



OIL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Aryavrat is a one of the largest and most densely populated countries in the world. It was invaded by the Rottoman Empire from its southern front, and the Rottos proceeded to rule Aryavrat for a period of approximately 200 years. At the time, Aryavrat was known for its prosperity and rich culture. During their reign, the Rottos interfered with the religious practices of the Aryavans, discriminated against the native population of Aryavrat, and enacted arbitrary & discriminatory policies against them. This created an atmosphere of brewing discontentment among the people. Over the years, several uprisings and rebellions took place in Aryavrat but they were all contained by the mighty Rottoman empire.

With time, owing to internal conflicts within the Rottoman empire, the Kingdom's rule did not last beyond 200 years, and Aryavrat attained independence. Though the long and tyrannical rule, instilled the citizens with a sense of impending disaster looming over their heads. Fortunately for Aryavrat, it was able pull itself out of the precarious position that it was in post-independence. In fact, it was only with the leadership of some excellent minds that the country could emancipate itself from its dark history. Today, the country is on a path of continuous development and is recognized as a shining star on the world map.

However, politically speaking, things aren't always so rosy in Aryavrat. Soon after independence, Aryavrat declared itself a Secular Nation. This move was heavily condemned by a considerable number of its population. Successive Governments came to power by appeasement of the minorities. The original Aryans, native people of Aryavrat were neglected. People were fed-up by the so called Secular and corrupt Governments. After a long time, a Government, led by Mr. Joshi came to power with a brute majority, riding on the wave of nationalism. Mr. Joshi had promised major policy changes in favour of Aryavans and shaped the country's foreign policy accordingly. Aryavans believed that it was time Aryavrat became one of the superpowers of the world. Initially, the world economy supported Mr. Joshi, and the economic growth that followed was one of the fastest in recent memory. Aryavrat also invested heavily in defense and military R&D.

The oil rich Rottoman empire which earlier ruled the world fell and disintegrated into 13 independent countries. These Rotto countries built an organization for the smooth flow of business and regulation of oil trade, along with the third world countries. Rotoland was the country with maximum oil resources and tremendous wealth. With this, they wielded great influence in the



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organization. While Rotoland was administered by an elected government, the real power was vested in Royal Family of the Rottos with the Rotrev at its helm.

However, due to the changing geopolitical scenario, there were global tensions and Aryavrat soon fell victim to the tumultuous atmosphere. Already grappling with the burden of limited resources and a huge population, Aryavrat, was losing out on its foreign exchange reserves due to a sharp increase in the oil prices in the world market. This in turn was due to economic sanctions levied by Dotrampa, a superpower, on the organization of the 13 Rot countries. Inflation was at an all-time high and growth slowed tremendously. Seeing this, a section of indigenous Aryavans, began blaming the 'Rots', the minority population in Aryavrat. Of course, while the Rots were the minority in Aryavrat, the population of Rots in Aryavrat, in absolute terms was the 2nd largest population in the world. Subsequently, there was widespread destruction of the shrines and religious places of the Rots.

In a bid to control the situation in Aryavrat, the Government of Rotoland, with the consent of the Royal Family, sent their religious leader, the Rotrev to Aryavrat. The Rotrev, though old, was not only immensely popular amongst the Rotos but also respected the world over. However, as fate would have it, even the Rotrev was unable to control the situation in Aryavrat. In fact, riled by the presence of their religious leader, the Rots began to resist the violence committed against them. Eventually, the situation worsened to a catastrophic point, and to avoid a catastrophe, the Rotrev was compelled to flee along with the Rots to Indraprastha, the Capital of Aryavrat where the Central Government had assured them of protection and safe passage home. Many Aryavans even blamed the Government for this move and questioned the government's callous attitude. However, because of international pressure, the Government of Aryavrat, took up the task of building separate camps for the Rots.

3 days after the Rots had settled in their camps, a shocking piece of news took the world by storm. The Rotrev had suddenly fallen ill and was in a critical state. It came to light that the Rotrev had fallen ill due to side-effects of a medicine to which he was allergic. Subsequently, a team was sent by the World Peace Organisation ("WPO") to assess the situation. The report released by WPO revealed that there were instances of false arrests, torture, clashes between the inhabitants and the local groups. Meanwhile, the Rotrev was under the care of All Aryavrata Institute of Medical Sciences, ("AAIMS") a leading healthcare institute in the world. The Government of Aryavrat maintains that they only administered medication based on the medical records that were on file



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and provided by the Rotoland Government, and that there could not have been anything wrong with the medication so offered.

This incident drew a lot of criticism from the world community. Aryavrat invited sanctions and trade embargo from several countries all over the world, even those it considered its allies. Needless to say, Rotoland severed all trade ties with Aryavrata which meant a hike in oil prices for an already grappling Aryavratian economy. The situation as it stands is tense, the Rotrev is showing no signs of recovery, and he is in no condition to be flown back to Rotoland. As a retaliatory countermeasure, the Government of Rotoland has issued an 'advisory' to the Aryavan community in Rotoland and told them not to come out of their homes. Further, the High-Level Committee of the Ministry of External Affairs has been contemplating a revocation of their visas.

Talks between Aryavrat and Rotoland are moving at a snails' pace with both countries refusing to budge. The Government of Rotoland is furious that Aryavrat endorsed violence against the Rotos and that they failed to provide sufficient Medical care to the Rotrev. Aryavrat meanwhile, in addition to their stance on the medical care provided to the Rotrev, maintains its position that it is a Secular nation and it has always strived to protect the interests of its minorities. The sanctions imposed on Aryavrat have taken massive a toll on the economic potential and tensions had soared to epic proportions in the past month. In fact, a popular head of state of a Western nation offered to mediate the situation between the two countries. While both Aryavrat and Rotoland laughed of this suggestion, they decided to give the option of mediation a second look. To that end, the countries were able to arrange for a mediation to be conducted in the third week of October. Keeping in mind the financial implications of the trade relations, the mediation is set to be held in Bombay, the financial capital of Aryavrat. Rotoland, the requesting party will be represented by its Deputy Prime Minister and the Attorney General while Aryavrat will be represented by its Prime Minister and Attorney General.