Kite Flying: A Unique But Dangerous Mode of Injuries In Pakistan

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Abstract

The aim of this study is to discuss the history of kite flying in indo-Pak sub continent on the basis of news reports also explore the festival causes and human loses bear by the Pakistan. All data collection and analysis with the help of news reports.

Key Word: Basent Festival, Manjha, Kite Flying, Human Loses.
Introduction

The common name of kite in Pakistan and India is “Patang”. Many kinds of kites made or available easily and it is made with tissue type paper and bamboo. The name of kites depends upon the shape of kites GUUDI, TUKAAL, KANNI are some common and easily available in market. Bridling the kite means the thread are specifically knotted the kite in specific manner. Commonly the bridling process called “thalami”. Launching the kite means kites move toward the skyward. Sometime another person is required to launch the kite in air. In nonprofessional language it's called “CHHIKKI”. The thread use to fly the kite also known as string or line of kite. The simple thread is non-harmful as to cut the finger of flyer or anyone who touch the thread. However, these threads have many types, some are made of chemical some glass coated known, as “MANJHA” the name of thread in Pakistan is called “DOOR” and these doors are roll on Spools or reel. These spool of threads called “CHARKHI” Kite fighting is another part of game in which participant wanted to remove the kite of his or her opponent and player says this moment as “BOO KATA” these words are so common in Pakistan as well as in India. Many event at national or international level is organized by the people of Pakistan with name of “BOO KATA” Gaining the altitude, flying kites, stable the kite on air, landing the kite if not cut the kite due to kite fighting is also the part of game. The above information is necessary to know about the game and the words that are commonly used in Pakistan, but the main focus of this study is related to the kite fighting and the thread "MANJHA". Kite fighting “I BOO” & “BOO KATA” some scholar says about the kite flying, chicken fighting, pigeons keeping, is unethical or leads the Muslim towards moral corruption. Players waste most of time in kite flying and not offer the prayer in same time. At the end of this game most of people ends with fowl wording. (Prakash, 2003) & (Indian Fighting Kites).

When autumn season is passing away, spring season a head canola flower is blooming, and crop is ready everywhere and that season is BASENT season. In past people think that enjoyment of spring season is due to blessing of God. The Concept of spring festival narrated from " Is a BASENT only as a Hindu festival ". Goddess is in many countries like China name ass Shes, Darga in India, Zuhra in Arab Egypt name as Isses, in Iraq and Syria name as Ashar, in Greek called Venice. In Iran goddess Nahid, Rome goddess name as Aseru. A well-known Muslim writer Al-Beruni researching on the attitude, practices, prayers, exceptional days and festivals of Hindu religion writes in Spring BASENT is experiential. As calculations (by stars) they recognize the time, examine it as exceptional day, and feed Brahmans - the highest cast from four Hindu cast's, (Narrated from "Kitab Ul Hind"). As of these, data BASENT is entirely a Hindu's festival. Get free of awful luck, illness and different kind of awful effects by kite flying that is religious activity consider by the Bud-dish Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Greek consider the kite flying helps them to get free from ghost and daemons. (What is Basant?)

Muslim were living in India and this festival was introduced by Sufis in Mughal era BASENT was popular festival in Sufi shrines of Nizam Auliya, Khwaja Bakhtiar Kaki, Khusrau set BASENT festival in the region of shrines. (Popovich).

Near the beginning 17th cent CE in the city of Sialkot "A city in Punjab Pakistan" a young boy named Hakikat Rai Dharni use an abusive comment against the Prophet (S.A.W) an the daughter of Prophet Muhammad. These word were present to judge of that region and Hakikat Rai was executed by Zakariya Khan (1707–1759), the Muslim governor of Punjab on the day of BASENT festival. The Hindus of Lahore started the annual kite-flying festival in his memory and now a day’s still there are Hindus not here in Lahore, the festival of kite flying on Basant Panchami is celebrated at rest Sikhs, S.B.Bukhari a Hindu writer in his book "Punjab Under Later Mughals On Page 259. “Baabay ki Qabar"Old man’s grave is false name of that Hakikat Rai Dharni still situated in the neighborhood of “Kot Khawaja Saeed” by Ravi River in Lahore. Kalu Ram first time started festival of kite flying on his grave it was actually the memory of Blasphemy. Unluckily, many uninformed Muslims visit this grave for considering this grave as some Islamic religious person. (bharathvedicvision, 2013) (Nijjar) (saleem) & (qadir rizvi)
History

