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Additional Notes on Samar Minallah, Swat Video, And NGOs - Part3

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Just wanted to add a few things to:

No Surprise: Samar 'Albright' Minallah Unrepentent

1. A Puppy I Once Knew:

The Samar Minallah Swat spanking video must me seen as what it is: **A pure propaganda piece**, **as she has herself just admitted**. It also reminds me something very similar that was done in America/Europe to "win-over" the public support. To achieve that objective, they released a video of a dog being gassed in a little room (Bet you forgot about that one):



It has since then rightly been described as:

"As the lies that led to war continue to unravel, it is worth looking back at one of the most shameless pieces of propaganda to ever cross the US [and European] Mainstream media. This was the video tape of a dog being gassed to death with was was claimed to be Iraq's tests of a chemical weapon destined for the US. The tape was suspect right from the start, given that the dog used, actually a puppy, seemed chosen to produce the maximum sympathy in the viewer as it met its doom.

Well, the invasion is over. Turns out Saddam didn't have any chemical weapons, nor was he developing any. **Yet** the video of the dog being gassed and blamed on Saddam remains. "

We were supposed to view gassing a dog to test a chemical weapon with horror. But what we are seeing is someone gassing a dog to trick a nation into a war.

So, who killed the dog?

Samar's video is an exact duplicate. Let me take the above passage and rephrase it:

As the lies that led to war ("Rah-e-Rast" — what double-speak!) continue to unravel, it is worth looking back at one of the most shameless pieces of propaganda to ever cross the Pakistani Mainstream media. This was the video tape of an alleged 17-year old girl being flogged with was was claimed to be show how cruel the Taliban were. The tape was suspect right from the start, given that the women used, actually a teenager, seemed chosen to produce the maximum sympathy in the viewer as it screamed in pain.

Well, the Swat deal is over and the killing commenced (and continues). Turns out the Taliban weren't into this thing (an Ms Minallah herself wants to believe that, nor were they about to overrun Islamabad. Yet the video of the girl being flogged and blame on Taliban remains.

We were supposed to view flogging of the girl with horror. But what we are seeing is someone flogging the girl to trick a nation into a war.

So, who flogged the girl? (And who staged it? And who taped it? And who spread the video?)

Of course the trick worked there and the same trick worked like a charm. Our "civil" society lapped it up and like the dog video justified killing of millions, the flogging video to this day is "justification enough" for killing thousands and bringing misery to millions here.

Note: That Americans, Canadians, and Europeans themselves gas millions of dogs themselves of course is a fact conveniently set aside. That we rape, maim, burn, throw acid on, torture, karo-kari, bury alive, murder thousands of girls every year too was conveniently set aside and continues to be ignored by Ms Samar Minallah.

2. Everything You Always Didn't Want To Know About NGOs/USAID But Here It Is Anyways

Briefly,

- USAID finances most NGOs
- . USAID is an instrument of CIA/US Military
- US Military itself describes USAID and NGOs as "weapons of global war".



NGOs (Samar Minallah In Black: "Just a little flogging is all I ask in return!")

Any Questions? Of course most of you will have trouble believing this — for you have been programmed to see **USAID and NGOs** as examples of "*ultimate largess and great good*" (just like we buy the philanthropy of every major crook and sing songs of his '*nayki*'). Someone actually countered me with this common belief:

"USAID is an organization that works under the State department of the US. It deals with civilian and humanitarian aid that is given by the US. Military aid does not come under its purview."

That certainly is the common belief and that is what I am going to try and shatter (Shatter it I will but our educated house negros' minds are so enslaved that no amount of proofs of things being otherwise seem to work). I said to the fella:

Next thing you know, you'd be telling us the "Centre for International Media Assistance" really does "brings together a broad range of media experts with the objective of strengthening support of free and independent media throughout the world" Humbug!.

Of course this is what they want you to believe.

I am going to list a few of article and quote from the U.S. Military Field Manual itself so in case you don't buy it, you know where to complain \bigcirc :

Article 1:

Why They Hate Our Kind Hearts, Too: The NED, NGOs and the Imperial Uses of Philanthropy

"In recent years, nations have challenged the activities and very existence of non-governmental organizations. Russia, Zimbabwe, and Eritrea have enacted new measures requiring registration; "Open Society Institute" affiliates have been shut down in Eastern Europe; and Venezuela has charged the S•mate NGO leaders with treason. In Iraq and Afghanistan, staff of Western charitable NGOs (CARE and Doctors Without Borders) have been assassinated."

[MAYBE THERE IS A REASON]

"Most funding and direction come from the wealthy nations. Often the donors form a conglomerate creating mutual responsibility and considerable ambiguity. CIVICUS, a partnership to promote "civil society" worldwide, is funded by, among others, American Express Foundation, Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, Carnegie Corporation, Canadian International Development Agency, Ford Foundation, Harvard University, Oxfam, and United Nations Development Programme.

If the source is confusing, the message is usually clear: "democratization" strives for civil rights and

elections, but it also must include an open door to foreign capital, labor contracts, resource extraction, and military training. These networks also define "civil society" to include rock concerts and street mobs, but not government-provided maternal health clinics, child care, or senior services.

Affluent nations' government agencies are important NGO funders. The most notorious is the US National Endowment for Democracy (NED; ostensibly a nongovernmental foundation), created by Congress in 1983 to do openly what had been CIA cold war covert activities. When these operations were revealed in 1967, there was shock, not so much because the US was covertly funding foreign political and labor groups, but because organizations such as the National Education Association, American Newspaper Guild, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, and the National Student Association were secretly used as pass-throughs, and all but the top officers were unwitting. Actual and phony foundations also distributed CIA funds.

NED changed this-but not very much. It distributes grants both directly and through other organizations, now overtly. Its "core grantees" are the Center for International Private Enterprise (of the US Chamber of Commerce), the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (of the AFL-CIO), and, affiliated with the parties, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the International Republican Institute. Some private foundations chip in, for example, Smith Richardson and Mellon-Scaife. The Mott Foundation gave the NDI \$150,000 in 1998 "to increase public confidence in democratization and the transition to a market economy in Ukraine." Foundations also directly co-fund NED's ultimate grantees. Thus, the Lilly Endowment supports the Institute for Liberty and Democracy in Peru, headed by Hernando de Soto, which offers free-market remedies for poverty.

Other capitalist democracies now have government foundations similar to NED, and they work collaboratively, e.g., the Canadian Rights and Democracy and the British Westminster Foundation for Democracy. Additional US agencies have joined NED and the CIA in this work, notably, the Agency for International Development (USAID) and United States Information Agency (USIA), which support and create foreign NGOs and media...."

"Why would these philanthropic efforts offend anyone? Why do they hate our kind hearts?"

In the first place, these public-private philanthropies have worked together to fund and direct overthrow movements. We had a "Subversive Activities Control Board" here, but export was encouraged. The grantees' activities included destabilization, the creation of mobs preventing elected governments from ruling, chaos, and violence. Among those funded were the Civic Forum in Czechoslovakia, Solidarity in Poland, Union of Democratic Forces in Bulgaria, Otpor in Serbia, and, more recently, similar groups in the succession states of the USSR. Sometimes mobs (especially of young people) have been moved around from one country to another to give the impression of vast popular opposition. The NED, Rockefeller and Ford Foundations, and the Soros philanthropies have been particularly active in these operations. Human Rights Watch (formerly Helsinki Watch) has nurtured opposition groups. Reformers seeking social democracy or democratic socialism were excluded; such systems might oppress the "vulture capitalists.".

It is hard to know how much native support existed for the Western-funded revolutions, as media and information (especially if we can't read Mongolian, Bulgarian, or Uzbeki) are produced by the same conglomerates. Of course, all revolutions are made by minorities, often with assistance of foreign allies. However, by today's standards as embodied in the UN Charter, subverting with the intention of overthrowing foreign governments is a grave violation of international law. Many were shocked by the NED activities complementing other instruments of intervention that helped to destroy the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua. Yet the 1990 election was judged by the NGO observers to be a free one; neither threats of physical annihilation nor millions of foreign dollars violated the purity of that process. "Cold-war liberal" policymakers have advocated covert actions as a peaceful alternative to invasion, but it isn't as if military action has faded away; they work together.

Such attempts are ongoing. The Venezuelan indictment is just one indication of a larger NED-NGO operation. Plans for annihilating the Cuban revolution, via "independent libraries," "Red Feminista Cubana," and other created organizations, are clearly spelled out on the NED web site.

NGOs are also used to disrupt revolutionary or even reformist movements that might interfere with neoliberal goals, hampering the ability of corporations to go anywhere and do anything. Thus, as James Petras has reported, radical social groups and their leaders are co-opted into NGOs dedicated to worthy, ameliorative projects that are no threat to Western interests. Instead of broad movements challenging systemic causes of oppression, activists are recruited into discrete, well-funded "identity" politics and single-issue organizations, and poverty is just another minority status.

In India and South Africa, the very poor have been organized into Slum Dwellers and Shack Dwellers Associations, which meet with the World Bank people to discuss what is to be done. Protesters against the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) were channeled into groups that were invited and funded to attend the meetings preparing this treaty. Those concerned with the devastation of oil, lumber, and mineral extraction throughout the world can utilize the "participatory mechanisms" of the Earth Council, one of whose board members is Klaus Schwab, director of the World Economic Forum. Conferences for the protesters "parallel" to the globalization elite's are supported by that same elite. These do create fruitful interaction among dissidents; yet they may also function as a diversionary tactic. We won't know unless these possibilities are investigated.

Amelioration is important to keep those societies newly "marketized" on a steady course despite crushing poverty. In Mongolia (as elsewhere), "shock therapy," decimating both employment and social services, has resulted in street children, child prostitution, and increasing maternal mortality, none of which occurred in its "undeveloped" or communist phases. However, the rock concerts and street mobs have attained

freedom. Enter PACT (originally, Private Agencies Collaborating Together; funders now include the Ford Foundation, US AID, Mercy Corps International, the Nature Conservancy, the World Bank, Citigroup, Chevron, Levi Strauss, and Microsoft), which provides some substitutes for the former socialist institutions, while desperation drives Mongolia's leaders to welcome foreign garment industries and copper and gold extraction....

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NGO staff members have been accused of being spies. Whether or not this is the case, the system allows access to remote native cultures, where the lay of the land and sociograms of local influentials can be charted for any purpose. This type of missionary penetration, attained through Bible translation in the Amazon River basin, has been recounted in Thy Will Be Done, by Colby and Dennett.

NGOs are now extensively occupied in the relief of disasters, whether natural or man-made, and the US military (with its "coalition") is deeply involved in both the comforting and the afflicting. To receive US funds, humanitarian organizations must support US foreign policy. Consequently, some, such as Oxfam UK, have withdrawn their workers from Iraq. Those remaining are often regarded as collaborators, which is not surprising, as many international NGOs have been handmaids to subversion, overthrow, and occupation. Some have even supported "humanitarian" bombing, especially in the case of Yugoslavia...

. . .

The peak of international NGOs, the World Social Forum, meets at the same time as the World Economic Forum, only far away. The WSF's general funding is rarely scrutinized by the participants, whose travel expenses come from similar sources. An exception is a report by the Research Unit on Political Economy-India, which explains why foundation funding was refused for the 2004 WSF in Mumbai, and discusses critically the activities of the Ford Foundation in India.

It is news when any NGO nibbles at the hand that feeds it, as did a Pakistani theater group last November. Invited to a women's theater festival in India, they were sent home because the organizers deemed their contribution too anti-US for a Ford Foundation-sponsored event.

As all generalizations have exceptions, let it be noted that some NGOs are impeccable, and even peccable ones often have humanitarian staff and directors. A recent attempt by dissidents seeking international donors to "democracy promotion" in the US, the International Endowment for Democracy, could give an effective jolt. Yet it may be that democracy, justice, or equality are not readily attainable by such means. For several centuries NGOs have been providing "disaster aid" for societies being "marketized." What can we learn from this history?

Article 2:

Democratisation, NGOs and "Colour Revolutions"

"... US government expenditure on the orange revolution has been put at \$14 million, while the overall civil-society promotion budget set by Washington for Ukraine (2003-2004) was \$57.8-\$65 million. The Soros Foundation and Freedom House pumped in a steady flow of funds through Ingos and local NGOs for "elections-related projects."

Massing of pro-Yushchenko crowds in Kiev's Independence Square was a meticulous operation of "careful, secret planning by Yushchenko's inner circle over a period of years" that oversaw distribution of thousands of cameras, backup teams of therapists and psychologists, transportation, heaters, sleeping bags, gas canisters, toilets, soup kitchens, tents, TV and radio coverage, all of which needed "large sums of cash, in this case, much of it American." (Daniel Wolf.)

Local oligarchs and US-based émigré Ukrainian businesspersons also chipped in with sizeable contributions to the neo-liberal Yuschchenko. The shadowy and fungible ties between the US government and democratisation Gongos leave little doubt that the latter were purveyors of large amounts of money in Ukraine that will not appear in audits or annual reports. Public acknowledgements of spending are understatements akin to official casualty figures given by governments during counterinsurgencies.

According to Congressman Ron Paul, the US allocated \$60 million for financing the orange revolution "through a series of cut-out NGOs – both American and Ukrainian – in support of Yushchenko." The figure happens to be "just the tip of the iceberg". Claims that "Russia gave Yanukovych far more money than the United States (gave to Yushchenko)" rest on the myth that US government financing through the NED family "is publicly accountable and transparent."...

Article 3:

NGOs: The Self-Appointed Altruists

Their arrival portends rising local prices and a culture shock. Many of them live in plush apartments, or five star hotels, drive SUV's, sport \$3000 laptops and PDA's. They earn a two figure multiple of the local average wage. They are busybodies, preachers, critics, do-gooders, and professional altruists.

Always self-appointed, they answer to no constituency. Though unelected and ignorant of local realities, they confront the democratically chosen and those who voted them into office. A few of them are enmeshed in crime and corruption. They are the non-governmental organizations, or NGO's.

Some NGO's – like Oxfam, Human Rights Watch, Medecins Sans Frontieres, or Amnesty – genuinely contribute to enhancing welfare, to the mitigation of hunger, the furtherance of human and civil rights, or the curbing of disease [I take strong excetion to this statement and can prove through example about each why this is not true: nota]. Others – usually in the guise of think tanks and lobby groups – are sometimes ideologically biased, or

religiously-committed and, often, at the service of special interests.

NGO's – such as the International Crisis Group – have openly interfered on behalf of the opposition in the last parliamentary elections in Macedonia. Other NGO's have done so in Belarus and Ukraine, Zimbabwe and Israel, Nigeria and Thailand, Slovakia and Hungary – and even in Western, rich, countries including the USA, Canada, Germany, and Belgium.

The encroachment on state sovereignty of international law – enshrined in numerous treaties and conventions – allows NGO's to get involved in hitherto strictly domestic affairs like corruption, civil rights, the composition of the media, the penal and civil codes, environmental policies, or the allocation of economic resources and of natural endowments, such as land and water. No field of government activity is now exempt from the glare of NGO's. They serve as self-appointed witnesses, judges, jury and executioner rolled into one.

Regardless of their persuasion or modus operandi, all NGO's are top heavy with entrenched, well-remunerated, extravagantly-perked bureaucracies. Opacity is typical of NGO's. Amnesty's rules prevent its officials from publicly discussing the inner workings of the organization – proposals, debates, opinions – until they have become officially voted into its Mandate. Thus, dissenting views rarely get an open hearing.

Contrary to their teachings, the financing of NGO's is invariably obscure and their sponsors unknown. The bulk of the income of most non-governmental organizations, even the largest ones, comes from – usually foreign – powers. Many NGO's serve as official contractors for governments.

