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Price of Peace

Unexpected things- surprises- do occur not only in war, but in peace as well.

The most glaring instance was the award of the Nobel peace prize this year. Against the expectations of millions all over the globe, some outsiders won the race. Malala Yousafzai the youngest one to be the winner, missed out at the end.

The selectors or decision makers no doubt had valid reasons to offer the Prize to the team of experts now engaged in the dangerous task of destroying the chemical weapons in the possession of the Syrian government.

How can one say, they are better claimants to such an International award. Each one of the scientists is risking their lives in order to make the world a better place to live.

What did Malala Yousafzai Do? One may question. An innocent teenager from Pakistan who was a victim of the Taliban extremists, and survived due to the excellent efforts by British doctors who brought her back to life.

She wanted to have an education in her own country. She spoke for it, in the face of threats to her own life. Education is a privilege and even denied to a large population of young girls, and not only Muslim girls. Malala Yousafzai became the youngest ever to address the UN General Assembly; she took a simple message to the world. It would have been heard in all corners of the world, including the lands which deny a proper education to a substantial proportion of their population, i.e. the girls. Was it taken seriously or was it another PR exercise to be filed away for future?

UN has its own agencies to take the message to its member countries, and some would have taken note of it.

Is that sufficient?

Are the UN agencies those who applauded Malala Yousafzai at the assembly prepared to work to achieve this almost impossible task?

If the world populations, including its leaders are properly "educated", the need to consider chemical weapons destruction team would not even have arisen. Really educated and committed persons are capable of better communication and problem solving, than Obama, Ban Ki Moon, Cameron and the rest put together. Only draw back was that such persons were in short supply at this most urgent moment.

Ban Ki Moon reelected General Assembly Secretary, would have made presentations and statements calling for Peace in Syria for the best of four years, all in vain. Barak Obama added to this with his threats and warnings' to Assad and his government, not to the rebels at any time. None of them could go beyond words, statements and challenges. Did anyone listen to them one may ask.

George Bush, the war President of the US went after Saddam Hussein in order to destroy his hidden Weapons of Mass Destruction. After the fall of Saddam, experts went looking for the weapons, did not find them. Even now innocent Iraqis die in their hundreds daily in the newly created Democratic Iraq.

What would the Nobel Peace Prize winner Obama and his co-operators say if one were to tell them this; -You created the situation necessitating the destruction of chemical weapons in Syria, by your own Megaphone Diplomacy and procrastination. The Peace Prize this time is an award for your failure.

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