

The Impact of Global Political Changes on the Afghan State and Society in the 1970s

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Abstract:

In this paper an attempt is made to highlight the global political changes and its impact on political, social and economic cross currents of Afghan society and state. Why the Afghans were expecting a change from their own rulers in the wake of global socio, economic and political changes and how the inward looking fragmented Afghan society was further divide on ideological lines gave birth to more fusion and fission at micro and macro level. In a much broader context and in a wider perspective, however, the present study will encompass the following main issues: Why the tug of war was continued for constitutional rights between the public and palace in 1970s and why the 1964 constitution failed to address the main issues twisting around the tribal society and the educated elite vis-a vis the traditional monarch in Kabul and how geopolitical crosscurrents in the surrounding region of Afghanistan and the intricacies of Pak-Afghan relations determine the parameters of covert and overt political activities with their own publications trying to change a canvas in the traditional tribal society of Afghanistan for their own political gains. Keywords: Daud Khan, PDPA, Pakhtunistan, Sardar Daud, Khalq, Parcham, Noor Muhammad Taraki, Babrak Karmal

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