NGO's serve as long arms of their sponsoring states – gathering intelligence, burnishing their image, and promoting their interests.

Article 4: (From the CIA's Mouth itself)

Can the USG and NGOs Do More?

Information-Sharing in Conflict Zones [Read Spying]

Over the past decade and a half, three phenomena have expanded dramatically: the availability of information through the diffusion of information technology; the role of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) as important players in international affairs; and the demand for international engagement in failed or weak states, some having suffered from devastating conflicts. These three facts interact and raise a number of issues for US policymakers and for the Intelligence Community. This article examines how information-sharing between the government and the NGO sector has evolved and considers whether changes in that relationship are warranted, even needed, for accomplishing the shared objective of improved international response to conflicts and other crises in weak states.[1] ...

Article 5:

The CIA's Successors And Collaborators

"...The funded organisations sometimes managed to weaken and even eliminate opposition to friendly governments, while creating a climate favourable to US interests. There were coups, such as the one in Brazil in 1964 that overthrew President Joí£o Goulart. The coup against Chilean president Salvador Allende in 1973 showed that the US government had not abandoned such methods. Agee claimed: "To prepare the ground for the military, we funded and channelled the forces of leading organisations in civil society and the media. It was an improved version of the coup in Brazil....

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Article 6:

Former CIA agent tells: How US infiltrates "civil society" to overthrow governments

...The CIA and the Agency for International Development (AID) would have key roles in this program as well as a new organisation christened in 1983 — the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

Actually, the new program was not really new. Since its founding in 1947, the CIA had been deeply involved in secretly funding and manipulating foreign non-governmental voluntary organisations.

These vast operations circled the globe and targeted political parties, trade unions and business associations, youth and student organisations, women's groups, civic organisations, religious

communities, professional, intellectual and cultural societies, and the public information media. The network functioned at local, national, regional and global levels.

Over the years, the CIA exerted phenomenal influence behind the scenes in country after country, using these powerful elements of civil society to penetrate, divide, weaken and destroy organisations on the left, and indeed to impose regime change by toppling governments.

Such was the case, among many others, in Guyana, where in 1964, culminating 10 years of efforts, the Cheddi Jagan government was overthrown through strikes, terrorism, violence and arson perpetrated by CIA agents in the trade unions.

About the same time, while I was a CIA agent assigned to Ecuador, our agents in civil society, through mass demonstrations and civil unrest, provoked two military coups in three years against elected, civilian governments.

Anyone who has watched the opposition to President Hugo Chavez's government in Venezuela develop can be certain that the CIA, AID and the NED are coordinating the destabilisation and were behind the failed coup in April 2002 as well as the failed "civic strike" of last December-January.

The Cuban American National Foundation was, predictably, one of the first beneficiaries of NED funding. From 1983 to 1988, CANF received US\$390,000 for anti-Castro activities....

Article 7:

How United States Intervention Against Venezuela Works

It is no secret that the government of the United States is carrying out a program of operations in favor of the Venezuelan political opposition to remove President Hugo Chávez Frías and the coalition of parties that supports him from power. The budget for this program, initiated by the administration of Bill Clinton and intensified under George W. Bush, has risen from some \$2 million in 2001 to \$9 million in 2005, and it disguises itself as activities to "promote democracy," "resolve conflicts," and "strengthen civic life." It consists of providing money, training, counsel and direction to an extensive network of political parties, NGO's, mass media, unions, and businessmen, all determined to end the bolivarian revolutionary process. The program has clear short, medium, and long-term goals, and adapts easily to changes in the fluid Venezuelan political process.

The program of political intervention in Venezuela is one more of various in the world principally directed by the Department of State (DS), the Agency for International Development (AID), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) along with its four associated foundations. These are the International Republican Institute (IRI) of the Republican Party; the National Democratic Institute (NDI) of the Democratic Party; the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) of the US Chamber of Commerce; and the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS) of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), the main US national union confederation. In addition, the program has the support of an international network of affiliated organizations.

The various organizations carry out their operations through AID officials at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas and through three "private" offices in Caracas under the Embassy's control: the IRI (established in 2000), the NDI (2001), and a contractor of AID, a U.S. consulting firm called Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI) (2002). These three offices develop operations with dozens of Venezuelan beneficiaries to which they contribute money originating from the State Department, AID, NED, and, although no proof is yet available, most probably the CIA. The operations of the first three are detailed extensively in hundreds of official documents acquired by U.S. journalist Jeremy Bigwood through demands under the Freedom of Information Act, a law that requires the declassification and release of government documents, although many are censured when released.

Venezuelan associates of the U.S. intervention programs participated in the unsuccessful coup against President Chavez in April 2002, in the petroleum lockout/strike of December 2002 to February 2003, and in the recall referendum of August 2004. Having failed in their three first attempts, the U.S. agencies mentioned above are currently planning and organizing for the Venezuelan national elections of 2005 and 2006. This analysis seeks to show how this program functions and the danger it represents....

Article 8:

NED et. al.: The CIA's Successors and Collaborators

...A non-governmental crusade

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the same methods in eastern Europe, where it conducted "a non-governmental crusade for human rights and democracy which avoided accusations of imperialism by presenting itself as a direct response to the needs of dissidents and reformers worldwide" (8). Here the gap between rulers and ruled made it easier for the NED and its network of organisations to use money and advertising to manufacture thousands of supposed dissidents. After regime change, most of these individuals and the groups to which they had belonged evaporated.

One of the most historic victories was in Poland. As early as 1984 the NED was distributing direct aid to set up trade unions, newspapers and human rights groups, all "independent". For the 1989 parliamentary elections, the NED handed \$2.5m to the Solidarity movement, whose leader Lech Walesa, a powerful ally of the US, was elected president in 1990.

The collapse of the Soviet Union was a prelude to the NED's global expansion....

Article 9 (In 'honor' of the media):

Journalism And The CIA: The Mighty Wurlitzer

...Troublesome notes were heard from the Wurlitzer in the 1960s — but not from American journalism, which had already sold its soul to the empire. Instead, the announcement that the emperor had no clothes was made by a new generation. Much that was dear to this counterculture was stylistic and superficial, and there were many within this culture itself, and certainly within the straight media, who mistook this excess baggage for its essence. Nevertheless, the youth culture's rumpled opposition was sufficient to slow down the machine and let in some light.

The ruling class failed to see the naked contradiction that they had created. They expected that the most-privileged, best-educated generation in history could be forcibly drafted to fight a dirty war against popular self-determination some 8,000 miles away — a war that clearly had more to do with anticommunist ideology and corporate greed than it did with the defense of America. The elites didn't have a clue that this was even a problem; President Johnson's knee-jerk response to the student antiwar movement, for example, was to pressure the CIA into uncovering the nefarious (and nonexistent) foreign influences behind it. ...

Article X (Last BUT NOT LEAST!!!):

From <u>Unconventional Warfare in the 21st Century: U.S. Surrogates, Terrorists and Narcotraffickers</u> talking about the (U.S.) <u>Army Special Operations Forces Field Manual FM 3-05.130, titled "Unconventional Warfare"</u>.

(Published in September 2008, the 248-page document though unclassified, is restricted "to U.S. Government agencies and their contractors only to protect technical or operational information from automatic dissemination under the International Exchange Program or by other means." The Department of the Army urges recipients to "destroy by any method that will prevent disclosure of contents or reconstruction of the document.")

Economic Subversion

For the authors of FM 3-05.130, "properly integrated manipulation of economic power can and should be a component of UW." Never mind that such "manipulation" can and did result in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of human beings in Iraq prior to the 2003 U.S. invasion and occupation as well as in a score of other nations that have defied the U.S.

The cases of Chile and Nicaragua are instructive in this regard, where the disgraced president, Richard Nixon, vowed to "make the economy scream," prior to the 1973 coup, or the crippling sanctions and economic embargo imposed on Nicaragua's Sandinista government. Various sanctions regimes unambiguously "can build and sustain international coalitions waging or supporting U.S. UW campaigns." A similar methodology is being applied today against Iran as "punishment" for its legal development of civilian nuclear power.

Like all other instruments of U.S. national power, the use and effects of economic "weapons" are interrelated and they must be coordinated carefully. Once again, ARSOF must work carefully with the DOS and intelligence community (IC) to determine which elements of the human terrain in the UWOA are most susceptible to economic engagement and what second- and third-order effects are likely from such engagement. The United States Agency for International Development's (USAID's) placement abroad and its mission to engage human groups provide one channel for leveraging economic incentives. The DOC's can similarly leverage its routine influence with U.S. corporations active abroad. Moreover, the IO effects of economic promises kept (or ignored) can prove critical to the legitimacy of U.S. UW efforts. UW practitioners must plan for these effects. (Unconventional Warfare, p. 2-7)

Indeed, ARSOF plans for waging UW take an integrated approach and assert that they "can and should exploit the active and analytical capabilities existing in the financial instruments of U.S. power." The application of financial warfare however, including the "persuasive influence" of state and nonstate "actors" regarding the availability and terms "of loans, grants, or other financial assistance" is predicated on towing the U.S. line. The authors aver that "such application of financial power must be part of a circumspect, integrated, and consistent UW plan." In other words, threats, bribery and economic subversion generally can work wonders in getting the attention of recalcitrant states not "on board" with the U.S.

For decades, investigative journalists, researchers and analysts have noted the symbiotic relationship amongst international narcotrafficking syndicates, neofascist political groups, U.S. intelligence agencies and U.S. Special Forces in the war against leftist adversaries.

Dozens of books and hundreds of articles by journalists and writers such as Alfred W. McCoy, Peter Dale Scott, Henrik Krüger, Robert Parry, Gary Webb, Jonathan Marshall, Douglas Valentine, Daniel Hopsicker, Bill Conroy as well as exposés by former DEA investigators such as Michael Levine and Celerino Castillo III, have documented the long and bloody history of U.S. complicity in the global drugs trade.

While the United States has pumped billions of dollars into so-called drug eradication programs in target countries such as Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Afghanistan and Mexico through ill-conceived projects such as Plan Colombia and the Mérida Initiative, also know as Plan Mexico, recent reports, most notably by The Narco News Bulletin, have documented the close interrelationships amongst narcotraffickers, rightist extremists, political elites and U.S. intelligence agencies.

Indeed, investigative journalist Bill Conroy recently documented how a U.S. trained and equipped special operations group within the Mexican army (the Zetas) "is now assisting the Mexican military in its narco-trafficking operations along the border."

None of this however, phases the authors of Unconventional Warfare. And why should it. As they themselves describe the doctrine, unconventional warfare is "conducted by, with, or through surrogates; and such surrogates must be irregular forces," the next logical step in the equation is the utilization of transnational criminal networks to advance U.S. national power. The section, "Law Enforcement Instrument of United States National Power and Unconventional Warfare," states this explicitly: no tinfoil hat needed here!

Actors engaged in supporting elements in the UWOA may rely on criminal activities, such as smuggling, narcotics, or human trafficking. Political and military adversaries in the UWOA will exhibit the same sensitivity to official exposure and engagement because criminal entities routinely seek to avoid law enforcement. Sometimes, political and military adversaries are simultaneously criminal adversaries, which ARSOF UW planners must consider a threat. At other times, the methods and networks of real or perceived criminal entities can be useful as supporting elements of a U.S.-sponsored UW effort. In either case, ARSOF understand the importance of coordinating military intelligence preparation of the battlefield (IPB) for specific UW campaigns with the routine intelligence activities conducted by U.S. law enforcement agencies. (Unconventional Warfare, p. 2-7)

During subversive operations by U.S. ARSOF soldiers in target areas, indigenous networks, many of whom are linked to far-right and narcotrafficking groups (Nicaragua, Bosnia, Kosovo), **including "former" allies such as al-Qaeda, are referred to as "The Underground" and "The Auxiliary" in FM 3-05.130.** Details however, are few and far between and the authors state unambiguously:

There is more SF participation in developing and advising underground [and auxiliary] elements than is widely understood or acknowledged. Most such participation is classified and inappropriate for inclusion in this manual. (Unconventional Warfare, p. 5-5)

Preparing the ground for U.S. attacks and/or subversive operations by proxy forces aligned with American goals are a key component of UW theory. Whether a population is "on-board" with U.S. geostrategic goals or the tactical modalities employed in such campaigns is irrelevant to the new cold warriors of the GWOT. When "persuasion" fails the muscle moves in to get the attention on the "natives."

Organization of the larger indigenous population from which the irregular forces are drawn—the mass base—must likewise be conducted primarily by the irregular organization itself under indirect guidance of SF. The primary value of the mass base to UW operations is less a matter of formal organization than of marshaling population groups to act in specific ways that support the overall UW campaign. The mass base, or general population and society at large, is recognized as an operational rather than a structural effort for ARSOF in UW. Elements of the mass base are divided into three distinct groups in relation to the cause or movement—pro, anti/con, and those who are uncommitted, undecided, or ambivalent. ARSOF, the underground, and the auxiliary then conduct irregular activities to influence or leverage these groups. These groups may be witting or unwitting of the UW nature of the operations or activities in which they are utilized. (Unconventional Warfare, p. 5-5)

In Colombia for example, U.S. "counterdrug" assistance to the corrupt Uribe government flowed directly to the narcotrafficking far-right death squad, the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia, or AUC. Though designated a Foreign Terrorist Organization by the U.S. State Department, the Uribe government's military high command, directly advised by the Pentagon, funneled weapons and intelligence that was used by the narcofascists to murder union organizers, often after payment by U.S. multinational corporations such as Chiquita Brands International, of anyone the group identified as a "guerrilla."

In ARSOF parlance, AUC "influence"-dragging unsuspecting citizens off a bus and beheading them in front of their children, for example—is what is meant when corporate- or drug-linked death squads "conduct irregular activities" to "leverage these groups." But the international community has another term to describe these activities: state terrorism.

In 2004, as part of broad U.S. efforts to unseat Venezuela's socialist President Hugo Chávez, Venezuelan authorities arrested some 100 AUC fighters who were planning to attack specially-selected targets in Caracas. According to published reports, several high-ranking American and Colombian military officers were implicated in the operation.

The parapolitical scandal which continues to rock Bogotá, revealed high-level involvement by Colombia's political and military elite with the narcofascist AUC. But the scandal also revealed the involvement of the U.S. 7th Special Forces Group and the 1st Psychological Operations Battalion in directly training and advising Colombian military units responsible for the worst human rights abuses.

Numerous reports have emerged that detail these linkages, including the 2007 disclosure by the National Security Archive that Colombian Army commander General Mario Montoya "engaged in a joint operation with a Medellín-based paramilitary group. 'Operation Orion' was part of a larger military offensive in the city during 2002-03 to attack urban guerrilla networks. The sweep resulted in at least 14 deaths and dozens of disappearances. The classified intelligence report confirmed 'information provided by a proven source,' according to comments from the U.S. defense attaché included in the document."

This is but the tip of the proverbial iceberg, however.

In Afghanistan, the world's number one producer and processor of opium and its finished "product" heroin, bound for European and U.S. markets, drug trafficking according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC) in their 2008 World Drug Report, is "out of control." According to UNDOC, drug money is used as "a lubricant for corruption, and a source of terrorist financing: in turn, corrupt officials and terrorists make drug production and trafficking easier."

Indeed, since the 2001 U.S. invasion and occupation, opium production has skyrocketed some 1,000% and accounts for a large percentage of the country's gross domestic product. Tellingly, some of the staunchest U.S. allies in the area are directly tied to international narcotics organizations. According to UNDOC, the global increase in opium production "was almost entirely due to the 17% expansion of cultivation in Afghanistan, which is now 193,000 ha [hectares]" reaching 8,700 metric tons in 2007, accounting for a staggering 92% of global opium production!