China

300 B.C Mozi made first time kite by using the wood in the season of before spring. Mozi was a famous philosopher of that time, after few year experiments wooden sparrow hawk by using boards is flying for one day but this was broken after this flying. 200 B.C. a rebel army commander was attempting to defeat a tyrannical Emperor. Because his troops were in a small group and because they were not well armed, he planned a surprise attack. Han planned his men to make a kite and to fly it in a straight line over the Emperor's fortress. As the kite was above than the fortress, the thread was noticeable. later on, Han calculated the thread in arrange to decide presently how long a dig would be required to take the rebel forces inside the walls of the fortress. The tale tells us that the rebels dug by night awaiting they finally crept into the unshiled court. Their plan brought success, and the sin Emperor was overthrown. Han Dynasty that would rule the Chinese empire for the next two hundred years and after that he was famous Chinese general. As before time than 7,000 Weifang World Kite Museum is the earliest major kite museum in China the City of Weifang situated in middle Shandong Peninsula. Modeled behind a dragon-headed centipede, a ordinary kind of kite in Weifang, the museum has an collected china massive dragon as its top point and the top is roofed with peacock blue glassy carpet. The building is similar to a dragon in the air. The museum is fanatical to assembling and showing kite resources of all era and all countries at the same time kite-related enriching remainder and equipment. In the exposition rooms casing a total of 2,000 square meters, a bundle of possessions are on display, as well as the history, kinds, innovations of kites, the Weifang International Kite Festival, pleasant connections in the kite circle. In 559 AD, Yuan Shao, a grandson of Yuan Xie when ruler Wenxuan of the Northern Qi Dynasty was in authority, he planned the disorganized Pengcheng, was set into a prison. His brother prepared a kite for him. Then the two brothers flying the Jinfeng Tower where the prison was located by sitting on the kite. Tradition like this is a sign of the creative thoughts the ancient Chinese had about flying. Killing of the clan surnamed "Yuan" as a wash out. According to the myth, during the Chu-Han argument, when Xiang Yu, the Overload of Western Chu, and his troops were overwhelmed by the Han Army, Han Xin, a Han chief officer, planned to compose a kite and asked Zhang Liang to sit on it. While the kite was flying in the sky, Zhang Liang sang some Chu songs to shatter up the confidence of the Chu army. Another story says that when Liu Bang was on a movement next to the rebel Chen Xi, Han Xin used a kite as a space measurer, difficult to drive the army into the Weiyang fortress by digging tunnel as element of his deed from management with armed forces aggressive from exterior. Qing Ming Festival olden people made kites was to memorize dead family members and friends and they thought the entrance of a nightmare would toss open, to drive their good wishes to their dead loved ones via the kite. Kite flying was scheduled as one of "yearly folk civilization written by olden Chinese. Near the Spring season kite flying is popular, the gentle south breeze begins to force gone chilly air in Beijing, where the hotness on the opinion rises and airflow goes up. It is a great time for kite flying and the action has been slowly linked with the spring season as festival. Proverb in China "persons have a long life by flying kite. Warming the body and inside organs. Mind nurturing by seeming the flying kite in sky healthy feeling the person feels in traditional Chinese medicine. Kite flying is sports in china about 2000 year ago.about2400 year ago (cultural china).

