to help the refugees saying that they have limited finances but in reality they just spent 150 million euros on sanctioning a wall although to help innocent people they don't have money, same with jordan who claimed big promises of giving financial aid to EU and help take in 500 refugees but all of them are just hollow promises.



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WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA- A COUNTRY OF THE BRAVE

The White House Situation Room pulls off two successful plans of action By Aashee Dhiman

Imagine that you are with your family, walking around an art museum with smiles on your faces, your kids getting excited about later having lunch at a nice restaurant- when you get the information that two prospective terrorists may be in the same museum as you.

That is exactly what the people of New York felt like as three suspicious men walked into the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

This is a very proud moment for our country as two plans of action have been successfully executed in the past 48 hours. The first one 'We didn't start the fire but now we have to pull it out', was a huge success as we have now recaptured Afghanistan from the Taliban and Al-Qaeda, while the second one 'Here We Are We're Back Again (saving New York)' was successful in safely evacuating the civilians outside the museum and apprehending the suspects.

THIS is the America we know. The one that will put the life of its citizens before any other political agendas. That will keep moving forward despite the amount of danger, while also not being impulsive and thinking every action through.

There were zero civilian or NYPD casualties in 'Here We Are We're Back Again'. Along with that, the Taliban are facing defeat in Kabul. After 20 morbid years of struggle against the Taliban, America has shown the world that it does not accept defeat. The way the Taliban had been mentally and physically assaulting the people of Afghanistan was horrifying, but not anymore. Our brave officers, military personnel, the bomb squad and the higher authorities have made us proud and there is no way that us, the civilians can pay them back.

There is no better time to say 'Long Live America' than right now, because with a government like ours, a police department like ours, a military like ours, America will live long- maybe even forever.

The Taliban now knows that America will not stand the abuse of innocent people. It will fight for the weak, provide for the needy and will always be united.



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HOW COULD ACHING INCOMENTATION OF COUNTER TERRORISM

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Newsletter

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THE ONE WITH THE RAT

The director of counter terrorism sells out the WHSR to terrorists

By Bhuvi Rao

The session commences at 8.30 with a new crisis, whereby three men were spotted at 8.10, less than a mile from the Times Square. They seemed to be scouting the area; taking pictures, talking on the phone and gathering information about the exact location of the nearby museum of modern arts, John F. Kennedy Airport, etc. they drove a white Toyota Canary and went into the museum of modern arts immediately after. There are suspected to be terrorists.

The delegates are provided 5 minutes to prepare speeches and then the committee enters into a round robin. The White house council suggests sending in CIA agents to gather information about where these men are. The Secretary of energy puts forward the possibility that these men may be armed or may even be suicide bombers. Here he suggests "sending in the NYPD to

neutralize the threat".

The white house chief of staff says that they had a plan with the president of the United States to protect the civilians in case terrorists targeted the country again, and it is time to put that plan in action now. They challenged Al Qaeda to "try and attack US again, we will show them why the Unites States is the most formidable of superpowers." Her speech is met with general assent.

The committee enters into an unmoderated caucus for 25 minutes to try and figure out how to deal with this new threat. They are panicking because these men are presumably armed and the Americans seem to be no match against this sudden unannounced threat. They have not reached a formal decision, though suggestions include sending the full force of America's military capability.

Someone has leaked classified information from the white house situation room to the terrorists.

Everybody is suddenly suspicious of one another, and for good reason. The EB seems to like the suggestion that they could be the one who leaked the sensitive information.

The deputy director of the CIA is "disgusted by this act of treason" and thinks that executing the culprit would be the best course of action.

The commander of the joint special operations command blatantly accuses the director of counter terrorism, so does the national security advisor, both arguing that he has seemed shifty and uncomfortable since the topic came up. The home and security advisor is sending accusations flying in all directions, at the international press, who, he says, were in the room throughout and have cameras to document the entire spectacle, and at the US ambassador the UN.





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THE INDIAN CABINET

CRACKS IN THE CABINET

The Indian Cabinet Destroys India

By Aanya Sharma

Day 2 of the Indian Cabinet begins in confusion with many errors in the first Plan of Action proposed by Chief of RAW, Chief of Army Staff and Air Staff, Defence Minister and Minister of Information and Broadcasting. The EB, displaying its knowledgeability once more, does not hesitate to point them all out, refusing to accept the points without the delegates stating their sources which the delegates failed to provide. The Defence Minister then begins questioning his own Plan of Action and left everyone in the committee with heads reeling. With a decidedly bad start to the committee, one is

forced to question: can the Indian Cabinet truly be trusted with an entire nation's security with the incompetency they are currently displaying?

