Editorial

Brain Drain

Human capital flight most commonly known as Brain Drain is large scale emigration of large group of individuals which have technical skills and knowledge. There are many reasons like lack of opportunities, political instability, economic depression, health risks, law and order situation, and most importantly injustice in the society.

Brain drain is usually considered as drainage of capital as emigrants take with them, fraction of value of their training sponsored by the government or the society. The term brain drain was first used by the royal society to describe the emigration of scientists and technologists to North America from post war Europe. A more recent example is emigration of Doctors, scientist and engineers from Pakistan India Subcontinent to the 1st world countries.

Over the past few decades more and more Pakistanis especially the young doctors and other skilled workers have been settling abroad and this number is increasing alarmingly. This is due to the fact that these “Brains” economic and political. According to Dr. Fitzhugh Washington University, poor nation leaves a hole. Data shows that 20 percent of their richer nations and Pakistan lack of opportunities, lawlessness, increasing tolerance in society, consideration of merit in driving force for this trend.

We cannot achieve long-term economic growth by exporting our skilled human resource. Our political leaders always talk of poverty alleviation, corruption, provision of justice, health, education and all basic needs to the masses. Who is going to rectify these—the uncreative bureaucracy, feudal or corrupt politicians with a big “No”. The most talented should lead the people, create wealth and eradicate poverty and corruption.

The greatest effect of brain drain on any county is what is seen in Pakistan today; rampant corruption, poor administrations, lack of motivation and a fast diminishing nationalism. Whatever the solution it needs to come fast and it needs to be come now otherwise—when the educated are away, the uneducated will play—as they are doing at the moment.

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