Japan

981 A. D. The kite introduced in Japanese’s vocabulary these kites are sort of paper hawks. These Japanese’s think kite as spiritual activity concept came from Buddhist china and Korea’s end of seventeenth century, kite basically related to spiritual activity and then were still material activities. These Japanese consider the kite flying to crop yield. The rice plant parts also tried with kites to give thanks. Sale of kite for purpose of gets rid from bad luck and sickness. Best wishes present to the parents of newly born child by flying kite. on the time of new year kite flying for giving thanks to previous year and well wishes for upcoming year. Past two to three hundred years ago, less relation found between kites as spiritual activity only a few oldest Japanese consider the kite for success and to crop yield in current year but new year kite
is much important as past decades. Now-a-days', Children day celebrated in Japan from many years ago. Boys' Festival in Japan on May 5 if he baby born in previous year large size kite was flown the color of kites wish the each boy in battle represented bravery, power, and the struggle each boy must meet and overcome in order to skill success in his possess life (Kodomo-no hi). 6-8 century kites comes in Japan through Korea and they fly kite for spiritual purpose. The basic four-sided of the Chinese kite took on many new phases. Cranes, dragons, fish, And turtles shown. These new symbol was the symbol of prosperity, excellent luck, or fruitfulness. Some kites give happy fortune and some scared gone wickedness feelings. This country has also many stories about the lifting of human being by army Samurai warrior a man busts the law of the ruler. This person not wanted to live in small Island with his son he tied his son to kite and flown him to major land. Start of sixteen’s century prominent thief Kakinoki Kinsuke steals the upper layer of golden dolphins on peak of the towers of a fortress this layer is like the fish scale and made from gold. but later on he was arrested due to this robbery and punished him by boil in oil. No documented form is found by researcher but in Encyclopedia Britannica tells they start flying kites with Asian people from early unknown time (Japanese kite history 1).

**Kites in Europe**

105 A.D. kites used by roman for army purpose. In the fifteenth century Leonardo da Vinci introduced a technique for across a breach or River with the aid of a kite. Afterward, in the 1850s, his technique was use at Niagara Falls to create potential the building of one of the primary big deferral bridges. Experimenting with kites, da Vinci become paying attention in air travel and he sketch lots of designs for in the air equipment. His attention in kites may have led him to study clouds and air Currents which stimulated him to create a parachute and draw diagrams for a helicopter. While his ideas amaze scientists and engineers today, da Vinci seems to have viewed them as minor activities since they had developed out of thoughts based on a child's game. In 1749, kite use for scientific purpose. In Scotland, Alexander Wilson measures the temperature by attaching thermometer to kites in train with different distances height (The History of Kites in Japan and Other Parts of the World).

**United States**

Benjamin Franklin text about kite flying fun kite flying attracts me from swimming in very appreciated manner. In June 1752, he flew a kite in a Rainstorm in order to prove that lightning had the same properties as the electricity being generated in laboratories. With a key attached to the line with silk ribbon, he stood in a doorway so he could keep the ribbon dry. When lightning struck the drenched kite, fiery streaks sparked around the key. The dry silk ribbon was the only thing between Ben and the electrical jolt traveling from the sky! (Wilson)

**Afghanistan**

In this region kite flying name was guddiparanbazi. In 1996 to 2001 this kite flying declared un Islamic act by the government of Talibaan after the less influence of Talibaan this kite flying regain by the people of this region (David Sahar, 2001).

**Bangladesh**

Kite flying is very popular in the region of city Dhaka usually last day of poush month festival enjoyed by local people(bangladesh.com).

**Research Question**

How the festival of kite flying brings human loses each year in Pakistan?
Research Objective

To find out the most popular festival of kite flying in Pakistan and victimize people which leads them serious injuries.

Discussion

Other thing that is focus of our current study is harmful thread used in kite flying. In every year many kite, related injuries are face by Pakistan India and Bangladesh. The glass coated thread cuts the finger of player and the necks of the people in surrounding by touching. Mostly the victim of this threads are those who are the riding on the motor bike and these metallic threads if touches the electric wires cause death of many player of this game. Falling from the roof is also very serious issue during the season of kite flying. Wet treads cause electrical injuries. From the decades, electrical injuries are strongly associated with the kite flying activity. Many researchers found in the season of kite flying many children death due to electrical injuries because wet thread used by children. In Pakistan 450 people died due to kite flying in 2005 8 children died 11 others lose their lives in basent festival. 500 injuries in the year of 2005 was due to glass coated thread Manjha. (Tiwari & Sharma, 1999) (Gunwantrao & Sariya, 2006) & (Wankhede & Sariya, 2008).

