

23 04 2009 Non se ne parla, ma i Talebani potrebbero prendere il controllo del Pakistan

Perché l'oro è tornato su assieme all'argento oggi? Perché il segretario di stato USA, la Clinton ha richiamato l'attenzione sul fatto che i talebani e altre milizie islamiste stanno avanzando verso Islamabad e il governo pakistano si sta sgretolando.

Si avvicina il momento in cui o intervieni, oppure i talebani e gli islamisti prendono il controllo e il problema diventano le decine di testate atomiche che ci sono in Pakistan. Non si capisce perché la grande maggioranza dei media e dei politici ignorino totalmente questa vicenda, solo la Clinton dice qualcosa. Obama ha parlato almeno 20 volte di riscaldamento globale e nemmeno mezza del Pakistan, è matematico quindi che l'America non sia in realtà preparata a fare niente e in Europa la notizia non arriva nemmeno sui media per cui sarà una sorpresa totale.

Bisogna ricordarsi che l'oro è pronto ad esplodere al rialzo: il giorno che senti dire che i talebani e i terroristi sono alla periferia di Islamabad, mentre il governo pakistano è scappato, l'oro sarà già a 1.200 o 1.500 dollari l'oncia.

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...Speaking before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington Wednesday, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton characterized the situation as a danger to Pakistan, the U.S. and the world. "We cannot underscore the seriousness of the existential threat posed to the state of Pakistan by continuing advances, now within hours of Islamabad, that are being made by a loosely confederated group of terrorists and others who are seeking the overthrow of the Pakistani state," Clinton said. She also accused Pakistan's leaders of "basically abdicating to the Taliban and the extremists" by signing the cease-fire agreement...

A spokesman for Pakistan's military said Tuesday that the peace agreement between the government and Islamist militants in the Swat region has given the Taliban an opportunity to regroup, after having been flushed out by army operations some months back. Elsewhere, the information ministers of both the federal government and North-West Frontier Province warned the Taliban group in Swat, the Tehrik-i-Nifaz-i-Shariat-Muhammadi (TNSM), to uphold its end of the peace deal and disarm, or face government action.

These comments followed statements made during the weekend by TNSM leader Maulana Sufi Muhammad: He denounced Pakistan's constitution, parliament and Supreme Court as un-Islamic and called for Sharia to be imposed throughout the country. In a related development, the rebellious imam of Islamabad's Red Mosque, Maulana Abdul Aziz — who led a bloody rising in July 2007 — was released on bail. He told followers to be ready to make sacrifices to ensure that Islam is enforced through the entire country.

As expected, the Swat "Sharia for peace" deal appears to be falling apart — within a week of being ratified. The collapse is yet another manifestation of a weakened Pakistani state being manipulated by Taliban rebels. But a far important point is that the current situation is untenable.

Pakistani government leaders cannot remain on the path of negotiations while the Taliban are going for the jugular. The entire rationale behind the peace agreement was that the insurgency in Swat could be ended if Sharia was enforced in the restive area. The Taliban not only have shown that they are unwilling to disarm, but their ambitions are escalating from a local to a national level.

This leaves the government with two choices: Either continue down the current path — allowing the jihadists to advance their cause while trying to avoid confrontation — or draw the line. In either case, conflict would be inevitable.