

# **Lumma Karima, You Did not even Lose.!**

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One must study the various national struggles for freedom worldwide to understand and interpret the national movements. The national struggle of Vietnam, Algeria, the African Countries, and those in Palestine, Kurdistan, and Bangladesh serve as good reads.

In doing so, one cannot ignore women's struggle as an essential part of national struggles. Women have been a pillar wherever there has been a national struggle. From the two sister freedom fighters of Vietnam to the African women, the Kurdish women and Leila Khaled of Palestine, the Beranganas of Bangladesh and the Baloch women played and continue to play a vital role in their respective national struggles. There is no denying the fact that "No liberation movement can succeed without women's participation."

Although the process of struggle is long-drawn and arduous, which may have different hindrances with the criminal, savage and atrocious cast of mindsets from the Despot and Oppressors. But the national movement will evolve, uniting people from different backgrounds on a single platform after facing oppression and barbarity. They may act according to the want and need of that said struggle as per their aptitude and faculties.

The Baloch national struggle has produced different leaders in the shape of Baba Khair Bux Marri, Nawab Akbar Khan Bugti, Waja Ghulam Muhammad, Dr. Mannan Baloch, Banuk Karima Baloch, Ustaad Aslam, Raza Jahangir Baloch and many more who sacrificed their lives for the liberation of the people.

Women, as said earlier, have been a pillar in the national struggle; so is the case in the Baloch liberation movement. A huge cape of women has struggled for the cause of self-determination of the Baloch Nation. Banuk Karima Baloch and Fidaeen Shaari Baloch are well-known examples.

Banuk Karima Baloch began politics under the Baloch Student Organization's platform in 2005. She was elected as a Central Committee Member of the organization in 2006 for her unmatched commitment and political background. She became the Acting Chairperson of the organization in 2014 after the Pakistan

Army abducted Zahid Kurd Baloch, then the Chairman Of BSO-Azad. Later, Banuk Karima Baloch was elected the Chairperson of the Organization in the 2015's National Council Session, becoming the first women Chairperson of a student organization in Asia. She led the organization when the Whole Nation was in despondency and dejection because of the ferocious and atrocious acts of the Pakistani forces. She did not only lead the organization in an exemplary manner but guided the whole struggle with utter determination. She was named among the 100 most persuasive and influential women by BBC in 2016 for her political role in Balochistan.

Banuk left her Motherland, Balochistan, for Canada in 2016 after BSO Azad decided to fight for the Baloch cause outside Balochistan, which was the requisite of the hour. Karima Baloch was a leader- Valiant, courageous, paradigmatic, ideal, tolerant, patient, caring, affectionate and devoted, enthusiastic and fond of the national struggle. She was ardent and passionate about her organizational activities. She did all that the struggle needed. After completing her tenure in the 2018 council session from the Baloch Student Organization, she joined the Baloch National Movement (BNM), a mass political party struggling for the independence of Balochistan. Not only was the enemy afraid when she was in Balochistan, but they feared her even when she left Balochistan.

When in Balochistan, she was threatened by the Pakistani forces and intelligence agencies, but she never gave up; instead, she groomed herself into a mass leader and continued to struggle wherever she went. The Enemies always looked forward towards her with evil eyes, to make her give up on the cause or be shot dead. Afraid of the diplomatic Karima, struggling for her people at home and around the world, the enemy, Pakistan's Intelligence agencies, martyred her on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 in Toronto, Canada. She was physically separated from us but is in our hearts and at the core of our political ideology.

The enemy tried to silence the people by carrying out an unannounced curfew. People were locked in their homes, and the forces ensured no one joined her funeral. Even then, thousands of people made it to her funeral.

The enemy feared a huge mass rally and any public reaction when Karima's corpse was brought back to Balochistan to be laid down in the lap of Balochistan. The frontier corpse sepoy's blocked the roads, and no one was allowed to travel in

Tump, even if they were the residents. Yet, people traveled via different routes to pay their tributes to Balochistan's Banuk.

Banuk once said, "Who wishes death? But when it comes to Motherland, life's concern doesn't exist."

As Frantz Fanon quotes, "For a colonized people, the most essential value, because the most concrete, is first and foremost the Land: The Land which will bring them bread and, above all, Dignity."

Karima succeeded in making History, shaping her ideas into reality. Banuk Karima was an institution. She chaired the most prestigious and well-known student organization and led her Nation rationally. Her fellows in the organization and the whole Baloch Nation know her for her sincerity and commitment to the Baloch cause. Karima's ideology exists now and forever. She was Named "Lumma-E-Watan" by BSO-AZAD and was named "Ruzhn e Balochistan" by BNM.

The enemy's intentions were ruined and devastated because Karima won, even when dead, and her struggle, ideology and legacy continue to strengthen with each passing day.

And in conclusion, I claim that Banuk Karima didn't even Lose.!

Down with Pakistan.!