Despite these horrendous statistics, the authors of FM 3-05.130 can asset that "the methods and networks of real or perceived criminal entities can be useful"! Indeed they can, as a seemingly limitless source of black funds earmarked for U.S. planetary subversion in the interest of expanding American corporate power.

According to a June 2008 report by The Times, after last year's bumper crop sent the price of opium spiraling downwards, the Taliban and U.S.-connected drug lords linked to Hamid Karzai's government, are stockpiling vast quantities of opium in order to induce a rise in world prices. And Time Magazine reported in October that the value of hoarded opium may be as much as \$3.2 billion.

Celebrated by the Pentagon and the U.S. media as a "splendid victory," the 2001 invasion and occupation of Afghanistan quickly spiraled out of control and the country now faces a resurgent Taliban, a new base of operations for al-Qaeda in the tribal areas of Pakistan and evidence of Pakistani ISI involvement in aiding the fundamentalist insurgents and the global drugs trade. But for American unconventional warriors, a full accounting of war crimes that ARSOF supervised and their Northern Alliance "allies" carried out have yet to be answered.

As Peter Dale Scott noted in 2002,

It's a bitter irony: The largely successful U.S. campaign against the Taliban and al Qaeda in Afghanistan is resulting in an increase of funds for terrorists around the globe.

It is true, as President Bush has insisted, that global terrorism is financed by the flow of illicit drugs. Yet by installing and rewarding a coalition of drug-financed warlords in Kabul, the United States has itself helped restore the flow of Afghan heroin to terrorist groups, from the Balkans and Chechnya to Tajikistan, Pakistan and Kashmir. ("Poppy Paradox: U.S. War in Afghanistan Boosts Terror Funds," Dissident Voice, August 3, 2002)

Indeed, among the staunchest U.S. allies in the region, characters such as Hazrat Ali and Gul Agha, "have been 'bought off' with millions in deals brokered by U.S. and British intelligence." But while America was happy to endorse a drug-linked status quo that relied on its so-called "warlord strategy" to "stabilize" Afghanistan, part of the blowback from these dubious alliances included allowing bin Laden to escape into Pakistan in 2001 after the "battle" of Tora Bora.

But for Pentagon proponents of unconventional warfare, the "price is always right" when it comes to strategic and tactical alliances with narcotraffickers and international terrorists. After all, since "UW must be conducted by, with, or through surrogates; and such surrogates must be irregular forces," everything is permitted.

3. Kill Me, Rape Me, Torture Me But Please Don't Spank Me

Compare and contrast:



With:









Now we are expected to believe the first one is the deadliest. And it is because of people like Ms Minallah that we fall for this crap, no matter how nonsensical it is. We are all guilt of this from time to time. What Ms Minallah managed to do with her little video was convince the "civil society" that this:



was worst than all this combined:



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(I know none of these picture are from Swat (most are from Afghanistan and a couple from Iraq) BUT if our media and the so called HR Activists like ms Ms Minallah had been doing their job, I am sure they would look something like this. The media collectively is a partner in this crime. The only job they have done is to repeat ISPR lies.)

BTW: Ever wonder why Ms Minallah never raised a voice against what happened at Lal Masjid? Is it because she was too busy shouting "Kill 'em! kill 'em all!!"????

Shame on all who think that spanking is the only HR violation that has happened in Swat — in fact, the whole country. And shame on those who ignore the misery brought on the people of Swat since that act of Ms Minallah's

P.S. Forgot to mention one more thing. I had claimed that it was ms Minallah distributing the video the world over. She of course had denied it. But then <u>Guardian exposed her lie on April 02, 2009</u>:

"The Guardian received the video through Samar Minallah, a Pashtun documentary maker and anthropologist who lived in Swat for two years in the late 1990s. It has been passed between Swat residents by mobile phones."

(The date too is significant. She first time she mentioned the video was on the night April 01, 2009 (Capital Talk with Hamid Mir Show). That means for this story to appear in The Guardian April 02, 2009, she must have already sent it to them even before she came on the show. She also has never accepted this fact that she indeed was the distributor and gives credit to *YouTube*).

1 Response to "Additional Notes on Samar Minallah, Swat Video, And NGOs"

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1 Project Humanbeingsfirst.org April 10, 2010 at 12:55 am

I think you have just made a good well-documented case for the Freedom Medal and/or Nobel Peace Prize for Samar Minallah – a petty mercenary, no more – either that or the empire's gift of a "mango-crate" (the mango season is just about here anyway).

"Shame on all who think that spanking is the only HR violation that has happened in Swat — in fact, the whole country. And shame on those who ignore the misery brought on the people of Swat since that act of Ms Minallah's"

And this "shame" statement is indeed the heart of the matter! Why do ordinary people in Pakistan fall for this?

Everywhere I have looked, in Pakistan or the United States, the vast majority of the english-enabled likkha-parrha jahils shed as many tears for Lal-masjid as they did for Swat, i.e., zero. Hoodbhoy's "The threat from Within" was no different in 2007 from Minallah's in 2009. The same can be stated for many others, in fact, all our Dawn/DailyTimes and NGO driven aunties and uncles, but why do people, just ordinary people, continually ignore all the obvious commonsensical evidence you have just presented, in every case, and [instead] believe the absurdities?

That's the key problem (convince people of absurdities and get them acquiescing to atrocities – the Enduring_Machiavelli). The problem isn't the fact that Machiavellian propagandists exist. They always have, and presumably always will. Just the same way that oligarchs, their paymasters and prime-movers, have always existed, and perhaps always will(?). It is that darn empirical power of the few upon the many for which an antidote must be found more urgently than a Samar Minallah be righteously promoted to Nobel Peace Prize like President Obama.

And what is that antidote?

Ex post facto analysis is fine and dandy for [the] "<u>I told you so</u>" crowd, for the glorified historians, for the impotent intellectuals, and for the righteous seeking retribution.

But for those who are driven by avoiding a rotten future history rather than rehearsing the old one, in fact like you had referenced yourself once before, the history's actors are peerless in creating fait accompli and then moving on to create the next one while we are left just studying the shit they have left behind:

'We're an empire now, and when we act, we create our own reality. And while you're studying that reality — judiciously, as you will — we'll act again, creating other new realities, which you can study too, and that's how things will sort out. We're history's actors . . . and you, all of you, will be left to just study what we do.' — Senior Bush Advisor, The New York Times, October 17, 2004

We should be worrying about that, and finding its antidote – because we both know that your "shame" statement above will continue to be true for each new abhorrent act of the history's actors!

While this Samar Minallah character will just pass into its trashcan as a minor peon of the hectoring hegemons, either chastised in a "limited hangout" with the gift of a "mango crate", or paid handsomely for services rendered as in the "profession" (i.e., "paisha"), there are a 1000 others, perhaps 100,000, eager to play their patsy role on stage – each with their own scripted entrances and their exits.

So long as power backs them, idiots and mercenaries will always be created to serve their purpose, and "mango-crated" when they have outlived their usefulness (as Gen. Zia ul-Haq was).

There is not much one can do about them unless one can neuter the power which creates them.

But there is indeed something we can do about us, us Pakistanis, us Muslims, us 'untermensch' 7 billion peoples of the planet slated for perpetual "shame", serfdom, and population reduction!

But what the fck is it – what can we do – so that your "shame" statement will no longer be true?

And thank you for a terrific writeup btw. If you get any more direct, you might even get to "enjoy" the mango season more than you ever wanted. That, to a Socrates, may well be an existential compliment, but is also rather permanent. The real power behind Samar Minallah is mercurial. Watchout for it.

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No Surprise: Samar 'Albright' Minallah Unrepentent – Part2

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"Yippie!", say Samar Minallah, who describes herself as a "Documentary Filmmaker, Anthropologist, Human Rights Activist, Women Rights Activist, Communication's Specialist, Pukhtun, Pakistani" (Only thing missing is the truth: "A Complete Fraud!, Genocidal Maniac, Human Suffering, Widow/Orphan-maker, Propaganda Specialist, Pukhtun Killer, Cannibalist, Murderer of Pakistanis!")

[Note: With electricity playing havoc, I am having a hard time sitting down and doing this piece at length. This is a bit disorganized as I wanted to put in a lot of old info to jog the memory but I don't have the time to do a swell job of arranging it nicely. Hope this will do. And apologies for getting a bit messy]

Well the <u>hint of truth slipping out</u> has got our resident weasel out of her hole in the ground and her lies once again grace our papers today (interesting how every newspaper has obliged her): <u>The Swat flogging: do we need more proof?</u>

It offers **nothing new** (see her piece from a year ago below titled "Swat Video is genuine, claim activists") **except calling those who question her** "conspiracy theorists" and "Taliban Supporters" and "Taliban apologists" (Oh how original! But their is one original one too: "professional conspirators" Methinks she is accusing guys like me to be on the pay of some one. Wish she'd identify whom so I can go collect my paycheck;-) BTW: **She herself is undeniably** — and admittedly — a "pro" **NGO b!tch** and we are very clear who her bosses are). But she does mess up some — see that is the trouble when you lie so much. For example, she writes:

"At a time when the entire country was under threat from militants, I not only brought the attention of the country to this video"

WELL IF THIS IS NOT AN ADMISSION THAT SHE WAS USING THE VIDEO FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES THAN I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!!!!

She goes on to say believe me because — like in her last piece — Taliban say so. She even quotes Rahmatullah Yousafzai to "prove" this flogging was real because "other floggings have happened". What she doesn't tell you is that Yousafzai reported

the girl DENIED the flogging (the RYousafzai story is linked below). This is faulty logic. Of course we know that and I am not denying that. But that this particular one did not happen when claimed is all I am claiming and Ms Minallah you have yourself all but admitted to it and admitted to the fact you used it for propaganda.

Another interesting and stupid line from her article:

"If this is 'fake' then what about the way Shabana was brutally killed in front of many silent spectators?"

I don't know which Shabana you are talking about but I do know you did not raise a stink about it. You did not post it on YouTube (oh by the way you lied about that too at first claiming someone else had put the flogging video on YouTube and you happened to come across it. It was YOU who posted it and spread the word to bbc and WP etc) nor did you appear on talk shows hawking it.

I will continue to challenge those who misuse religion for power and politics.

And I will continue to expose lying b!tches like you whose think their religion gives them the right to screw your father-in-law and have her brother as a pimp (see below; and speaking of pim brothers, I must pay my respects to your pimp brother: "Oh, Hi! Athar!) and use little lies to propagate atrocities as happened in Swat.

I think you better quit with these "I was right because Taliban say so" defenses — you are only exposing your lies more and more.

'More' 'proof'? Oh, like the faked-up video (see <u>Orya Maqbool Jan's take</u>)? No thanks! (That <u>you were lying was clear from start</u> (Watch it: <u>Capital Talk Apr 01</u>, 2009) and you proved it again and again). Here are some real facts:

- 1. The video was shot as early as in Jan (now it is being alleged Samar Minallah and her NGO Ethnomedia **paid** to have been **staged**)
- 2. Samar Minallah sat on it for at least 3 months
- 3. This also means it happened **BEFORE THE SWAT PEACE DEAL** but she **USED IT TO KNOCK THE PEACE DEAL** so the **KILLING CAN COMMENCE** (I said at the time "She wants dead people!!!!")
- 5. Here is that ridiculous story that was printed (only 2 days later on Apr 4, 2009) to try to sell the story:

The story is getting ridiculous. New scenes added (I titled it this way)

In it a fairytale was told including false claims that:

- The incident happened **after** the Swat deal. (If that istrue, how come the video was being passed from phone to phone till eventually reaching Ms Minallah "through email"? That is some rapid dissimination)
- We are expected to believe BBC was able to gather all this and identify all the characters and their backgrounds from its investigation in 24 hours or less; and that too when the original story even on BBC was only quoting Ms Minallah

In the print edition of Jang the same day, another version was offered which was even more ridiculous. The person having made the video claims the girl had refused to marry this guy so he joined the Taliban (really?) and had her punished under a false claim thus carrying our his revenge. Go figure (What I specially don't understand is he could have made this false claim without joining the Taliban so why go through the trouble??) Too bloody fantastic!

6. That this little incident would be deemed so important to get the focus was indeed uncany (when so many worst things were going on) and even those againt the Taliban like **Cowasjee** notice this anamoly in his piece titled "When Will We Wake Up":

THE local press is sometimes rather tardy when it comes to latching on to events on the home front. The video of the flogging of a young girl allegedly by the Taliban in the usurped vale of Swat began its circulation around the internet early last week.

On April 2, a report headed 'Video of girl's flogging as Taliban hand out justice' was printed in The Guardian, and a similar report in The Times under the heading 'Video: radicals beat girl, 17, in Islamic stronghold of Swat, Pakistan'. Britain awakens early. The New York Times followed suit two days later, on April 4, in tune with our press, and printed a report on the flogging, 'Video of Taliban flogging rattles Pakistan'.

The news in Pakistan was headlined the same day after the subject video had been aired on most of our news channels on Friday, April 3. On one channel, a 'spokesman' for the Taliban defended the punishment with the caveat that it should not have been publicised. And one anchor person apparently quoted chapter and verse of the Quran and applauded the flogging.

The government of the NWFP which, with the blessings of the federal government, concluded the 'peace' deal in Swat with Sufi Mohammad and the Taliban on Feb 15, via its information minister called the airing of the video an attempt to 'sabotage' the peace deal. President, prime minister and assorted federal ministers had no option but to make the usual condemnatory noises and issue the usual inquiry orders.

Pakistan's chief justice, Iftikhar Chaudhry, has sprung into action, as expected of a man of his stature who has his head and heart in the right place, and taken suo motu action summoning to his court members of the administration of the NWFP. Not that it can serve much purpose as both provincial and federal governments

have abdicated their writ in the vale of Swat and handed it over to the Taliban to do with it and its inhabitants what they will.

Such is the schizophrenia that assails us, which is evident in all walks of life and in all different class distinctions. Education in our case is no panacea for a mass state of denial when it comes to events happening under our combined eyes. It is amazing how the benefits of higher education swiftly rub off our elite classes when it comes to matters of tradition which glorify the violation of human rights.

With so many wrongs/atrocities being committed (plenty of videos of heats being cut off around) why focus on this little flogging, indeed? Of course Ansar Abbasi saw the same and got blasted. My dear Earthman, International Professor saw through it and wrote "Taliban flogging video was fake, prepared and financed by a NGO at Islamabad" (What is interesting is the site where it appeared (MakePakistanBetter) is blocked here in Pakistan; Funny, no? I guess Pakistan does not want to MakePakistanBetter! (i)). Even the NWFP govt and Taliban themselves termed the video release conspiracy as it is being shown a year later.

- 7. That this was a fully managed campaign can be judged from how quickly every paper of note around the local and western press latched on to it. Were they all watching Capital talk that night? No! They all quoted Ms Minallah so we can have no doubt who was behind this. (I do find amazing is that Geo managed to make that little flogging clip into a 23+ minute report)
- 8. Just like today, Samar Minallah came out two days after the release of the video to defend her version and failed MISERABBLY. In fact she left no doubt she was a LYING BITCH. See for yourself in the full story and my comments on it at the time:

Swat video is genuine, claim activists

"...Samar Minallah, the human rights activist and documentary film-maker, while talking to The News said that the video was being circulated from mobile phone to mobile phone and from person to person. She said that she received the video via email from a human rights activist of Swat. Talking about the authenticity of the video Minallah said that everyone in Swat knows that the incident took place but unfortunately the NWFP government wants to divert the attention of the masses from the actual issue of harassment of women. She said that the facts and figures would be produced before the Supreme Court [Apr 2010: They never were and CJ seems to have gone to sleep on it] and everyone would come to know about the authenticity of the video.[Apr 2010: We are still waiting. But I am posting the story about the case when it made it to SC at the bottom!

