The Role of Public Security in Society

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Abstract

Public Security represents one of basic foundations of comprehensive security in any social system. The sustainable development of public security leads to strengthened independence and stability of the social system. Security and its dimensions are phenomena which are in the center of people`s and social groups` attention in social development between the status quo and desired condition. Therefore, public security depends on scientific identification of objectives and ideals of society, requirements, and limitations. In general, public security and security sociology consist of maintaining social privacy, eliminating risks, and optimal use of opportunities. In line with this stability, social life promotion can be created along with measures in order to obtain citizen`s life opportunities. In this way, the ground is prepared for social values, sense of being together, and citizen`s social capabilities, etc. in line with sustainable development and all-round development. Public security prepares the ground for individual and societal growth and evolution. The main objective of Holy Quran and divine prophets is to create such conditions to reach peace and evolution to the summit of objective.

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Introduction

Public security is one of the main needs of a nation because dynamism in the path of science and spirituality, development and technology, economics and art is owed to Public Security. When individuals and society are faced with fair behavior; their characters and personalities are protected and respected; and their social rights are maintained, they feel peace and calmness in their hearts. Then, creativity and talents are flourished. Individuals then grow in the shadow of such safety and peace. As a result, the society will be dynamic. On the contrary, if individuals do not feel safe concerning important issues of life such as work, income, reputation, and social relations with society and government, they feel unrest and threatened. Any society needs public security for its functions because new conditions in societies resulting from urbanization growth, and faded social relations caused the reduction of social cohesion, civic participation, social capital, collective social relationships, etc. Collective life tends to individualism and undermine functions of social institutions. These issues give rise to social problems and crime and social deviance at large. On the other hand, functions within the social system institutions are declining and fading so that different dimensions of security are faced with critical condition by increased crime rate. Citizen’s opportunities and creativities are faced with critical condition by increased crime rate. Citizen’s opportunities and creativities are disappearing, leading to multiple concerns concerning the collective life. As it can be seen, the continuity of public security aspects can guarantee the security of society and social institutions. How should the contexts of security be constructed in social interactions?

Sociological studies need to consider the security. In societies where social gap, poverty, prostitution, drug addiction, vision and ideological conflicts, health, materialistic relationship of human, conflicts, misunderstanding, alienation and disorientation, etc. are considered social harms and deviations, what are the most important functions and objectives of this social phenomenon?

Security in Literature

Since security consist of different human modes, it is defined the state of being free from danger or threat. Security is a mode being felt in peace and calmness. This calmness can mean that human’s abilities, facilities, and assets are not threatened. If development is considered within the security, individual’s sense of value in society is also considered another aspect of security. Therefore, it is claimed that security needs to be sought in families, schools, government, and society; however, the attitudes governing society and government leave important effects on security. As soon as individual security is identified, people need to join various social groups or communities in order to establish the security. This level of security is discussed as public security. Public security is a type and level of confidence where individuals play a key role in. Public security is the axis of balance between individual and society. Individual’s small ship reach peace in the sea of public security. In this mode, individuals can reach their objectives and success. As a result, society reaches excellence. Public security prepares the ground for individual’s and society’s growth and evolution. The main objective of divine prophets is also to create satisfactory situation in society in order to reach peace toward the set goals. Providing public security and preparing an appropriate environment for growths are the prerequisite for spiritual growth in moral excellence. Eliminating poverty, discrimination, and inequalities is possible in the shadow of public security.
Iran Supreme Leader’s Statement about Public Security

If individuals are supposed to select an important objective among others for life and education, undoubtedly, your goal is one of the most important and superior one. You need to thank God for this selection. Security is one of the most important and exceptional topics. Security is considered one of the most important gifts provided by God. Security is the ground for all types of success and progress. In case there is no security in society, it is one of human`s ignored rights. You took the responsibility and you are committed. In all human communities and among all social classes in different eras, there are people who cause insecurity in society by offending law and preferring their desires rather than those of others. Who is responsible to cope with them? The body which is responsible to cope with displays two important human aspects: First, concerning for people they want to defend and maintain their security and second is the power and authority aspect against those who want to break the law and discipline. They cope with those who break the law which belongs to all society members. The first aspect is showing compassion and kindness to the human. The second aspect is authority and power towards those who have not considered human rights. These two aspects need to be accumulated. You need to thank God for such responsibility. You are supposed to contemplate for the importance of this responsibility and you need to be ready. Iran’s police force is different in many ways compared to the past. There was times when police force used to only create fear and annoyance to people. Today’s police force is, however, for people; next to people; and support people. People trust police force. You do well when you are in the field. You take care of what people consider discipline and security. People trust you, like you, and are proud of you.