Basent celebrated from too many decades in city of Lahore Pakistan. It celebrated after the winter season people says come basent winter gone. The people all around the world welcome the spring season by their traditional ways. The game of kite flying is associated with this basent festival. The players of this game fly their kite along with string in air. The specific sentences “boo kata” is spreading in air whole day. However, the thread use is replaced by fatal or metallic tread that cause the death of innocent people, so the Government of Pakistan start bane to this game. 1000 BC in china made the first time kite. In Roman and Greek the dangerous face kite was flown in the air. In the Great Britain the kite, flying was very common from 17 century. The trend of kite flying presented before partition of indo Pak subcontinent, but the festival in Lahore was unique and the mela arranged with the name of basent. People participate throughout the country and world. The business related to that event also was so much attractive but in 2005 due to lot of human losses, the Government of that time in 2007 banned it. This banned removed for short time but the 11 loses of human taken place. It estimated amount the 45 people dead due this event in 2005-2013. 613 people was injured badly in this period. 1.5 lakh people are belong to activity of basent tourism. They earn 7arab business daily due to this event. Yellow dresses with music drumbeats were so common part of this festival. The bating between kite fighters was an activity that gives the meal to another winning party. This basent festival was most attractive and a big festival too if it is marketed as event. Basent celebrated in Pakistan along with firework and firing in the air. Some suggested also given by social worker in Pakistan said to ban specific reel for kite flying. Lahore Minto Park is well known for celebrated this event but the minister of sports and games of Pakistan explains the idea the kite flying is celebrated in forest of changa manga with monkey families for taking interest of tourist in the forest. People of Pakistan wanted the safe kite flying and the media in the favor of safe kite flying but they do not want totally banned kite flying. Sindh government also adopt this event but it was basically the event of Lahore Punjab. In old days Muslim are so involved an example of corporate culture, multinational involved in this event and this event molds towards only rich families ultimately the lose bear by the bike rider of lower class. Elite class is still celebrated this event in the Forest. But lose face by the people who made kite and thread as domestic industry who made non metallic threads. (Basent at changa manga for youth festival, 27-1 2014).

Kite flying is very popular in Asian country so in this region injury that is more common relates to kite flying. Manjha a glass coated thread use for kite flying if it has white color then not visible to bike rider so its leads injuries to motorcyclist. all significant arteries in the roll neck hold blood at a high pressure (i.e. in opposition to gravity) and an wound to any of these arteries would result in plentiful blood loss. Frequently a fun loving activity may twist out to be a deadly activity. (Das & Othman, 2009). In the year 2007 kite related injuries in hospital of Rawalpindi was 17, many of them had serious injuries. Each year this type of
injuries leads from a functional citizen to disable person in one city of Pakistan. The loses of human in 2003 was 59.in 2004 it was 142.human loses along with economics loses bear by the country due to Basent festival.200 million rupees spent in this festival. In the 2003 50 breakdowns due to this season it cost bear by Pakistan is 2.5 million in a basent week. (mehmood, abbas, & nadeem, july2011).In 2009 basent was celebrated in Rawalpindi from 10february to 31march in this period 139 injuries were admitted in hospital due to kite flying.