"NWFP minister Mian Iftikhar directly named me while addressing a press conference yesterday while today the NWFP government has been apologising over directly blaming me", said Samar Minallah adding: "I have got nothing from publicising this horrific video except putting my life in danger and if the government cannot provide me security then at least it should not divert the attention of the masses."

[Is she asking for a bullet-proof car and police escort?]

She said that the dialect which the girl was speaking was purely of Swat as she herself has worked in Swat and any Pushtoon could recognise it. Samar said that Muslim Khan, the spokesman of Taliban in Swat, accepted that the incident took place and also told the media that the girl had an illicit relationship with her father-in-law. "If the incident did not take place then how come Muslim Khan came to know about the allegations levelled against the girl?", said the human rights activist adding: "Muslim Khan said the actual punishment to be awarded to the girl was stoning to death but she was flogged."

[Oh, so is Ms Minallah saying it is OK to have illicit relations with your father-in-law? AND why didn't she let us on to this very important/relevant info earlier?][Apr 2010:And so now we are supposed to believe the Taliban Spokesperson? And why if she was awarded the "stoning to death" verdict was she just flogged? Wasn't that "nice" of the Taliban?? 1

She said that a writer contributing to the BBC had confirmed that the incident was recent and from Swat.[Apr 2010: Oh, so Ms Minallah is using the BBC to cover for her and BBC is using her to cover for them. Nice little symbiotic relationship]

She referred to a human rights activist of Swat who when contacted requested anonymity as publishing his name could put his life in danger. [Apr 2010: The same one who sent her the video?] The human rights activist said that the video was so common in Swat that everyone was aware of it. [Apr 1010: This alone proves the video was MUCH OLDER than she claimed. This again proves her releasing it for a purpose] The activist had said that he received the video from Taliban who were not happy with the incident as it was un-Islamic because the girl had not faced any trial. "Many Taliban were not happy with the incident and they themselves had made the video and circulated it", said the human rights activist adding: "The girl's younger brother was forced to hold her at gunpoint and the man lashing the girl also abused that boy which could be heard easily; the Taliban said to that boy, "Pimp, take her inside the house?"

[Oh this is getting GOOD! So it was the Talban who were distributing the video even though they were not happy with what happened -- "as it was un-Islamic because the girl had not faced any trial" ??? So Talibans DID have the sense to see this? And yet Ms Minallah accused them and hid this important part??? And I am supposed to worry about the Taliban....WHAT A FVCKING FABRICATOR that Ms Minallah is][Apr 2010: And I find it very odd that if I believe Ms Minallah and the Taliban (Ms Minallah is telling me to believe them so I must), this girl was screwing her father-in-law with her brother acting as a pimp and yet the Taliban thought "what a wonderful family!" (Remember Ms Minallah herself wants us to believe Taliban felt bad she was punished so screwing your father-in-law and pimping for your sis must be all "kosher" according to the shariat and Ms Minallah, at least that is what she wants us to believe)]

The activist from Swat said that the incident took place in a remote area near village Serbanda in upper Swat and many Taliban say that it was an illegal activity as proper procedure of having four witnesses was not

adopted. He was of the view that the video was recent and there were many other similar incidents which could not be highlighted by the media.

["many Taliban say that it was an illegal activity as proper procedure of having four witnesses was not adopted." [Apr 2010: Again we are being asked to believe Ms Minallah's fib that the video was recent is to be believed because Taliban confirm her version. Oh so nice of then.]

I must ask: If we are to believe this sh!t from Ms Minallah, I just don't understand what is the issue she has with the Taliban? I mean they seem to agree on everything 100%

SWAT: WHERE IT IS TODAY

Some people of Swat speak out...(of course they will be declared 'Taliban-supporters' or "professional protesters" by ms Minallah):

State accused of Swat's destruction

Monday, April 05, 2010 By Delawar Jan

PESHAWAR: Swat Qaumi Jirga on Sunday declared the state of Pakistan responsible for all the destruction, killings and miseries of the people in Swat and sought an apology from President Asif Ali Zardari as the head of the state....

And what about those other people from Swat...you know...the IDPs that all the 'civil society' was kind enough to make them into refugees? Well they are still suffering (as they were last year) as I talked about earlier:

IDPs from tribal areas

Not only has the theatre of war against the militants in the northwest expanded in recent times, it has also extracted a heavy price in the process by displacing people from various affected areas on a very large scale. The fact must be kept in mind and both state and civil society should come to the aid of the IDPs. According to one relief agency, it has registered over 1.3 million IDPs from the tribal areas. The exodus from Orakzai Agency alone amounts to over 75,000 tribesmen at even conservative estimates. Parts of the agency have reportedly turned into ghost towns where starving children search for food. The exodus was a predictable consequence of the operation against the militants, but little evidence is available of the state having made efforts to mitigate the IDPs' suffering. The sole relief camp in the area is in Hangu district, accommodating less than 4,000 people. There is no room for the hundreds of people streaming into the area everyday. Apparently, no relief camp exists in Kohat district, where over 22,000 IDPs have registered themselves with the social welfare department. Unsurprisingly, the battle against militancy has led to mass migration, with people seeking refuge in Kohat and Hangu districts and Khyber Agency....

So what this b!tch wrought has only spread.

P.S. See my comment that really got ALL baboos furning and pull out their knives (I must have set a record for the names I was called in that thread (5)

The story when the case made it to SC:

SC hearing of Swat girl's flogging case adjourns sine die

ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court hearing of suo motto notice case relating to the flogging of a Swat girl adjourned here sine die.

Interior secretary, NWFP IG, Attorney General (AG) and other high officials appeared before the eight-member bench of the Supreme Court headed by the Chief Justice, Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry hearing the Swat case.

AG, Latif Khosa during the hearing made a plea that the matter relating to the flogging of girl was a sensitive issue and, therefore, the hearing be conducted closed-door. The Supreme Court turning down the request for in-camera trial gave remarks that the flogging was made known through the media and added that the facts need be brought before the public.

The victim Swat girl could not be presented during the SC hearing, while a confidential report was presented from the NWFP chief secretary (CS). The SC bench refusing to accept NWFP CS report relating to the flogging of girl remarked that no confidential report was required and said all facts should be brought in public.

Besides, the girl's statement before the magistrate was also presented through AG, in which the girl has denied the alleged flogging incident. NWFP IG on this occasion in his statement drew the attention of the court to this fact that the police have no access to several areas in Swat. [Oh, and Ms Minallah does? And BBC seems to be in every nook-and-corner as can be "proved" from the fact they managed to gather so much in 24 hours as mentioned by me above] To this, the bench remarked, "Your statement tantamount to laying arms."

NWFP IG said that an FIR has been registered against unidentified persons and an investigation team headed by DIG has been constituted. [Why "unnamed"? Just ask bbc or Ms Minallah or Muslim Khan 🧡]

The SC bench expressed its displeasure with interior secretary, Kamal Shah relating to Swat incident, while a member of the bench, Khalilur Rahman Ramday enquired from interior secretary, "Except arresting judges, do you do any other work."

CJ Iftikhar Chaudhry in his remarks said that investigations be conducted that who conspired to defame Islam and Pakistan.

Hey CJ, WAKE UP!!!

For completeness, here is another story and my comments:



Swat girl denies flogging by Taliban

By Rahimullah Yusufzai [for the benefit of @Mo Usman so he can't deny it's creditability 🐸]



PESHAWAR: Chand Bibi, the young girl who was shown being flogged by the Swat Taliban in a videotape aired on television channels, gave a statement to a Qazi, or judge, on Sunday, denying the incident.

Mian Iftikhar Hussain, the NWFP information minister, told The News that she made the statement to Mohammad Riaz, the judge of the Qazi Court for Matta Tehsil, and the commissioner of Malakand division, Syed Mohammad Javed, both of whom visited her village, Kala Killay, in Kabal Swat district on Sunday.

Quoting the commissioner, Mian Iftikhar said the girl, Chand Bibi, made it clear that she was indeed married to Adalat Khan and everyone in the village knew about it. She refuted the reports that both of them were flogged by the Taliban as punishment for maintaining illicit relations and then forcibly married...."

Suckers!

ATTENTION MS MINALLAH!

Mohmand Agency: Locals decide to migrate on massive scale

KALIA demands public hanging of culprits

And I am sure Ms Minallah agrees. BTW: Under which law is death punishment prescribed for spanking? I am waiting.....

See Also:

Video of girl's flogging in Swat was 'fake' Girl flogging issue echoes in Senate again **Fake Swat Video Finally Declared Fake** "The Price Is Worth It", Samar 'Albright' Minallah

ONE FOR THE ROAD:

Well in case you are wondering why you are hearing all this talk about Southern Punjab and America's latest warnings, our ladies have been hard at work. I already told you about Ayesha Siddiqa but did you know Samar Minallah has been hard at work there too?



Samar Minallah is all with her future victims in Rahim Yar Khan, Southern Punjab.

UPDATE:

Rafia Zakria has an interesting take on the "video controversy":

Reinventing the Taliban

- "...The army's strategic local objective is not the only factor dictating the reinvention of the Taliban that is under way via the Swat video controversy. Undoubtedly, the United States has been mulling over talks with the Taliban for the past several months with advisors close to President Obama emphasising their necessity as a solution to the AfPak crisis....
- ...Minor hitches in this project of reinventing the Taliban include civil society groups and NGOs such as Ethnomedia, that draw attention to annoying details: to give just a few examples, the over 200 girls' schools bombed, the scores of beheaded villagers, the blast-stricken markets and the many thousands of dead civilians that the Taliban have left in their wake. Accusing such NGOs of faking a video that showed an incident that was acknowledged by the TTP is thus a convenient way of rewriting history so that the enemies of the past may become the friends of the future."

15 Responses to "No Surprise: Samar 'Albright' Minallah Unrepentent"

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1. ______1 Project Humanbeingsfirst.org April 7, 2010 at 1:52 pm

Hi,

<duplicate snipped>

Reply

2. 2 Project Humanbeingsfirst.org April 7, 2010 at 2:01 pm

Hi,

Once the hectoring hegemons have created a core-lie and got people to believe or accept it, namely, that 'war on terror' is real and "our war", then many truths within the core-lie can be constructed, and also are created due to their own natural dynamics with proper black-ops channeling.

These dynamics are the puppetshows that Rafia Zakaria is commenting on in her DAWN article of April 07, 2010: "Reinventing the Taliban", but is strategically silent on the core lie itself:

"Yet to view the controversy as an isolated case connected only to the veracity of the events depicted in the video would be to miss the trajectory of the transformation being planned for the Taliban by the political and military leadership of the

country. With the completion of the Pakistan military's Rah-i-Nijat offensive in Swat, and the near culmination of operations in North Waziristan, the endgame of a long and bloody counter-insurgency operation is now visible."

Rafia Zakaria is obviously quite familiar with the vulgar propagandists' crucial tool in their vast arsenal of behavior modification tool-chest:

'The greatest triumphs of propaganda have been accomplished, not by doing something, but by refraining from doing. Great is truth, but still greater, from a practical point of view, is silence about truth. By simply not mentioning certain subjects, by lowering what Mr. Churchill calls and "iron curtain" between the masses and such facts or arguments as the local political bosses regard as undesirable, totalitarian propagandists have influenced opinion much more effectively than they could have done by the most eloquent denunciations, the most compelling of logical rebuttals.' — Aldous Huxley in the (circa 1946) Preface to his novel Brave New World.

So, I ask Rafia Zakaria to refute the core-lie as unraveled by this scribe in the following letter to editor using her most compelling of logical rebuttals if she believes my deconstruction to be false. Or, explain her silence on the core-lie. Because, I do believe, vulgar propagandist she is not!

http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/04/pak-geniuses-or-native-informants.html

But I will take a bet that contrary to my belief, she won't because she is, perhaps inadvertently, part of the same congame of introducing "beneficial cognitive diversity", as are all the rest of the native-informants and house negroes of Pakistan whose new crowned queen of hearts appears to be this Samar Minallah.

Convince people of absurdities and get them acquiescing to atrocities – and here we have them turning a blind eye to the greatest atrocity of them all: "the supreme international crime differing only from other war crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole", from which "all the evil that follows" is therefore on the account of those who "goose-stepped the herrenvolk across international frontiers" with the show of first-aggression by the "invasion of its armed forces, with or without a declaration of war, of the territory of another State".

Any law professor who does not know their Nuremberg – well, perhaps it is only the same old 'likkha-parrha jahils' of modernity coming out of America's top IVYs and becoming the Epsilon Semi-moron to Alpha administrators in the hierarchy of Atlas Shrugged.

From Huxley to Orwell to Strauss to his mistress, all have not been merely prescient, but rather have explained the actual blueprint of the future of scientific dictatorships where commonsense is replaced by zerosense, and moralsense by secular-humanism!

I am getting awfully tired of these repeated rehearsals after 9 years, repeating the same scenes and deconstructions over and over again, and I am really glad this tiny website is doing more than a giant's share of due diligence. Thanks!

May I also suggest that to always start with the statement of the core-lie to remind the reader that you are about to embark on unraveling another Alice in Wonderland episode, and situate the unraveling of the micro katputli-tamasha very precisely within that looking glass – yes, again and again and again! As Chomsky had once noted: it takes a sentence to construct a lie (or half-truth), considerably more space (and time) to refute it. Here we have to refute entire enactment of never-ending back-to-back puppetshows!

Zahir Ebrahim Project Humanbeingsfirst.org

CC: rafia.zakaria

Reply

3.

3 Project Humanbeingsfirst.org April 7, 2010 at 2:51 pm

FYI - Submitted Letter to Editor DAWN - The politics of 'Reinventing the Taliban' goes through a core-lie! April 07, 2010

http://humanbeingsfirst.files.wordpress.com/2010/04/letter-to-editor-dawn-the-politics-of-reinventing-the-taliban-goes-through-a-core-lie-april-07-2010.pdf

Any possibility that it will be printed? Of course anything which retains the core-lie of empire passes the acceptance criterion on 100% of newsprint. That's how both consent and controlled-dissent is fabricated. Yes we know that – but I wonder if the editors themselves know that they are part of that Mighty Wurlitzer's propaganda machinery?

Why do I suspect that significantly, a large number of 'Epsilon Semi-morons' are employed in the world's presses?

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Reply

4 nota April 7, 2010 at 3:22 pm

"Any possibility that it will be printed?" Rhetorical, right?

BTW: Hope you cc:ed Ms Zakaria on it...

Reply



5 nota April 7, 2010 at 3:41 pm

"BTW: Hope you cc:ed Ms Zakaria on it..."

Oops! Ignore it! Just missed it earlier at the bottom of the other comment...

6 nota April 7, 2010 at 7:53 pm

Interesting...



Reply



7 Observer April 7, 2010 at 11:50 pm

Iranian flogging video?

Reply



8 nota April 8, 2010 at 12:28 am

Surprised? Samar must be proud of that one 🨉





9 nota April 8, 2010 at 3:20 pm

Hey, why don't you send a link to my old buddy Ghost. He went <u>wacko for "Green Revolution" and Neda</u> (man he was crying and lying "She dies on camera, in the arms of her brother and father! I'm lost for words!")