Types of Security from the Perspective of Sociologists

Security covers a wide range of aspects. In sociologists` points of views, "job security", "political security", economic security", "cultural security", etc. can be pointed out. These types of security are different and can be studied. In general, security is divided into "individual security" and "social security". When it comes to security, it needs to be considered in both individual and personal fields. Although they seem different and separated, they are strongly intertwined so that individual security leads to the establishment of social security. Therefore, from the perspective of sociology, individual security is the basis of social security.

Security in Holy Quran

Holy Quran considers security an important topic. Human`s peace is associated with the security. Multiple verses have pointed out to the security. Verse 126 in Al-Baqareh3, which is about the great prayers of the Messenger of Allah, Prophet Ibrahim regarding the land and people of Mecca, says that " When Abraham said, "O My Lord, make this a peaceful land, and provide its people with fruits-whoever of them believes in God and the Last Day." He said, "And whoever disbelieves, I will give him a little enjoyment, then I will consign him to the punishment of the Fire; how miserable the destiny!" (Nemouneh Interpretation, V. 10, p 365).

As it can be seen, "Security" is considered the main need of small community prior to any other needs. This shows that healthy economy is not achieved if security is not well

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3 2nd Sura [chapter of holy Qur`n]
established (Nemouneh Interpretation, V. 1, p 452). In addition to the effect of security on healthy economy, insecure lands are not habitable even if the best are available (Nemouneh Interpretation, V. 10, p 336). Public security, as a phenomenon in social development path, is the prerequisite for development between the status quo and desired conditions. Lack of development is resulted from the absence of security. According to this, this phenomenon appears to be essential concerning valuable dimension in order to reach society’s objectives and ideals in line with possibilities and restrictions on the way to development. Security and its dimensions are the product of social life and it exists as a general phenomenon in any society. Considering the unit of analysis (social groups), public security, as a collective, concrete, and specific phenomenon, is discussed at local, national, and international levels. Public security is intellectual, cultural, social, and structural software in the field of development indicators and outcomes of development. Security and its dimensions are taken into account in the social development path between status quo and desired conditions. Therefore, studying this topic depends on scientific identification of society’s goals and ideals as well as requirements and limitations. As a result, this phenomenon is classified as various social groups in sociology.

Access to Public Security from the Perspective of Quran
Today’s human has to refer to religion in order to access to sustainable security. Islam is the purest one and holy Quran is the best resource to refer to because the rules in this holy book are rooted in divine science. Such rules are accurate, leading to security. The main theme of these rules includes 1. Worshipping God and 2. Implementation of Islamic punishments. Therefore, the most important objective so social security is providing a healthy environment for worshiping God. Such environment is secure enough and people work far from various unrest in order to worship and satisfy God. They approach the objective of their creation because any material and spiritual steps are impossible in insecure environment. The civilization’s experiences of thousands of years and some insecure communities worldwide verify it. Any human activity, whether in the realm of individual activities or in social activities, pursues the objective or objectives. Efforts to create “public security” are not exception. Authorities to establish public security pursue some objectives. Holy Quran, which is responsible to educate human as the successor of God on the Earth, considers "public security establishment" a very important task and follows objectives which lead to this goal. The objective includes the elimination of seditions and consideration of obligations. Sociology studies security within political and social relation context in community and among citizens. Three main pillars of security are public security, social capital, and social movements. Security sociology is not possible without these three main pillars. The creation and expansion of security in social fields are concentrated by drawing these three factors. Some variables such as social cohesion, teamwork, sense of belonging to social values, social capital and capacity, group thinking, social trust, social organizations and movements, and in general the Group are discussed in the sociology of security. Studying such indicators determines the political and social fragility or stability (Nasri, 2002). Considering these elements and variables, it is concluded that Iran community yields a minor vulnerability and accordingly stable and appropriate national security. In terms of public security, Barry Buzan argues that this phenomenon is a set of features by which people individuals consider themselves members of a certain social group. In other words, public security is necessitated because it is linked with personal life, leading to group identities. According to such
necessity, Barry Buzan believes that the organic meaning of public security equals identity and public security equals identity security. He differentiate society and community and believes that society is a more ambiguous term based on official land and citizenship, while community refers to identity, social self-concept and people who consider themselves as members of the community. He also believes that community consists of some groups with equal identity (Torabi et al., 2004).