In an even more bizarre turn of events, the Defence Minister begins to argue vehemently with the EB that the second Plan of Action being explained by Director of Intelligence Bureau is useless. The EB, seeming highly amused, gives the delegates two minutes to speak freely in which the sponsors of both Plan of Action's wage a war of words. In a time of such crisis, the Cabinet is not standing together and the cost of this is not only the lives of the Mumbai citizens, but a nation that trusts them with every breath they draw.

Now, after a voting for the Plan of Action(s), the votes are tied to the exact number! The EB now gives the committee a two minute unmoderated caucus to convince others to join their POA's. The committee explodes in shouts and screaming matches between delegates, painting the perfect picture of a fish market if the fish were alive enough to argue about the prices of their sales. The caucus ends with the Director of Intelligence Bureau getting gagged but his POA still managing to get the most votes.

The Defence Minister's quote, "I backstabbed them because I get marks now," should sum up the happening's in the committee during a small break excellently. Additionally, we seem to have traitors in the Cabinet. A source states that in the break, some delegates questioned others on the POA, and these are their direct answers. The DGP of Maharashtra said, "We'll laugh", CM of Maharashtra said, "We'll just make memorials", MARCOS said "Marne do kya pharak padhta hai" in regard of the civilians that may die because of their POA. Furthermore, when these people were questioned on their statements, their responses were either to be utterly speechless or tried to justify their statements by saying that they were talking about the civilians, not the terrorists. When questioned if they would make memorials for the terrorists, they were left utterly speechless and completely humiliated.

We now enter a snack break after which the committee will convene once again. Let us hope that this time, the Cabinet will take its duty seriously and face the future with heads held high.

CRACKS IN THE CABINET CONFRONTATION

By Enakshi Jain

Q) A source states that in the break, some delegates questioned you and these are your direct answers, the DGP of Maharashtra said "we'll laugh", CM of Maharashtra said "we'll just make memorials", chief of MARCOs said "marne do kya farak padta hai" in regard of the civilians that may die because of you. Justify yourselves.

Ans: the delegates at first were left speechless. Then after a few seconds of quick thinking the chief of MARCOs replied that this statement was taken out of context and that these statements were made about the terrorists. However others in the committee like the chief of RAW rebuffed this saying that they were present while these statements were being mad and it is improbable that 2 – 3 people heard the statements incorrectly. The chief minister of Maharashtra tried to take another approach saying that the statements were made about the civilians and memorials would be made to support their families

Q) to the defence minister: Do you think attacking your own POA will help with the unity and togetherness required during this difficult time?

Ans: in response to the second question the defence minister replied that the protection and safety of the citizens is the first priority of the committee. Then a blame game ensued as the defence minister transferred the blame onto the director of the intelligence bureau. The chief of communication chimed in saying that the information was effectively communicated to the intelligence bureau.

Q) To the CM of Maharashtra: what happened to the state emergency fund and why is it not being spent?

Ans : after a minute of confusion on the chief ministers part she spoke up saying that the fund was used up when the information of the terrorists first reached them on the 1st august. When asked if the fund was spent or still in their pockets the chief minister directed the blame onto the finance minister who was absent.

Q) To the EB: Why is the co-chair so informal? Is he part of a conspiracy?

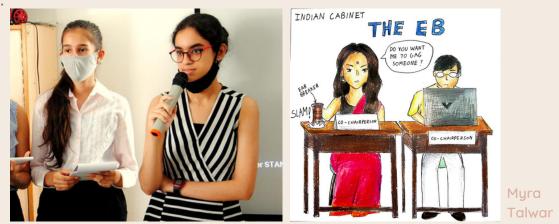
Ans: the co-chair said "have you ever seen a parliament meeting? Then said "Are you looking for good results or a formal committee?". He then accused his co-chair of not participating enough.

Q) if the director of intelligence bureau had accepted the defence minister's sponsorship, he would have switched the POA. Do you believe this concept of abandoning a sinking ship is a good quality in a cabinet minister?

Ans: the chief of the army staff agreed saying that she does not believe it is a good quality and accepted that she made a mistake in her plan of action.

Q) How do you account for the deaths of 12 people and the injuries of many others out of which 15 have been hospitalised?

Ans: The defence minister said that "death is inevitable". Then he was asked is it not the job of the Indian cabinet to prevent such deaths. He added that the cabinet is under great pressure. When questioned on was the cabinet not supposed to function under great pressure the delegate was rendered speechless.



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