And here is another classic pic from the "revolution" (of course just as fake):



10. _____1

10 Project Humanbeingsfirst.org April 9, 2010 at 12:23 pm

What I found interesting is this:

http://pulsemedia.org/2010/01/07/eyeless-in-tehran/

They have the same video of Neda with the following statement:

"Press TV should be ashamed of running such crude and embarrassing propaganda. The channel couldn't have found a better way to insult its audience. Neda Agha Soltan's killing was an outrage; to try to cover it up in such a shoddy manner merely adds insult to the injury. Press TV has provided excellent coverage in Gaza and elsewhere. If it is to remain credible, it will have to assert its independence and put a distance between itself and its sponsors."

So who predominantly writes for pulsemedia? The so called new-new left liberals, the "Progressives"! Good for at least "beneficial cognitive diversity", if nothing else.

Reply

11.

11 Project Humanbeingsfirst.org April 9, 2010 at 1:45 pm

Watch Shirin Neshat – More green "Azadi", relating 1953 to today – at the Sundance Filam Festival, amidst tremendous western applause and flattery:

http://www.womenwithoutmenfilm.com/trailer/

Interview here:

http://www.womenwithoutmenfilm.com/about/

Flattery here:

http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2010-01-28/irans-cinematic-revolution/full/

This appears to be the key modus operandi for destablizing Iran from within using the disaffection among Iranian patsies – relate the various struggle for Azadis to today.

It also appears to be a sure ticket for the patsies (and mercenaries of course) to Western fame, accolade, Salman Rushdie type welcome in high-places, and of course we have already seen the Nobel Prize awarded to another Shirin for serving the Western agenda in Iran by watchfully playing the role of a charismatic dissident.

Harnessing the cracks and lacunae of a people's cultures and religions, their disaffections, and turning it around to the hectoring hegemons' advantage, is a game as old as empire.

One would have thought that a civilization as old as empire, like the Persians, would know better than to fall for it!

How can one realistically fight this sort of 4th-5th-6th generation warfare, of cognitive infiltration, calculated psy-ops, aiding/abetting/tickling/fabricating insurgency, and then the big-brother coming in with massive counter-insurgency operations to save the people?

http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=18560

I thought we, Pakistanis, might learn from the Persians how to defend ourselves, but it looks like both peoples suffer from the same Western plague of occidentosis, and entirely outclassed by Machiavelli!

But there must be an antidote! Even when souls may be traded for 2 pennies? Yes! Just don't know what it is. Only that there must be an antidote. And that it must be within reach of us all. But what?

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12. ______1

12 Project Humanbeingsfirst.org April 8, 2010 at 3:52 am

"Surprised? Samar must be proud of that one" — Not just Samar:

http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/02/isthe-iranian-expat-new-house-negro.html

I don't recall meeting even one Iranian in person who doesn't think they need "Azadi"!

Just as they needed it in Pakistan before Dr. Zardari brought it for us. The following video of Khatami is from the above article:

Fear of khatami for the downfall of islamic republic in Iran

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heG6GkbxtzA

But the Persian mercenaries and Iran's elite are such as co-opted and/or misled, as Pakistan's. Patsies grown on trees – if only I had a penny for everyone of them! Could perhaps afford not just one but a 1000 foundations in every country! Then, I'd say, the battle might have been even with the hectoring hegemons who print their own monies and freely distribute it among the bazaris and the tijaritis! Price of the soul: two pennies!

Here is a revised letter to editor:

http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2010/04/lett-to-editor-politics-of-taliban.html

Yes, it's indeed only rhetorical!

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Reply



13 Talkhaba April 8, 2010 at 9:40 pm

The excellent post i have ever read.

Reply

"The Price Is Worth It", Samar 'Albright' Minallah - Part1

Published April 3, 2010 Articles 7 Comments

Tags: Fata, IDPs, NGOs, Samar Minallah, Swat, Swat Flogging Video, USAID, Video

Dawn reports:

IDPs from tribal areas



IDPs in Swat, April, 2010

Not only has the theatre of war against the militants in the northwest expanded in recent times, it has also extracted a heavy price in the process by displacing people from various affected areas on a very large scale. The fact must be kept in mind and both state and civil society should come to the aid of the IDPs. According to one relief agency, it has registered over 1.3 million IDPs from the tribal areas. The exodus from Orakzai Agency alone amounts to over 75,000 tribesmen at even conservative estimates. Parts of the agency have reportedly turned into ghost towns where starving children search for food. Unsurprisingly, the battle against militancy has led to mass migration, with people seeking refuge in Kohat and Hangu districts and Khyber Agency. The exodus was a predictable consequence of the operation against the militants, but little evidence is available of the state having made efforts to mitigate the IDPs' suffering. The sole relief camp in the area is in Hangu district, accommodating less than 4,000 people. There is no room for the hundreds of people streaming into the area everyday. Apparently, no relief camp exists in Kohat district, where over 22,000 IDPs have registered themselves with the social welfare department.

This is an unacceptable situation. The IDPs are caught in a war that is not of their making and they have a right to receive the state's protection. **Tackling the militants must of course continue with full force** — after all, just on Wednesday militants blew up five schools and a basic health unit in the Utmankhel area of Orakzai Agency. But the fallout on ordinary citizens must be mitigated as far as possible. The conflict must speedily be brought to a successful closure. Meanwhile, efforts are needed towards setting up relief camps.

"Tackling the militants must of course continue with full force" - Now that is fvcking amazing, isn't it?

BTW: This is nothing new for Dawn. Exactly a year ago they had a similar piece:

Plight of internally displaced persons

PROTECTING the lives and property of citizens is amongst the most fundamental duties of a government, in fact its raison d'être. In the case of thousands of residents of Pakistan's militancy-infested areas, however, the state appears to have been unsuccessful on this count. Not only has it failed to effectively curtail the militants' reign of terror, it has worsened the plight of victims who have borne the brunt of retaliatory military operations. Nor has the state been able to provide meaningful succour to families who were forced to flee. The point is reflected in the grim future faced by internally displaced persons in various parts of the country.

A UNHCR survey estimates that there are over 43,500 IDPs in Islamabad and Rawalpindi alone. Threatened in equal measure by militants and the security forces, these families fled in the hope that the state would come to their rescue. Yet no refugee camp or aid centre has been set up in the twin cities' jurisdiction and the IDPs have been left to fend for themselves. Little imagination is required to realise that the step from subsistence-living to disillusionment and crime is a short one. However, this realisation is yet to dawn on the federal government that refuses to accommodate refugees in camps anywhere but in the NWFP because of 'security concerns'.

Meanwhile, an estimated 41,000 IDPs live in the NWFP's Jalozai camp. They are now being asked to return to their homes since the military operation has ended. Faced with the daunting task of returning to battle-scarred areas, these citizens are demanding that they be compensated for the destruction of their homes and have their safety guaranteed upon return. But the government has shown little interest in addressing these concerns, and no compromise with them has been attempted. Little wonder then that violent clashes have occurred between IDPs and the police, most recently on Wednesday when a protester was killed. A press note issued by the DCO's office blamed the protesters for having cast the first stone, but that is not the point. The real issue is that thousands of people found themselves caught in the crossfire between militants and security forces, and fled a situation that was not of their making. Their demand for aid is legitimate. If their needs are not addressed, the state runs the risk of adding to the ranks of disillusioned people who turn to arms in order to have their voices heard.

Of course it was clear then as now no help would come IDPs' way but "Talibs had to be stopped".

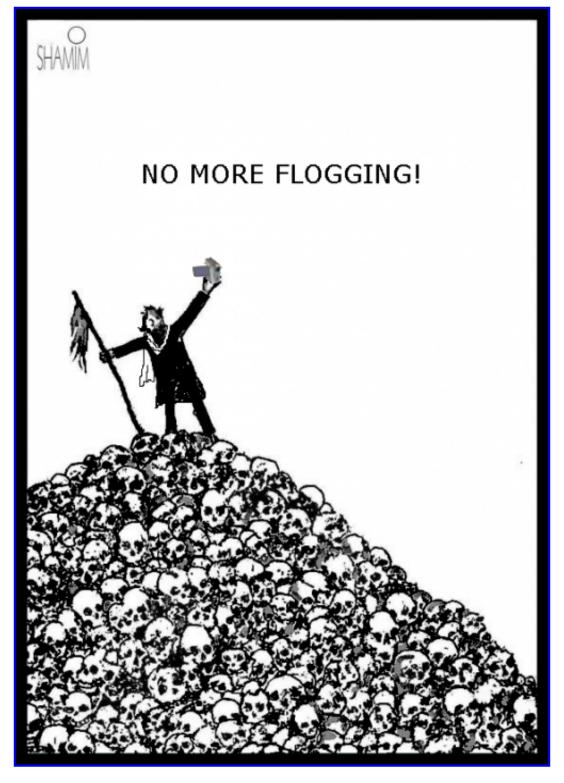
And I am sure even if asked today, Ms Samar 'Albright' Minallah would say "The price was worth it!" Of course she will say it with crocodile tears about that "poor girl getting flogged" and wanting us to believe that alone justifies the murder of thousands since and suffering of millions.



"We are so glad to go thru this suffering. Thank you Samar!"

Related:

Swat Flogging Video Fake



7 Responses to ""The Price Is Worth It", Samar 'Albright' Minallah"

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1 nota April 3, 2010 at 8:59 pm

I am going to post comments I made at the time (though in no particular order due to shortage of time): Submitted on 2009/03/28 at 4:26am

@savage

'thousands of innocent pakistanis, mostly muslims, have been killed in this bloody play, but it is more painful to see lots of people are glorifying these butchers."

Oh, please cut the crap. It is fully you get all teary eyed and scream "Horror!, Horror!!" about this but not a word about the killing done by your armed forces (they have killed many times more but I am sure you are assuming they only kill militants) or those killed by US/Nato forces (tens of thousands times more but I am sure in your mind that is justified killing in the name of "spreading democracy" and "protecting human rights")

And no, I am not justifying this present slaughter as I am sure you will come back screaming. And do read @Adonis' comment above and take off the filters from your eyes that make you see only what you want to see.

Stop being like the Zionists who scream bloody murder when an Israeli soldier is wounded but celebrate

killing of thousands as doing God's work. And let me repeat @Adnonis' line:

"Simply lumping all the armed groups together as taliban and parroting that this so called war on terror being perpetuated by americans is our war is utter nonsense."

(BTW: I do know you'll stick to your — false — assumptions...and you blame others for being fundis. Go figure!)

Submitted on 2009/03/28 at 4:28am

@msohail83
"Money for the powerful elite mafia goons
Tyranny for the common man
Escalation of violence in FATA
Bail out by IMF

End Result- CHAOS, unfortunately!"

Perfect analysis of the "new" Obama policy. But don't tell it to our Baboos.

Submitted on 2009/03/28 at 6:46am

@Traffic

BLASPHEMY!!!!

(BTW here's mine: Most of the people died not from the blast itself but from the collapse of the (substandard) roof)

The above was in response to the comment:

Traffic said:

this is what The News reports:

"Meanwhile, some residents and injured belonging to the villages of Rekalay and Kufar Tangi said they saw aircraft flying above the area since Friday morning. They feared the blast at the mosque could have been caused by a missile fired by a US drone.

However, the authorities in Khyber insisted that it was a suicide attack."

http://thenews.jang.com.pk/top_story_detail.asp?Id=21192

either that or it could be the work of Mangal Bagh's group as @Adonis suggested. and lets not forget the Indian consulates lined upon our border with Afghanistan. whoever it is, it definitely CANNOT be the Taleban, they would never bomb a mosque, this kind of stuff the Americans or the napak army does.

Submitted on 2009/03/28 at 6:51am

@justice4all

Well it is different in that it is an escalation of the 'war' here and more direct relationship between money paid to kills (The exact rate list yet to be worked out but the cap is \$1.5 billion.)

Submitted on 2009/03/28 at 8:07am

@Traffic

"what is most disturbing is that our own government and army, despite knowing the perpetrators would rather not speak up and instead would prefer to blame it on the "evil Taleban""

And it's not just our government and army but our Baboos suffer from the same ailment.

On second thought, at least our government and army are following some agenda but our Baboos just suffer from tight underwear squeezing their brains...Damn Calvin Klein!



Submitted on 2009/03/28 at 9:36am

@Shirkuh

"I said it then and I repeat it again that Obama is more white than the whites themselves. Now he is literally proving my prediction."

I remember. And this is a sampling of what I said: under "Obama Wins Presidency"

Of course this p!ssed off TK (and many others) and Peja — remember him? — accused me of being an ISI agent (There are a lot of gems under that post and under Discuss: Bush Out, Obama In ()

BTW: Who's looking forward to more of the following?

Plight of internally displaced persons

"... Not only has it failed to effectively curtail the militants' reign of terror, it has worsened the plight of victims who have borne the brunt of retaliatory military operations. Nor has the state been able to provide meaningful succour to families who were forced to flee. The point is reflected in the grim future faced by internally displaced persons in various parts of the country.

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Submitted on 2009/03/28 at 1:06pm

Can the Baboos please explain this Voice of America story on the Obama plan: Experts Say Plan to Seperate Moderate Afghan Taliban from Hardliners Could Work

It starts:

One element of President Obama's new Afghan strategy is aimed at reaching out to moderate Taliban insurgents to peel them away from a hard-line Islamist core linked to al Qaida. Vice President Joe Biden said this month that he believed only five percent of the Taliban were "incorrigible", who have to be fought militarily while the rest can be separated.

So according to Obama AND Biden, a FULL 95% of the Taliban are really not that bad.

So who among you will be the first to label Obama and Biden as "Taliban Lovers"?

Oh come on!:-P

Submitted on 2009/03/29 at 3:21am

@savage

"@nota

"I have courage and said again and again that I don't support killing by anyone and I don't have love spot for killers, be it army, MQM, taliban etc.

Of so this is what you call "courage"? Wow! Oh brave one!

Now you heard where I stand (again), could you please let me know if you condemn or support this event?"

I know you don't realize it but your very question is insulting for it assumes not only that I am not a Muslim, but also that I am not a human being.

Also, would it satisfy you to have a ticker rolling "President Zardari and PM Gillani and nota have strongly condemned this attack"? Give me a fvcking break!

But I will say I WILL NOT blindly condemn the Taliban for it for I don't think they perpetrated it. They are not known for bombing mosques, and that too during Jumma prayers. I do know Americans no such issues.

Regarding your other (wise-@ss 😀) "practice makes perfect" comment, I would just say even @pakcitizen saw through the tall claim made by Baitullah Mahsud ("hundreds of thousands of suicide bombers' are ready to defend Pakistan") but I really am surprised you didn't. Don't tell me he is the more sensible one among you two! "The horror!The horror!!"



Submitted on 2009/03/29 at 4:00am

@pakcitizen

"The strength of the TTP is estimated to be 40K."

Right. And like I told savage above, that "hundreds of thousands of suicides bombers" is not to be taken literally.

By the way nice attempt to roll in that 95% figure in their ("Even then, 95% of the people living in FATA have nothing to do with the TTP...So the TTP or for that matter Baitullah Mehsud do not represent the aspirations of the people of FATA. The state of Pakistan is fighting this 5%, not the other 95%.") in your attempt to cover up the VoA story I posted, instead of answering it directly.

See if you can comprehend this: What your gods Obama and Biden are talking about is NOT 95% of people of FATA BUT 95% of the Taliban who can be talked to (So using your own 40K figure, we are only talking 2K).

