

Hunger arrives

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They say that one of the most inopportune phrases that can be used when a misfortune occurs is: "I told you so", but sometimes there is no choice but to point out all the warnings made in time and unheeded due to indifference, selfishness or ignorance.

A few hours ago, UN agencies pointed out that 22 million of the 38 million people living in Afghanistan are on the verge of starvation and added that the country is experiencing the worst humanitarian crisis in recent years.

This is the result of two decades of war and foreign military occupation, initiated in the name of democracy and freedom, of the fight against terror according to the vision of the United States, which did nothing but bring death, fear and oppression, and then abandoned an entire people to their fate.

It was said when the first bombs began to fall on the astonished Afghan civilians, it was repeated throughout 20 years, and the months prior to the flight of the Pentagon and its allies from the Central Asian nation were full of warnings about the high price that this military adventure would have.

The Afghan winter is approaching, within weeks entire regions will be inaccessible and its inhabitants face a tough dilemma: escape or starve to death.

This was stated by David Beasley, executive director of the World Food Program, in a call to the international community to accelerate aid in the face of what will be the worst winter in a decade.

"We cannot feed people with promises," Beasley said, noting that while the world is looking the other way, the crisis is spiraling out of control and children are beginning to die.

To this day, the main culprit of the situation, the United States, has not assumed its responsibility; moreover, it is aggravating it by denying the Taliban government access to international reserves, which are deposited in banks of the northern power.

The White House does not care that 3.2 million Afghan children under the age of five will face acute malnutrition by the end of 2021, much less that one million of them will lose their lives because of it.

He is indifferent despite the fact that all these infants, just like anyone else under the age of 20 in that country, were born and lived under the bullets, bombs and boots of the occupiers.

Promises of democracy and freedom gave way to a regime more typical of the Middle Ages, but armed as in the 21st century, to a people about to be decimated by the plague of hunger, and to an indignant part of the world that points its finger at Washington and reminds it: "I told you so"?

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