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Medicine and food Bio-Terrorism

Jameh Ehyagaran Teb Sonnati va Salamat Iranian expresses its grave concern towards the blatant violation of right to life and right to health of developing societies by economic and industrial powers and draws the attention of UN Human Rights Council report mechanism to the use of medicine and food bio-terrorism as one of the most serious crimes against humanity tools for the realisation of big powers goals and interests.

The bio-terrorism phenomenon is a criminal act which used biological and chemical weapons against ordinary citizens and civilians, and the perpetrators of these crimes often use micro-organisms such as bacteria, viruses and fungi or poisons produced by these micro-organisms in weapons, bombs and or in their other criminal acts. But with the clarification of the new repercussions of bio-terrorism, recently this phenomenon in medical, health, long-term defence policy-settings, agriculture spheres and also countries' national security levels have been raised.

In the recent decades, the view of the bio-terrorism phenomenon has exited the terrorist and military campaigns limits and any form of planned action which directly or indirectly through threat against physical, food and environmental security of a society is endangered in the short and long-term, is deemed as a form of bio-terrorism. With this view, citizens of developing countries are threatened by acts of bio-terrorism by industrial countries and military superpowers, which at times is the result of citizens' lack of awareness and planners or weak laws of these countries and the profit-seeking approach of superpowers.

In this view of bio-terrorism, no longer only bacteria and viruses are the elements of bio-terror attacks and threats, but new factors are at the service of terrorism, that include health and makeup goods, genetically engineered foods which have not been approved and their effects are tested on the people of the Third World, new drugs of big drugs manufacturers are sent as gifts to Third World countries, dangerous wastes which are sent to poor countries as second hand consumer goods, dangerous food additives, pollution of the agriculture and farming sectors of countries and food products which are threatened by terrorist elements to reach profiteering goals.

In all of this more than other factors, food and medicine are two important strategic goals for bio-terror acts with a large scale are the ones that often used for bio-terror attacks against the people of a targeted country.

Western countries medicinal bio-terrorism against the poor people of the world is one of the main forms of this phenomenon which are applied by drug manufacturing companies of these countries. These companies use the people of the Third World as guinea pigs, so that they can test the drugs that they have to get approval for their countries are tested. This is while these types of actions of western companies are deemed as a form of humanitarian measures.

In spite of the problems created in Africa and other countries that are targeted by big drug manufacturing companies, these companies continue doing new drugs tests in poor countries and are expanding these tests.

Jameh Ehyagaran Teb Sonnati va Salamat Iranian deems the actions of food and drugs companies in Third World countries as bio-terrorism where a vast number of the Third World population fall victims to, especially children.

While deeming bio-terrorism as an example of crimes against humanity, Jameh Ehyagaran Teb Sonnati va Salamat Iranian calls on the UN Special Rapporteurs on right to health and right to life to deem bio-terrorism as one of the serious right to life and health violating tools against targeted countries of this phenomenon and in their reports highlight this important point

Also Jameh Ehyagaran Teb Sonnati va Salamat Iranian calls upon the Special Rapporteur on Terrorism to recognise bio-terrorism as one of the blatant forms of terrorism and review and question violating powers and superpowers.