And seeing such a long answer to my post, I was hoping you would answer the few simple questions. Let me try again. Here's the package I quoted:

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- 1) Do you agree with Obama AND Biden that a FULL 95% of the Taliban are "moderate Taliban insurgents"?
- 1a) Are Taliban "insurgents" (as opposed to "terrorists")?
- 2) Will you now label Obama and Biden as "Taliban Lovers"?

Simple questions really.

Submitted on 2009/03/30 at 5:35am

If a tree falls in the forest and no one hears it....

U,S, Cagey On Possible Pakistan Strikes

...It would be "deeply injurious to our national interest to speculate" on that, Holbrooke said.

His comments came an hour after U.S. President Barack Obama told reporters that the United States was reserving the option of attacking terrorists within Pakistan, saying, "We will insist that action be taken — one way or another — when we have intelligence about high-level terrorist targets."

When asked if that meant the U.S. troops would hit targets in Pakistan, presidential spokesman Robert Gibbs asserted, "I think it would be wise for us not to lay out for the world that plan of attack," adding that Americans could be "assured that the president is taking the steps necessary to address the threat and protect the American people," The Hill reported.

The 'New' Strategy - Did Obama Expand the War Into Pakistan?

But is that the whole story? Was the much-heralded new strategy just about polishing up the same old escalation in Afghanistan and selling it as a change? Perhaps the real novelty in this plan takes place outside of Afghanistan, in neighboring Pakistan.

Indeed, while they emphasize Afghanistan in public comments about this plan, the white paper (PDF) distributed by the White House on the strategy looks decidedly Pakistan-centric. It calls for "a more capable, accountable, and effective government" in Afghanistan, but promises "a vibrant economy" for Pakistan. It pledges to "disrupt terrorist networks in Afghanistan and especially Pakistan."

While promising "A New Way Forward" (not so coincidentally the working title of the 2007 escalation in Iraq), it seems that all roads lead to Pakistan. The government will be getting billions in new aid, the US is committing itself to fight militants in the area (above and beyond the repeated drone attacks). They're not even ruling out sending ground troops.

So Afghanistan has its new strategy, which is its old strategy with more guys. But maybe the real story here is that President Obama has made the equivalent of a de facto declaration of war against Pakistan's border regions.

UK backs Pakistan offensive

Defence secretary insists Britain has to back American plans to hunt down al-Qaida leaders across the Afghan border

Britain has offered its full backing for a renewed military offensive inside Pakistan, as UK ministers confirmed the country was now "part of a single campaign" alongside Afghanistan.

Defence secretary John Hutton said the UK supported targeting Pakistan-based Taliban and al-Qaida positions and urged Europe to begin offering assistance to eradicate insurgents in the tribal regions bordering Afghanistan.

Confirming that Britain was being drawn into a widening regional conflict, Hutton said the time had come to target Taliban and al-Qaida havens inside Pakistan. In his most explicit statement of intent against Afghanistan's troubled neighbour, Hutton said that the military objectives in the region must now have "an equal focus on both countries".

"The political burden of dealing with the Pakistan side of the border must be shared. And there are many European countries with strong ties to Pakistan that can more effectively share that burden with America."...

Obama Commits Himself To War

Here is Obama's new strategy for his 'campaign against extremists who wish to do us harm' or CAEWWTDUH: full remarks, white paper (doc).

Short version:

Let's fight all Pashtuns and whoever helps them. This in Afghanistan but especially in Pakistan.

Obama: Yup, We're at War in Pakistan

Perhaps you were wondering whether or not the U.S. was really at war in Pakistan, as well as Afghanistan. Well, President Obama just put those questions to rest.

"I want the American people to understand that we have a clear and focused goal: to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat al Qaeda in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and to prevent their return to either country in the future. That is the goal that must be achieved. That is a cause that could not be more just." Obama also made it clear that the military won't just go after the militants sowing mayhem in Afghanistan, but the ones undermining Pakistan's government, too.'

The terrorists within Pakistan's borders are not simply enemies of America or Afghanistan – they are a grave and urgent danger to the people of Pakistan. Al Qaeda and other violent extremists have killed several thousand Pakistanis since 9/11. They have killed many Pakistani soldiers and police. They assassinated Benazir Bhutto. They have blown up buildings, derailed foreign investment, and threatened the stability of the state. Make no mistake: al Qaeda and its extremist allies are a cancer that risks killing Pakistan from within.

It is important for the American people to understand that Pakistan needs our help in going after al Qaeda. This is no simple task. The tribal regions are vast, rugged, and often ungoverned. That is why we must focus our military assistance on the tools, training and support that Pakistan needs to root out the terrorists. And after years of mixed results, we will not provide a blank check. Pakistan must demonstrate its commitment to rooting out al Qaeda and the violent extremists within its borders. And we will insist that action be taken - one way or another - when we have intelligence about high-level terrorist targets.

Any confusion? 😃



Submitted on 2009/03/30 at 6:10am

Some extra reading: **Liquid War: Postcard from Pipelineistan** By Pepe Escobar

April 2009 Comments: Submitted on 2009/04/01 at 3:57am

@swat yosufzai

"Latest news Geo News Reporter Ameen Hafiez reports there is a link between Terrorist Who Attacked on srilankan team and those who attacked on Manawa becasue they were using the same biscutes ..."

I am glad you caught that bit of investigative brilliance too. RM now has competition.

Remember folks, if you see anyone eating Bisconi biscuits, please call RM right away....

Submitted on 2009/04/01 at 2:50pm

@all

And the Baboos cried "Guardian, you Taliban lover you! Our news sources are impeccable." Guardian: 'Worse than the Taliban' – new law rolls back rights for Afghan women

Jon Boone in Kabul

Hamid Karzai has been accused of trying to win votes in Afghanistan's presidential election by backing a law the UN says legalises rape within marriage and bans wives from stepping outside their homes without their husbands' permission.

The Afghan president signed the law earlier this month, despite condemnation by human rights activists and some MPs that it flouts the constitution's equal rights provisions....

Doesn't this sound familiar?

Al-Qaeda – Who Else?

media

MEDIA LENS: Correcting for the distorted vision of the corporate On March 23, BBC online reported another bloody day in Iraq:

"It was the second bomb attack in Iraq on Monday, with an earlier explosion near the capital. Baghdad, killing at least eight people.

"The BBC's Hugh Sykes, in Baghdad, says al-Qaeda have launched several attacks in Diyala since losing support in other parts of Iraq." (news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/middle_east/7959918.stm)

The foe, naturally, was the global bad guy, "al-Qaeda". Thirty years ago the BBC would have declared them "Communists" or "Marxists". We wrote to the BBC's "man in Baghdad" the same day:....

. . .

Sykes replied the following day:

Hello David

No proof, but circumstantial evidence and reasonable presumption of AQI [al-Qaeda in Iraq] involvement – very much their modus operandum. Suicide attacks are their signature method, and this was a dramatic detonation suggesting a lot of explosive – again, very AQI.

And...who else would do this? ...

Another interesting story: My question is: "Could BB have one of the victims?" NO! Baitullah DID NOT do it!

<u>Seymour Hersh: Secret US Forces Carried Out Assassinations in a Dozen Counties, Including in Latin America</u>

Bush administration ran an "executive assassination ring" that reported directly to Vice President Dick Cheney. "Under President Bush's authority, they've been going into countries, not talking to the ambassador or to the CIA station chief, and finding people on a list and executing them and leaving,"

Hersh said....

This is the first time Samar appeared on TV (Capital Talk Apr 01, 2009) selling the video. Not known at the time was that it was in fact she who had released the video (a fact she hides):

I just watched the beginning of the show and maybe she made some sense later but Samar Minallah's opening comments were totally ridiculous. In claiming there was no peace in Swat, the only example she could come up with was a "16 or 17 year old girl being flogged publicly".

Would this great defender of Human Rights to tell me how many 16 year old (and younger) girls was blown up to bits before this current (and about to go to hell just as per wishes of Ms Minallah) peace deal? How many were left without limbs? How many were left orphans? How many are left to suffer the life of refugee camps? How many of them have since been raped there? How many of them have to sell their bodies to survive? But that somehow none of that is Human Rights violation. That one public flogging is all hat matters. And so kind of her to have made a video and put it on YouTube for the world to see the "horror of a public flogging". Of course she has no videos of the dead and maimed from the time before. How nice of her.

Her dishonesty was is displayed by the fact that she did not inform us as to WHY the girl was being flogged. I am sure she was accused of something (no matter how silly) but we are not supposed to care about that but focus on "barbaric" act of public flogging.

Shame on you Ms Minallah!

(Now the baboos can let it rip \(\begin{aligned}
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Submitted on 2009/04/02 at 10:28am

@Iota6177

"@notawould you like to share the noble reason why this girl was flogged 50 times by men in public."

Like I said I did not watch the whole show so I don't know which exact lashing you are talking about. But here is one that I have watched, courtesy of CNN:

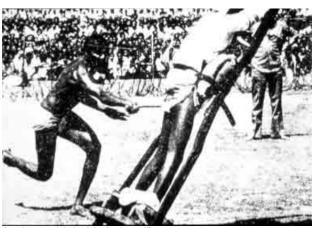
(Note: Just saw the screen shot @axis0110 linked to so I believe it is the same)

Taliban justice in Swat Valley

The girl in this one is being lashed for adultery, as stated. Straight forward really 😃



Is it right? I won't say 😉 But do listen to the school headmaster Zardini Susri in the clip. I am certain you will disagree with him. And I am certain you think this is OK:



And you think this is "cool":



(Case you don't know, much worst butt-whipping happens at every thana of this country. We will never hear the likes of you describe it as "barbaric" or say "I am astonished this is happening in 2009")

BTW: Is the following "barbaric"?



Submitted on 2009/04/02 at 1:00pm

@ConcerenedAmericanPak

Thanks for the Chris Floyd link. I discovered him back in Sept 2001 and what a find he turned out to be. I was lucky enough to discover Arundhati Roy about the same time. I had previously stated somewhere here:

Though I had never heard of her, I was just blown away by her piece <u>"The Algebra of Infinite"</u>

<u>Justice"</u> that was published soon after 9/11 (on September 27, 2001). That was the first sane piece I came across after 9/11. That and <u>Chris Floyd's prophetic "Panic Attack: A Blank Check for Tyranny."</u> Been a fan ever since and I lap up everything both of them write....

BTW: Don't miss any of the links in the piece especially in the following part:

In other words, just as I first wrote in the Moscow Times more than six years ago (and followed up three years later), the United States is deliberately fomenting terrorist attacks in order to pursue its political and military agendas.

Submitted on 2009/04/02 at 1:04pm

@iamsowise

"Why dont we say Pakistan is under attack rather then Bajor under attack"

Because then we have to answer Also our baboos/human rights activists are certain only monstorous Taliban militants are being killed so you better support it!

Submitted on 2009/04/02 at 1:47pm

@ConcerenedAmericanPak

Another bit worth reading from an article mentioned by from the Chris Floyd in the article you posted is worth a read:

The Obama Administration has launched an ever growing number of attacks in the FATA, generally aimed at Mehsud's training facilities in North and South Waziristan. In September, then-CIA Director Michael Hayden said the attacks were an attempt to "provoke a reaction" from the militant groups led by Mehsud. It appears that now, six months later, they have finally done so.

Submitted on 2009/04/02 at 7:31pm

@ConcernedAmericanPak

Here's two to go along with that:

FROM P.N.A.C. TO F.P.I.: THE REINVENTING OF NEOCONSERVATISM FOR THE ERA OF OBAMA

Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) Unveils Global Governance Agenda

Submitted on 2009/04/03 at 5:39am

@mbc

"The West is being pennies wise and pounds foolish. To save Afghanistan, a country of 30 million, they are going to get a bumper prize of monstrous proportions"

Here's Robert Fox's piece from The Guardian:

(Of course most will miss it jerking off to that video*)

A surge won't work in Afghanistan

Barack Obama has promised more troops and aid for 'AfPak' – a policy that could have disastrous consequences

...This concept could turn out to be a bit of a two-headed monster for the allies, particularly the UK. The main thrust of the Obama strategy is that the fight against al-Qaida and the senior command of the Taliban has to be taken into northern Pakistan from Baluchistan to the playground of the militants in Kashmir.

They will expand the war by proxies, air strikes and drones into the territory of a friendly country, Pakistan, albeit one that is in a state of almost chronic fracture. Increased military activity by America and its allies could make things even more unstable – and throughout the country....

FLASHBACK: Bush secret order to send special forces into Pakistan

...Bush's decision to extend the war into Pakistan, and his apparent hope of British backing, formed the background to a video conference call with Gordon Brown yesterday. "What's happening on the border of Pakistan and Afghanistan is something where we need to develop a new strategy," Brown said before talking to Bush....

"And I thought Obama was going to be different."

And I disagreed. Strongly!

*No I DON'T find it that disturbing. Comparatively speaking. I'd post some videos but YouTube has found them too disturbing to keep 'em so I have to do with the following for now:

Ghosts Of Abu Ghraib - Trailer | Movies & TV | SPIKE.com

Submitted on 2009/04/03 at 2:27pm



Samar Minallah: "No spnking, no Human Rights abuse here'



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(I know none of these picture are from Swat (most are from Afghanistan and a couple from Iraq) BUT if our media and the so called HR Activists like ms Ms Minallah had been doing their job, I am sure they would look something like this.)

BTW: Ever wonder why Ms Minallah never raised a voice against what happened at Lal Masjid? Is it because she was too busy shouting "Kill 'em! kill 'em all!!"????

Shame on you and shame on all who think that spanking is the only HR violation that has happened in Swat.

Submitted on 2009/04/03 at 2:34pm

@czar

And I stand by my comments 🐸



In fact I will add to them. Ms Minallah was clearly lying when she say (@at 8:14) that:

"Bohot jald YouTube per bhi ous video ko dakain gay keuN ka loog us video ko bana rahay thay"

implying it wasn't her. In fact it was her who spread the video all over. Submitted on 2009/04/03 at 2:59pm

@urazzaq12



@czar

"@you sick cockroach 'nota'

your pictures are not justification for what happened to Chaand. what is depicted in those pictures is condemned as vociferously by all here. what is it with you? You sick depraved travesty on the name of humanity.

you are just a sickening taliban, delighting in these atrocities..."

Ouch. Truth sure is hard to swallow.

BTW: Thank you for proving my point about you champions of HR 🙂 Much appreciated 🐸





Submitted on 2009/04/03 at 3:04pm

@ataraxis6

"@nota

These images are appalling, but how can you use these to justify what happened to the girl in this video."

Tell me when i say "shame on all who think that spanking is the only HR violation that has happened in Swat", exactly WHERE am I justifying it?

I am just putting things in perspective and asking WHY and WHEN did lashing become the biggest/the only abuse of HR.

I am offering no justification.

@alv

Again, I am offering no justification.

Submitted on 2009/04/03 at 3:09pm

@death_wave
"this happened in january...why released now?"

Exactly. Maybe Ms Minallah can explain that.

SHE shot the video in Jan SHE sat on it for nearly 3 months

BTW: This also means it happened BEFORE THE SWAT PEACE DEAL but she is USING IT TO KNOCK THE PEACE DEAL

She wants dead people!!!!!

Submitted on 2009/04/04 at 3:10am

@TK

"@nota: Why don't you, for once take a fvcking stand and SAY THIS IS WRONG!"

I think I already did. When I ask "WHEN did lashing become the biggest/the only abuse of HR", does it not follow: "lashing = abuse of HR"

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How can I be any clearer?

Or should I really spell it out for you?

Submitted on 2009/04/04 at 5:27am

@TK

BTW: So much for the so called "conspiracy theory"...