Out of this 139, 126 are males others are females. The age range of these patients is from 10 to 49 years. The result of that study demanding proper legislation also needed to safe kite flying in the region of Pakistan. (Mehmood, H Khwaja, Ramazan, & a, 2010 6(2)).Kite flying is game that sometime becomes fatal for player a case of motorcyclist discussed due to glass-coated string used for kite flying patient had serious injury admitted in hospital but after that he had uneventful recovery. Study shows kite related injuries are very common in the area where this game is playing. In end, the possible hazards of kite flying should be sincerely measured and deal with appropriately to stop rate of critical injuries linked with it. (Singla, Marwah, & Kamal, September 2009)

According to survey 2003, the electricity provider company Lesco to Markiz olliya Lahore bear 2.5 Arab loses due to use of chemical thread use for kite flying. In 2004 A sales man caught the kite thread on the road of Abdul karim near markiz olliya Lahore but this thread touches the electric wire due to electric circuit this person died on the spot. A 20 years old man died also in Lahore in same manner. In taj pura scheme a child of 11 years was playing on his rooftop a kite thread touch him and he died due to electric shock. A 30 years old man touch the open side of kite threads but unfortunately one side touches the electric wire he died on the spot. 14 years old student was coming back after coaching but the thread of kite which is made of chemical cuts his aorta. A 3 years child Faheem died near Mazang on the bike with his parents. All died in Shadbagh due to chemical thread of kite.14 august 2006 on Monday a 3 years girl Khadija died in same manner. A 2.5 years old child Abdul Rahman died inner city of Lahore. In 2006, 10 years old girl Aija died in feroz pur road Echra. January 2013, 7 years old girl died due to metallic thread of kite. 27 January 2004 a boy wanted to caught the hanged kite but unfortunately that kite thread have electric current shock he died in Lahore basically this boy come from Rawalpindi. In 2006 Chohang a 7 years old boy died due to blind running toward kite and he fell from the rooftop. Noshahra road a 15 years old boy died due to kite he fallen from rooftop. In Lahore, a child blind run for caught the kite but speedy Train turn his life into death. A boy burnt in jehlum by touching the metallic wire of kite this kite hanging on the electric wire.

In February 2007, 3 people died due to firing in the festival of basent in Lahore. Moreover, 100 injuries were due to this festival. According to survey 2000 to 2006 the number of people died is 825.17 March 2008 in Kannoki 9 children fell from rooftop due to kite. In 2013 banned in basent festival but people of Pakistan celebrated basent and due to chemical thread, electric shock and fallen from rooftop three children died 44 injuries including 1 girl on that injuries. Firing in air is also become the tradition along with kite flying a girl died due to firing on the event of basent .A child suffer unconsciousness due to electric shock.18 years old young man fallen from rooftop in Shadbush Lahore. In kannoki 3 people died including 1 child how are the victim of chemical thread of kite. A 7 years old in ghalla mindi, A young man in Rasool nagar,A man on Darweeshpura,A man on the purani Abadi all were severely injured due to kite festival. Firing in air victimizes a girl in Rawalpindi.2 people injured due to chemical threads of these kite in Gujranawala. In Shaheen abad bike rider Abdul latif also victimize of chemical thread.30 criminal how not abide by the banned law of basent arrested by the police. (qadri rizvi)It is not totally the kite related but actually the exhibition of wealth and status. (dawn.com, 2002)Average expense of basent 25000-30000 (2003)A two-and-half-year-old girl became the latest victim of a stray kite’s string on Sunday after it fell on the bike she was riding along with her brother, a cousin and her father near Scheme Morr on Multan Road. (dawn.com, 2013) Gujranwala, March 2: Cameraman Sajid Shani electrocuted when he met a stray metal wire. Media camera operator killed and several others injured in kite-related accidents. KASUR: The police claimed to have arrested 35 violators of kite flying and sealed three factories of twine. They seized during raids kites and twines, music systems and generators. (Sabzazar SHO suspended, 2013).
Conclusion

Kite flying is the game that would be dangerous if Manjha thread used by player because it causes electrical jerk. If it touches the electric wires, also if this glass coated wire touches the skin of anyone then it's also cause serious injuries. Falling from roof top is also common during the season of kite flying. Ariel firing, loud music is also the part of celebrating this festival in all day or night time too. So this festival is becoming dangerous due to human and economic loses bear by Pakistan each year.

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