Among sociologists, Anthony Giddens has raised two aspects of security: The possibility of living is provided for all individuals so that modern community is defined in concrete aspect of lifestyle. In intellectual dimension, security is directed toward personal satisfaction. Mollar focuses on negative aspect of public security. Public security is obtained when community feels threatened concerning its identity elements. Barry Buzan refers public security to a set of features where people consider themselves society members. The security defined by Barry Buzan is government oriented and pays less consideration to social and cultural transformations. In this regard, it is criticized. Vior emphasized the close link between identity, society, and security. He points out that society seeks its identity security. In security-based analyses, Vior defines society as nation or tribal communities formulated based on nation’s idea. Therefore, maintaining internal conditions for identity evolution is essential for public security. Mitar used a systematic model to assess public security. In this model, he relied on the theory of anarchism and analyzes the societal affairs in different levels (individual, group, organization, community, system society, and transnational). He uses anarchy as a tool to measure system modes instead of balance. Public security is different in Iran and West. In West, public security is assessed based upon a series of internal elements. In Buzan’ opinion, public security refers to maintenance of a set of features in which individuals consider themselves the members of social groups. In other words, it points out to some aspects which organize the group identity. Buzan begins his discussion with an organic statement hidden in this theory. He believes that public security copes with some dangers which potentially or practically threaten the individuals' identities. Individuals feel committed in this regard such we, Iranian; we, women; we, Muslims; we, Arabs; etc. Any factor threatening the sense of belonging and continuity of group members endangers the identity of group considered a threat for society’s security. That is why Buzan believes that the organic concept of public security equals identity. In his opinion, public security equals identity security (Navid Nia, 2003).

Giddens argues that precarious aspect of modern society needs to be carefully considered in order to understand the necessity of security. He calls this aspect risk globalization. These risks affect people worldwide. It is effective in fate of all people around the world. Therefore, security is called a situation where certain risks have been minimized. Security depends on trust and danger. Security, whether potentially or experimentally, might be linked with a set of individuals and global security. Accordingly, Giddens defined protection against risks as security. In Giddens’ point of view, risk and security are two sides of a coin so that when security is accessible, risk has gone and when we are engaged with dangers and risks, security is hidden (Ghaffari, 2011). Public security is a hybrid term, meaning that it is provided by combining qualitative and quantitative dimensions. Quantitative dimension refers to single social object and the qualitative dimension refers to single social soul. Since the social unit requires the body and soul to survive, both dimensions need to be supplied. In a family, for example, quantitative dimension is not the only subject. Family, however, requires affection, trust, and honesty as qualitative dimension (Saroukhani et al., 2006). As a result,
distinguishing society and government is not an easy task. Giddens believes that society is the structured system of social relations which link people according to a common culture (Giddens, 2007).

### Specific Features of Public Security

**Inherency:** It means that you do not need to cause. It is necessarily, inevitably, and inescapably considered a need. Therefore, public security means safety and the need for protection.

**Inseparability:** lack of public security or any other type of security in domestic and international level causes damage to the whole security. Insiders are another important factor in public security or any other security. In macro-level, insiders are those who believe in the fixed objectives public security including social cohesion, national unity, social security, welfare, national dignity, maintaining and increasing civic participation, independence, and self-sufficiency. It also points out to effective Homeland Security Strategies.

**Comprehensiveness:** Comprehensiveness in the field of public security and generally security is connected with the inclusion, meaning that any field associated with society affairs is essential to develop public security. The reason behind comprehensiveness is to protect the individual or society from the threat and risk. Insecurity is threatening conveying being exposed to risk. Risk or the factor that eliminates public security covers situation which disturbs the excellence. Multiple factors, however, such as time, ideology, society`s domestic conditions, leaders` attitudes toward public security, and maintaining or damaging this security are important in this regard.

**Focus on justice:** This is an important issue in Islamic community. In Islamic community, it includes all divine commandments, observance of the right and justice and mutual responsibility, fairness and compassion for the people. This causes a link between public security and justice.

### Conclusion

Public security can guarantee and supply the security of social institutions. Security and its dimensions are phenomena which are in the center of people`s and social groups` attention in social development between the status quo and desired condition. Lack of development is believed to be associated with insecurity. In the holy Quran, the most important aspect of social security is to provide a healthy environment to worship God. Such environment is free from insecurity and people are able to worship God and approach the main objective of creation. Public security is linked with society`s social identity continuity in varying condition. It requires warm and efficient relationships among members, making social tolerance, social cohesion, and finally dynamic social order possible.
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