NWFP govt, Taliban term video release conspiracy

Saturday, April 04, 2009

By Essa Khankhel & Daud Khattak

MINGORA/PESHAWAR: Both the NWFP government and the Swat-based Taliban termed the video showing a 17-year-old girl being flogged by militants a conspiracy to sabotage the February 16 peace deal.

The gory incident occured in Kala Killay area of the Kabal Tehsil where the Taliban publicly lashed a girl for stepping out of house with a man, who was not her relative.

The girl's name was said to be Chand while the accused was mentioned by locals as Adalat Khan, son of Muslim Khan. Speaking at an emergency news conference in Mingora on Friday, NWFP Minister for Information Mian Iftikhar Hussain termed the release of the video to the electronic and print media a conspiracy against the peace deal in Malakand.

He insisted that the incident happened before the provincial government's peace agreement with the Tanzim Nifaz Shariat-i-Muhammadi (TNSM) in the Malakand division. He argued that some elements were presenting it as a fresh incident to sabotage the peace deal.

The minister said the video was released by a non-governmental organisation (NGO), which is against the peace agreement. He said the incident took place on January 3 while the peace agreement with the TNSM was signed on February 16.

[I guess the NWFP govt agrees with my "Minallah wants dead people" claim as well]

"These are the people who don't want to put a halt to bloodshed in Swat, stop subjecting people to lashes or dig out bodies from graves and hang them in public," said the minister. He said their party believed in non-violence and this was why they inked the peace agreement with the Taliban to ensure peace in the Swat Valley. He said the Shariah draft law had been sent to President Zardari and the recent incident was a conspiracy to create hurdles in signing of the draft Nizam-e-Adl Regulation.

Mian Iftikhar said the ANP government was fighting on the frontline and those sitting in drawing rooms should come out and see what was happening in this area. He said his government was ready for any sacrifice, but would not compromise on peace.

"People hatching conspiracies to derail the Swat peace process must understand that any failure this time will have serious repercussions and those people will be responsible for any bloodshed in future," he warned. He said peace and the government writ had been restored in more than 80 per cent areas of the Swat district.

To a question, he hoped President Zardari would soon sign the Nizam-e-Adl Regulation. [Don't worry guys -- he won't sign it and Ms Minallah will get her wish for more bloodshed. Of course you won't see any videos of that] Talking to journalists over the telephone, spokesman for Swat Taliban Muslim Khan also said that the girl was flogged before the signing of the peace agreement. "I don't know what purpose some elements want to achieve by releasing the video at this moment," he guestioned.

Muslim Khan said the incident happened nine months ago. At the same time, he defended the Taliban decision of lashing the girl, saying she was punished for living for three years with her father-inlaw instead of her husband. [Could this be true? (Hold your horses. I am not asking if this justifies what happened)]

Khan defended the Taliban for punishing the girl, but objected to the public lashing and said inquiry would be conducted into the incident as to why the girl was brought before the public for punishment instead of awarding the sentence inside a room.

Muslim Khan claimed the two men, who gripped the hands and legs of the girl while being lashed by a bearded and turbaned Talib, were her relatives. He said the local Taliban awarded the punishment of 40 lashes to the girl after getting verdict from a Mufti, or religious scholar, at a time when the military operation was being conducted in Swat and Qazi courts hadn't been set up.

He said the actual punishment for adultery was stoning to death. However, as there were no Qazis at that time, the girl was awarded punishment of 40 lashes, he argued. Without condemning the incident, Muslim Khan said both the man and girl had confessed their 'crime'. He said the accused man had also been awarded the same punishment. "Why that video was not released to the media when the one about the girl was shown," he objected.

Khan said they had accepted the draft law for the Malakand division presented to Maulana Sufi Muhammad and those creating hurdles in the implementation of the Regulation were not doing any good to the area and the people.

Online adds: The head of Tanzim Nifaz Shariat-i-Muhammadi, Maulana Sufi Muhammad, also termed the release of the video a bid to sabotage the Swat peace process. While talking to Online news agency, he denounced the inhuman incident of lashing a 17-year-old girl in public and reiterated to investigate the incident along with the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Sufi said the video footage was aimed at maligning the Taliban, as it was not necessary that any man with beard could be a Talib.

[But of course in your wisdom and being enlightened, none of you will give the other side the benefit of doubt. Even if proven that the video was shot Jan 3 or earlier, you will continue with your fundamentalist tirade. And you and the Honorable CJ IMC knows that and much worst stuff happens in every thana in Pakistan but of course none of you will feel any outrage at that.]

Submitted on 2009/04/04 at 5:33am

^^ Of course you'll hear the usual "Two wrongs don't make a right" ⁽²⁾



Submitted on 2009/04/04 at 7:03am

Talk about getting ridiculous 🐸 😜 The story is getting. New scenes added

In the print edition of Jang, the another version is even more ridiculous. The person having made the video claims the girl had refused to marry this guy so he joined the Taliban (really!!!!) and had her punished under a false claim thus carrying our his revenge. Go figure $\ensuremath{\mathcal{G}}$

(What I specially don't understand is he could have made is false claim without joining the Taliban so why go through the trouble??)

In other news:

13 killed in US drone attack in Miranshah

Of course no condemnation from Ms Minallah as once again no spanking was involved 🙂



Submitted on 2009/04/04 at 11:07am

Since I am already 'that thing', let me paste the latest absurdity:

Pakistani Taliban commander Baitullah Mehsud claimed responsibility for the attack on an immigration services center in Binghamton, N.Y., the Press Trust of India reported Saturday.

What I don't get is why would be target "immigrants" of all the people? That would be his last choice.

Also isn't it convenient (and efficient of him) to have mailed the voice message to all the channels?

"Because he is an animal", "Becaue he is a monster", "Because he is a maniac" are just not it.

I see fakery 📛

Submitted on 2009/04/04 at 11:14am

@pak.nukes

U.S. "Authorities are treating his claim for responsibility for the Binghampton shootings with caution," reports even SkyNews.

But see how quickly our forces of justice and protectors of human rights through caution to the wind and shout "SEE!"

Submitted on 2009/04/04 at 11:22am

@Ghazala

But Mush assured and was assured that none of the "captured 689 and handed 369 to the United States" would be spanked. So there was no incidence of HR abuse.

Submitted on 2009/04/05 at 5:47am

@shandana

"Look at the hypocrisy of Nota,

Nota said

He mentioned this

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http://www.bbc.co.uk/urdu/pakistan/2009/04/090404_miranshah_carbomb.shtml

WHY??????????????"

Oh why indeed!!! Did it ever occur to you that maybe it is because I did not hear about it till now? DUH! (And I am sure you and your ilk had the condemnation covered for this type of event and that is why I don't make it a point to do so anyways. I usually express my condemnation for the events/atrocities you ignore 🙂

By the way Miss Fizza, YOU certainly can't say you haven't heard about the drone attack as you seem to have given special attention to my comment. How come we don't see your condemnation of that? (Let's see you try to slither your way out of that one. Or having been expossed, will you just attack, attack, attack my person 🐸)





Submitted on 2009/04/05 at 8:46am

'I think what nota is trying to say is that although similar and other even more barabaric acts (e.g. Karo kari) are being perpetrated right under our noses, it is our personal bias against somebody claiming to be implementing the shariah law that makes us go "OMG! How barbaric!" about it, while the other acts go almost un-noticed, or atleast do not elicit from us a response of the same intensity for the former as for the latter. A major contributing factor to this is also that we do not see Audio/Visual content showing those attrocious crimes being perpetrated..."

And I thought I was saying it plainly to but the baboo response certainly shows their glaring biases 🖳



Submitted on 2009/04/05 at 8:58am

50 Afghans found dead in truck container

Baboos/HR Activists says: "Irrelevant"/"We too busy protesting spanking to raise a voice agaist this"

Extremists disrupt dance programme

Baboos/HR Activists says: "QUICK! Arrange another BIG protest. The contry is going to the dogs!!!! OMFG"

Protesters defy police, torch French hotel

Baboos/HR Activists says: "Protest is a democratic right."

Abducted UNHCR official John Solecki released

Baboos/HR Activists says: "Be very quiet till Solecki interview video comes out. If he says he was treated

ok, ignore the whole issue. If he says he was treated roughly, shoult "Bloody murder""

Militants on looting spree

Baboos/HR Activists says: "Another jackpot! (And Dawn has already done us well by providing a misleading headline" (people looted, militants did not)

FBI rejects Mehsud's claim for NY attack

Baboos/HR Activists says: "Don't dare touch this!!! Ignore! Ignore! Why did the bastard have to be named "Jiverly Wong"?"

Thirteen people (two women and three children) Killed by drone

Baboos/HR Activists says: "Ignore it like we did the one 3 days ago. Yell "Swat! Spank! Swat! Spank!""

Truth hurts. But truth makes baboos foam at the mouth 🨉



Submitted on 2009/04/05 at 9:05am

[Remember it was later found out it was NOT by Taliban but by someone to settle a score]

Re: Blast in Chakwal I'll be among the first to condemn it (My "preemptive defense" against attack by @Shandana)

Submitted on 2009/04/05 at 7:18pm

@Traffic

"does anyone remember back in 2005 when two british SAS soldiers dressed in arab clothes were caught by the Iraqi police while planting a roadside bomb in Basra? the british army later "freed" the soldiers from police custody and the matter was hushed up."

Very clearly. I still have their pics saved somewhere... For those who don't remember: British "Pseudo-Gang" Terrorists Exposed in Basra British tanks storm Basra jail to free undercover soldiers

There was another AlJazeera story at the time which has since disappeared. Luickily I found a pdf of it: The occupation forces are the real perpetrators of bomb attacks in Iraq?



Reply



3 nota April 3, 2010 at 10:20 pm

April Continued:

Submitted on 2009/04/05 at 7:43pm

Did you catch Ms Samar Minallah squirm? I am posting the full story cause it is very interesting....

Swat video is genuine, claim activists

"...Samar Minallah, the human rights activist and documentary film-maker, while talking to The News said that the video was being circulated from mobile phone to mobile phone and from person to person. She said that she received the video via email from a human rights activist of Swat. Talking about the authenticity of the video Minallah said that everyone in Swat knows that the incident took place but unfortunately the NWFP government wants to divert the attention of the masses from the actual issue of harassment of women. She said that the facts and figures would be produced before the Supreme Court and everyone would come to know about the authenticity of the video.

"NWFP minister Mian Iftikhar directly named me while addressing a press conference yesterday while today the NWFP government has been apologising over directly blaming me", said Samar Minallah adding: "I have got nothing from publicising this horrific video except putting my life in danger and if the government cannot provide me security then at least it should not divert the attention of the masses."

[Is she asking for a bullet-proof car and police escort?]

She said that the dialect which the girl was speaking was purely of Swat as she herself has worked in Swat and any Pushtoon could recognise it. Samar said that Muslim Khan, the spokesman of Taliban in Swat, accepted that the incident took place and also told the media that the girl had an illicit relationship with her father-in-law. "If the incident did not take place then how come Muslim Khan came to know about the allegations levelled against the girl?", said the human rights activist adding: "Muslim Khan said the actual punishment to be awarded to the girl was stoning to death but she was flogged."

[Oh, so is Ms Minallah saying it is OK to have illicit relations with your father-in-law? AND why didn't she let us on to this very important/relevant info earlier?]

She said that a writer contributing to the BBC had confirmed that the incident was recent and from Swat.

She referred to a human rights activist of Swat who when contacted requested anonymity as publishing his name could put his life in danger. The human rights activist said that the video was so common in Swat that everyone was aware of it. The activist had said that he received the video from Taliban who were not happy with the incident as it was un-Islamic because the girl had not faced any trial. "Many Taliban were not happy with the incident and they themselves had made the video and circulated it", said the human rights activist adding: "The girl's younger brother was forced to hold her at gunpoint and the man lashing the girl also abused that boy which could be heard easily; the Taliban said to that boy, "Pimp, take her inside the house?"

[Oh this is getting GOOD! So it was the Talban who were distributing the video even though they were not happy with what happened -- "as it was un-Islamic because the girl had not faced any trial" ??? So Talibans DID have the sence to see this? And yet Ms Minallah accused them and hid this important part??? And I am supposed to worry about the Taliban....WHAT A FVCKING FABRICATOR that Ms Minallah is]

The activist from Swat said that the incident took place in a remote area near village Serbanda in upper Swat and many Taliban say that it was an illegal activity as proper procedure of having four witnesses was not adopted. He was of the view that the video was recent and there were many other similar incidents which could not be highlighted by the media.

["many Taliban say that it was an illegal activity as proper procedure of having four witnesses was not adopted."]

SO @CZAR & CO, A B!G FVCK YOU TO YOU ALL! (And don't say thanks, the pleasure is all mine):-P

Submitted on 2009/04/05 at 8:25pm

@Jamhooriat

So basically Rahimullah Yusufzai is saying the same thing as The News piece i posted earlier. Are you listenning @Muhammed Usman?

BTW, I just love this part:

"When the Taliban leadership came to know about the incident, they asked the goldsmith to identify the three Taliban who had extorted the money from him. Subsequently, the two Taliban foots-soldiers were lashed in public and their commander, Khairo, was publicly executed in Sinpoora"

Compare this to what would happen if the culprits were say a General and his subordinates and the courts were ours...

Now be honest people

@Traffic said:

"mjkk86 calling other people idiots is just classic!

...and ironic 🐸 "

I see we have discovered some more geniuses. Amazing how alike they are though...

@Shirkuh said:

"@nota

"Or will they go quiet pretend they did not even read it like in the case of this earlier comment of mine" Exactly they will PRETEND"

Just as expected [©] They are so predictable [©]

@Muhammad Usman

"@ nota

I dont now which religion you follow, but dont try to mess with my first name."

Oh sorry for committing the ultimate crime of spelling 'Muhammad' as 'Muhammed'. Oh how terrible of me. I must be reported to the Taliban.

Muhammed, Muhammed, Muhammed, Muhammed, Muhammed

(BTW: I only spelled it the way I usually spell it. You insult the name with every comment of yours, d!psh!t. Tell me what is wrong with spelling it with an "e"? I am sure you have some wild theory about not spelling it that way. Out with it unless it is too embarrassing — though I doubt anything will embarrass you)

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 5:00am

@Taugeer Akbar

Here's another great one:

Malcolm X: The Ballot or the Bullet

"...I'm a Muslim minister. The same as they are Christian Ministers, I'm a Muslim minister. And I don't believe in fighting today in any one front, but on all fronts. In fact, I'm a "Black Nationalist Freedom Fighter." Islam is my religion, but I believe my religion is my personal business. It governs my personal life, my personal morals. And my religious philosophy is personal between me and the God in whom I believe; just as the religious philosophy of these others is between them and the God in whom they believe...."

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 5:15am

@urazzaq12

I think he is talking about this one:

(Don't forget to read the "Second Editorial" below)

"...As terror becomes widespread in Pakistan — another incident happened Saturday when some JUI activists closed down a dancing event in Larkana, and on Sunday morning at an Imam Bargah in Chakwal — sympathy for the terrorists has arisen in Lahore instead of declining. Sympathetic terrorist incidents aimed at closing down theatres and music shops have increased. The video showing the lashing of a 17-year-old girl has united civil society but divided the media and the intelligentsia. At least two leading journalists of a major newspaper group have illustrated the dilemma of a nation trapped in terrorism it can't clearly define in moral terms.

