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## Yemen: a Country That Nobody Sees and Nobody Hears



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With the exception of Italy, European countries have ignored the fact that the Mediterranean has literally turned into a refugee graveyard. Nobody cared that thousands of people, including women and children, were dying as they tried to cross the Mediterranean.

The Germans thought about their public deficits. Spain wondered whether tourism revenues would rise this year, while the French debated their new intelligence law.

Yet when migrants began entering the Balkans via the Aegean, and from there into the European heartland, then their drama began finding a place on the European agenda. Yet its presence on that agenda did not, of course, mean that a humane solution was found. Indeed, rather than seek a solution, some European politicians began saying the most inhumane and disgraceful things, such as, "Let us send money and Turkey can keep them," "We will become a minority if we admit migrants" and "We will admit Christian migrants, but not Muslims." How quickly the Europeans seem to have forgotten that their prosperity was built on the resources obtained from the countries of refugees arriving from Africa and the Middle East.

Countries from Africa to the Far East, such as Libya, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Chad had always been the colonies of various European countries. Europeans extracted their raw materials and processed them using the people of the regions as their workforce. Now today many people in these lands are abandoning those lands out of fear for their lives and are trying to reach Europe.

In addition to Libya, Syria, Afghanistan and Iraq, Yemen is also now staring disaster in the face. The Red Cross's declaration that "Yemen after five months looks like Syria after five years" reveals the terrible nature of the situation.

Yet Yemen does not make the headlines as frequently as other countries in a similar predicament. It suffers greater devastation each and every day, and hunger and diseases are spreading fast. People sitting in their own homes are killed by bombs. The death toll is now regarded as mere statistical data, and does not even attract the interest of the press agencies.

In its latest report regarding Yemen, Amnesty International said that the Saudi-led bombing of Yemen had resulted in a "trail of civilian death and destruction" and that this was a "war crime." The figures in the report reveal that 4,000 people have died to date in the operations, and that civilians constituted half of these.

The drama playing out in Yemen is not limited to murder and slaughter alone. The UN says that 80% of the 20 million civilians in Yemen stand in need of aid, and describes this as a "catastrophe."

Gerçek şu ki Yemen sorununa kesin bir çözüm bulunamamasının altında yatan asıl sebepler bencillik, kişisel çıkarlar, hırslar, umursamazlık gibi birtakım ahlaki bozukluklar. Bu bozuklukları ortadan kaldırmanın yegane yolu, insanların ahlaki duyarlılıklarını artırmak. Vicdanının sesini dinleyen, sevgi, şefkat, merhamet hisleri güçlü, yardımlaşmanın ve paylaşmanın öneminin farkında olan bir insanın böyle büyük bir dram karşısında sessiz kalması, duyarsız davranması mümkün olamaz. O halde asıl sorun dünya üzerindeki ahlaki zaaftır, sevginin yok olmasıdır. En büyük sorunlardan biri olarak kabul edilen mülteci sorununu çözecek olan da, bu ahlaki zaaftan arınmış, şefkat ve merhamet hisleriyle dopdolu insanların yaygınlaştığı sevgi dolu bir dünyadır.

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