Terrorism means the threat or use of force against civilians or armed forces for the political or personal interest. Terrorism has become one of the most dangerous forms of international crimes. Terrorists attack the civilian population to create terror or general harassment in society. They resort to bombing, killing, hijacking and large scale destruction of property. A large number of innocent civilians have been killed in these savage attacks. A wave of terror and insecurity has travelled around the globe. People are wonder-struck and terrified at the cruel activities of terrorists in spite of great measures of security and defense.

Terrorism is the most horrible threat of today. The main motive of international terrorism is to weaken a country politically, socially, economically and administratively. Though much effort is in progress to eliminate terrorism from society but it cannot be rooted out unless some international laws of justice are devised.

As a wise man said:

“Whenever and wherever, there is injustice, terrorism cannot be eradicated.”

Narrow mindedness, fanaticism, fundamentalism, intolerance and religious extremism are considered the main causes of terrorism politics and religious extremists do not tolerate their opponents and try to eliminate them. While some culprits do it for temptations of money. It is also a fact that some intelligence agencies cause terrorism in enemy countries to destabilize them.

Edward Cribbon said:

“Fanaticism obliterates the feeling of humanity.”

Recent hijacking of American passenger airlines and crashing them against the towers of the World Trade Centre in New York, and pentagon in Washington is probably the worst incident of terrorism in the world. Americans want to punish some individuals and countries whom they blame for terrorist activities in various parts of the world. Usama Bin Ladin and some specific countries are their targets.

It is said that:

“Terrorism never leads to victory.”

Islam is the most misunderstood and misinterpreted religion in the West. A religion that stands for peace and justice has been misrepresented as a religion of war and fanaticism. The Muslims are depicted by the western media as extremists, fanatics, terrorists, backward and devoid of disciplines. On religious issues, they are emotional and intolerant. Fundamentalists believe that they are the right people and all the rest are heretics.

As Anatale France said:

“It is better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot.”
On the other hand, there is no organized Muslim media anywhere in the Muslim world that can refute this western disinformation and give an accurate picture of what is really going on. The west is in fact under the psychological pressure of the glorious past of the Muslims. Soon after the demise of communism in the Soviet Union, Islam was perceived as the only ideological force to overcome the whole world.

A philosopher has rightly said:

"Terrorism is nothing but the accumulation of all the evils."

The Muslim concept of Islamic fundamentalism is the strict adherence to the age of Holy Prophet (P.B.U.H). It is an effort to implement the Islamic principles of the golden age in the world of today for the revival of Islam. Jihad is totally different from the acts of terrorism. Jihad means exertion, striving and endeavour for the cause of God. Its object is to bring an end to oppression and aggression against Islam. Its object is not to propagate Islam by the use of sword.

The Holy Quran has emphasized Jihad for noble cause:

“It is Fight against those who treat helpless men, women and children cruelly.”

Terrorism is also different from political or liberation movement. The Kashmir liberation movement against India, the Palestine liberation movement against Israel and Chechen liberation movement against Russia cannot be regarded as the terrorist movements. They are engaged in an armed struggle to get freedom from the cruel rules. They are fighting against aggression.

Craft Sagan said:

“If we like them, they are freedom fighters...
if we don't like them, they are terrorists.”

Terrorism is an evil. It must be fought against at all levels. Government and nations must join hands to crush this evil and its agents. At the same time, the United Nations must take steps and leave no stone unturned to remove the reasons of deprivation and germs of dissatisfaction, deprivation and injustice from various regions of the world.

As Martin Luther king said:

“Mankind must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.”

May God devoid us from such horrible destructions of terrorism. (Ameen)