PREFACE

Terrorism has put a great challenge to Global Security. As we approach the twenty-first century there is no sign of any slackening of academic interest in the study of terrorism and eliminating it. The general fear that pervades a political and social order, the psychological state of imbalance, and the particular and material damage to life and property done by terrorists are intended to advance vested interests, be it short or long term, limited or unlimited.

Contemporary terrorism has emerged as challenge to global security and reveals certain new trends and dangers. Terrorists have practiced using such an obvious delivery system as the ultra-light aircraft, and doubtless they will also study remotely piloted aerial vehicles. This world is witness to new events, new groups and emerging trends as well as variation of older patterns.

Throughout the world individuals, terrorist’s outfits and rogue states used terrorism as an strategic instrument for vested interests. Terrorists always use to correlate their dreaded campaigns with religion, liberty, and social harassment. Modus operandi of terrorists is so cunning that they have made their image of benevolent of general public.

League of Nations and UNO cannot check effectively the menace and couldn’t fulfill the expectations of general public. Governments with full sovereignty have all rights and established by law are desperate and helpless before criminal nature.

This thesis treats seriously trends, ideology, strategy of terrorists, not only their bloody acts. The thesis contains five chapters.

In first chapter “Introduction” the discussion has covered the meaning, historical background, definition, types and causes of terrorism.
Second chapter "Terrorism and Global Security" is an attempt made to discuss that how terrorism affects the security at national and global levels and what are the impacts of terrorism on world community. It is also pertinent to point out here that national security needs to be defined in a broader manner and this chapter emphasized on trends and future threats of terrorism to global security.

Third chapter "Terrorism as an Strategic Instruments" mainly emphasized on tactics applied on individuals, groups or at various levels for fulfillment of vested interests.

Fourth chapter "Role of International Organization and Terrorism" focused on positive or negative roles of world organizations i.e. role of various military alliances, regional organizations and UNO in reference of Terrorism.

In Fifth chapter "Counter Terrorism" the main focus of discussion is the measures adopted to counter the terrorism till date and it is also emphasized on suggesting new model for countering the terrorism and future threats.

Lastly, thesis contains "Finding & Suggestions and Conclusion of the Research".

The most apparent contribution attempted by the thesis is its purview of terrorism in 21st century. I hope that the thesis will be of reliable assistance to university students, social scientists, defence personnel and military professionals, security and strategy analysts and others interested to know more about what contemporary terrorism is and what its consequences will be.

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