Reacting to the Pakistan-wide condemnation of the Swat Taliban, the chief reporter of the said group [Ansar Abbasi] warned that the nation was "thinking like America" and referred to Sura Nisa to prove that the whipping punishment meted out in Swat was right. By ignoring the question of "authority" — a fundamental condition under Islam — he asked the nation to accept the legal status of whoever it was who ordered the whipping. Another TV anchor who does a popular "monologue" programme [Dr. Shahid Masood] pointed out that the Swat whipping had brought the "humanist-Islamic" divide in Pakistan. A pro-Taliban leader in Swat also said on TV that the "roshan khayal" (enlightened) elements of the country were aligned with America and their NGOs were leading the assault against Islamic values.

Despite the nation-wide condemnation, the whipping incident is gradually becoming victim of the national division over terrorism. Are we being killed because we are fighting America's war; or are we dying because the terrorists want to take over the country? The media is heavily tilted along with the opposition politicians in favour of the first cause. Civil society is being heavily influenced by the TV channels and is becoming vulnerable to the rhetoric of retired army officers who say terrorism can't be fought and the correct policy is to fight the Americans out of Afghanistan instead of fighting Al Qaeda and the Taliban out of Pakistan.

Terrorism has to be fought, if not as terrorism than as a law and order problem. If the state wants to survive it must raise a strong security force that will face the terrorists and lay down the law. *

Second Editorial: Uniting to kill Baitullah Mehsud

According to a reported intelligence source, "Pakistan and the US have agreed to stage a joint operation to kill local Taliban chief Baitullah Mehsud". The effort will include intelligence from

Pakistan about Mehsud's movements, with the aim of guiding a missile attack from an American drone. It is said that it took Pakistan time to persuade Washington to target Mehsud and abandon its earlier drone policy of not attacking elements who are not directly involved in raids across the **Durand Line.**

The Americans have likely agreed to cooperate on Mehsud after twice ignoring precise triangulation of Mehsud's movement by Pakistan. The earlier American policy of letting Mehsud wreak havoc in Pakistan was flawed...."

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 5:37am

@Kamran Anjum

"must read article from Orya Magbool Jan

http://www.express.com.pk/epaper/PoPupwindow.aspx?newsID=1100596216&Issue=NP_LHE&Date=20090406"

An eye opener indeed! Thanks to you and to Orya for exposing the fabrication unleashed by Ms Minallah.

(I rest ny case 🐸)

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 5:39am

Orya Maqbool Jan Strips Ms Samar Minallah NAKED!

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 8:17am

@pak,nukes

How much truth will these arses ignore?



سوات میں لڑکی کوکوڑے،سیریم کورٹ میں ساعت غیر معینہ مدت تک ملتوی اسلام آباد.....سوات میںلڑ کی کوکوڑے مارنے کےازخودنوٹس کیس کورٹ میں ساعت غیر معینہ مدت کیلئے ملتو ی کر دی گئی ہے ۔سوات کیس کورٹ میں ساعت کےموقع برسکیریٹری داخلہ، آئی جی سرحد، اٹارنی جز ل اور دیگر حکام پیش ہوئے ۔کیس کی ساعت چیف جسٹس افتقار چو مدری کی سر برای میں 8رکنی

مارے جانے کامعاملہ حساس ہے،اس لئے ساعت بند کمرے میں کی جائے ۔سیریم کورٹ نے مقدمہ کی ان کیمر وٹرائل کے مستر دکرتے ہوئے ریمارکس دیے کہاڑ کی کوکوڑے مارے جانے کاعلم ہی میڈیا کے ذریعے ہوا اورعوام کے سامنے حقائق لانا ضروری ہے۔سیریم کورٹ میں ازخودنوٹس کیس کی ساعت کےموقع برسوات کی متاثر واڑ کی پیش نہیں کی حاسکی جبکہ چیف سیکریٹری سرحد کی جانب سے خفیدر پورٹ پیش کی گئی۔سیریم کورٹ نٹخ نے چیف سکریٹری سرحد نے سوات کیاڑ کی کوکوڑے مارے جانے کے واقعے کی پیش کردہ رپورٹ تسلیم کرنے ہے انکار کر دیااور دیمارک دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ کوئی خفیدر پورٹ نہیں جاہے ،تمام حقائق منظرعام پرلائے جا 'میں گے۔جبکہ اٹار نی جنزل کی وساطت ہے ندکور واڑ کی کامجسٹریٹ کےسامنے پیش کردہ بیان بھی پیش کیا گیا جس میں اڑکی نے مبینہ طور برکوڑے مارے جانے کے واقعے کے بیان کی تر دید کی ہے۔اس موقع برآئی جی سرحد نے بیان دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ عدالت بیام بھی دیکھے کہ سوات کے تئی علاقے ایسے ہیں جہاں پولیس کورسائی نہیں، جس پر پنچ نے ریمارکس دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ آپ کا بیان ہتھیار ڈالنے کےمترادف ہے۔آئی جی سرحد کا کہنا تھا کہ نامعلوم افراد کےخلاف مقدمہ درج کرلیا گیاہے اورڈی آئی جی کی سربراہی میںٹیم تشکیل دے دی گئی ہے۔سیریم کورٹ نیخ نے سوات واقعے پرسکریٹری داخلہ کمال شاہ پراظہار برہمی کیا، جبکہ بیخ کے رکن جسٹس خلیل الرحمٰن رمدے نے سکریٹری داخلہ ہے استضار کیا کہ آب ججز گرفتار کرنے کےعلاوہ کیا کچھاور بھی کام کرتے ہیں؟۔ چیف جسٹس افتقار مجمد چوہدری نے ریمار کس دیے ہوئے کہا کہ تحقیقات کی جائیں کہ اسلام اور یا کستان کو بدنام کرنے کی سازش کس نے کی۔

(Baboos, read before commenting)

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 8:29am



Swat girl denies flogging by Taliban

By Rahimullah Yusufzai [for the benefit of @Mo Usman so he can't deny it's creditability \(\begin{align*} \text{\text{\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$\text{\$}}\$}}}\$}}} \end{align*}



PESHAWAR: Chand Bibi, the young girl who was shown being flogged by the Swat Taliban in a videotape aired on television channels, gave a statement to a Qazi, or judge, on Sunday, denying the incident.

Mian Iftikhar Hussain, the NWFP information minister, told The News that she made the statement to Mohammad Riaz, the judge of the Qazi Court for Matta Tehsil, and the commissioner of Malakand division, Syed Mohammad Javed, both of whom visited her village, Kala Killay, in Kabal Swat district on Sunday.

Quoting the commissioner, Mian Iftikhar said the girl, Chand Bibi, made it clear that she was indeed married to Adalat Khan and everyone in the village knew about it. She refuted the reports that both of them were flogged by the Taliban as punishment for maintaining illicit relations and then forcibly married...."

Suckers!

ATTENTION MS MINALLAH!

Mohmand Agency: Locals decide to migrate on massive scale

KALIA demands public hanging of culprits

And I am sure Ms Minallah agrees. BTW: Under which law is death punishment prescribed for spanking? I am waiting....:-P

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 8:31am

@pak.nukes

"@nota

Ms.Minallah struggled for independent judiciary...."

And I hope the court gets her for this fitna (along with Asma J. and Co.)

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 11:04am

@imran25

"latif khosa (attorny general) of PPP in SC to discuss Swat video."

See for your self. See the wild claim by Latif Khota 😃



مارے جانے کا معاملہ حساس ہے، اس لئے ساعت بند کر ہے ہیں کی جائے۔ سپریم کورٹ نے مقدمہ کی ان کیم وٹرائل کے لئے اٹارنی جزل کی ورخواست مستر دکرتے ہوئے ریمارکس ویے کہ لڑکی کووڑے مارے جانے کاعلم ہی میڈیا کے ذریعے ہوااور عوام کے سامنے حقائق لا ٹاخروری ہے۔ سپریم کورٹ میں ازخودونوش کیس کی ساعت کے موقع پرسوات کی متاثر دائر کی چیٹ میں جبا کی جبکہ چیف سیکریٹری سرحد کی جانب سے خفیدر پورٹ چیٹری گڑئے۔ سپریم کورٹ بڑنے نے چیف سیکریٹری سرحد نے سوات کی لڑکی کوکوڑے مارے جانے کے واقعے کی چیٹری کردہ رپورٹ سلیم کرنے سے اٹکار کردیا اور دیمارکس ویے ہوئے کہا کہ کوئی خفیدر پورٹ بیس چاہیے ، تمام حقائق منظر عام پر لائے جا کیں گئے۔ جبکہ اٹارنی جزل کی وساطت سے ندکور دائری کا مجسٹریٹرے سامنے چیٹری کردہ بیان بھی چیٹری کہا گئے ہے۔ ہمارٹ کی اس منظر عام پر لائے جا کیں گے۔ جبکہ اٹارنی جزل کی وساطت سے ندکور دائری کا مجسٹریٹ کے سامنے چیٹری کردہ بیان بھی چیٹری کہا گئے ہمارٹ کی تعریف کے سامنے واقع کے بیان کی تر دید کی ہے۔ اس موقع پر آئی تی مسرحد نے کہا کہ آپ کا علاقے ایسے ہیں جہاں پولیس کورسائی نہیں ، جس پر بڑنے نے ریمارکس دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ آپ کا بیان ہتھیارڈ النے کے متر ادف ہے۔ آئی جی سرحد کا کہنا تھا کہ مامعلوم افراد کے خلاف مقدمہ درج کرلیا گیا ہے اورڈی آئی تی کی سربراہی ہیں ٹیم تھیل کو سے جوئے کہا کہ اس خوالی اورٹ کیا گئے اورڈی آئی جی کورٹ بھیل الرحمٰن ریدے نے بوئے کہا کہ دے دی گئی ہے۔ سپریم کورٹ بھی کورٹ بھی نے سوات واقعے پرسیکریٹری واخلہ کمال شاہ پراظہار برہمی کیا، جبکہ بڑکی کے درکن جسٹس طیل الرحمٰن ریدے ہوئے کہا کہ داخلہ سے استفصار کیا کہ آسام اور پاکستان کو بدنا مرک نے کاسازش کس نے گئے۔ چیف جسٹس افتار محمد جو بدری نے ریمارکس دیے ہوئے کہا کہ داخلہ سے اس میں کہا کہا کہ وہ کئی کہا کہا کہ وہ کئی کے اسلام اور پاکستان کو بدنا مرک نے کاسازش کی ۔ چیف جسٹس افتار محمد جو بدری نے ریمارکس دیے ہوئے کہا کہ

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 11:05am

@imran25

"taliban use opium and ransom for kidnapping to get money? is that a real islam?"

More lies. Even your master Americans believe that not to be true

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 11:16am

The SC/Swat Story in English for the Baboos:

SC hearing of Swat girl's flogging case adjourns sine die

ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court hearing of suo motto notice case relating to the flogging of a Swat girl adjourned here sine die.

Interior secretary, NWFP IG, Attorney General (AG) and other high officials appeared before the eight-

member bench of the Supreme Court headed by the Chief Justice, Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry hearing the Swat case.

AG, Latif Khosa during the hearing made a plea that the matter relating to the flogging of girl was a sensitive issue and, therefore, the hearing be conducted closed-door. The Supreme Court turning down the request for in-camera trial gave remarks that the flogging was made known through the media and added that the facts need be brought before the public.

The victim Swat girl could not be presented during the SC hearing, while a confidential report was presented from the NWFP chief secretary (CS). The SC bench refusing to accept NWFP CS report relating to the flogging of girl remarked that no confidential report was required and said all facts should be brought in public.

Besides, the girl's statement before the magistrate was also presented through AG, in which the girl has denied the alleged flogging incident. NWFP IG on this occasion in his statement drew the attention of the court to this fact that the police have no access to several areas in Swat. To this, the bench remarked, "Your statement tantamount to laying arms."

NWFP IG said that an FIR has been registered against unidentified persons and an investigation team headed by DIG has been constituted.

The SC bench expressed its displeasure with interior secretary, Kamal Shah relating to Swat incident, while a member of the bench, Khalilur Rahman Ramday enquired from interior secretary, "Except arresting judges, do you do any other work."

CJ Iftikhar Chaudhry in his remarks said that investigations be conducted that who conspired to defame Islam and Pakistan.

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 11:33am

@pak.nukes

Here is another emperor of the Baboo clan/NGO darling who might not have clothes either: The curious case of Mukhtar Mai

...Each - the most eminent writers included - convinced beyond doubt that the accused are guilty and deserve no mercy! In contrast, I say no more than that we should at least consider the possibility that the accused may perhaps be innocent....'

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 12:01pm

Kiddo, first read these teo pieces. Then maybe we can talk on this. First one is from CIA site itself. The second by a former CIA guy:

Can the USG and NGOs Do More?

Former CIA agent tells: How US infiltrates "civil society" to overthrow governments

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 12:48pm

@imran25

The US AID site used to have it _to see which NGOs are getting how much of the millions under each program) here out http://www.usaid.gov/regions/lac/cu/upd-cub.htm but it seems to have disappeared.

Will try and find it....I am sure it is somewhere on the web



Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 1:09pm

@imran25

It will also do well to read the following:

How United States Intervention Against Venezuela Works Terrorism and Civil Society: The Instruments of US Policy in Cuba NED et. al.: The CIA's Successors and Collaborators Journalism And The CIA: The Mighty Wurlitzer

BTW: I am assuming you are aware there is NO NGO that doesn't get foreign money

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 1:33pm

@Traffic

Trying to save face? If you can't beat 'em, join 'em?? $\stackrel{\smile}{=}$



"i think the baboos are fearful that their fake video will be exposed for what it is"

It is totally exposed. I think they are having a secret meeting to come up with to deflect criticism/change the subject or just laying low, waiting for another "atrocity" to give them new life.

But for now, their asses have been spanked red 🥹



Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 1:41pm

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 1:59pm

@rasheed

"The top hit Movies in the US are anti-American Army and Intelligence."

You couldn't be more wrong [©]



Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 2:22pm

@imran25

Thanks for the detailed info.

"That list is crucial. so we can see Which black sheep got US dollars during MUSH era from civilian side....Now if you can bring the list of USAID donations out, I am hundred percent SURE, GEO will be on list(top receivers in media)"

I agree with most of what you said but I doubt the money paid Geo will be in the books of USAID. The money is probably funneled from some different "programs" and the transfer hidden, e.g. in the payment for airing VoA at much above normal airtime charges, funneling it through PILDAT, direct payment to some foreign account of the owners, etc.

The above is in response to this comment by imran25: Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 2:04pm

nota

That list is crucial. so we can see Which black sheep got US dollars during MUSH era from civilian side.

I still remember dr shahid in jawabdey" YOUR MEDIA CAN NOT EVEN PRINT THE LIST OF DEFAULTERS OF PTV'.

It meant to me that even some channels including GEO itself is a PTV defaulter.(Cricket rights dispute between GEO super and PTV)

A friend of mine in PTV karachi told me that the audit report prepared by dr shahid even had, the list of journalists being paid by the secret fund of MInistry Information and PTV. Thats why there was a hue and cry from the print and electronic media to stop that audit report coming pubilc. Journalists travel abroad quitely with rulers on PTV fund, There are even MUJRAAS in islamabad residences arranged from public fund.

Talat hussain resigned from PTV due to similiar reasons four years back, sheikh rasheed was his boss (everyone can imagine what could happened).

They don't allow any honest person in the circle, and try to destroy his career and reputation, once they come out.

interestingly Both talat and kashif abbasi joined ARY after that ,when dr shahid was the Head there.(read TALAT on wikepedia)

But timings of dr shahids decision were wrong, he went against the public wishes.

TALAT was in THE NEWS (jang group)before joining PTV. Hired by whom?(DR maleeha lodhi was the editor there at that time, shae is now back in THE NEWS). NUSRAT and TALAT both worked toghether in THE NEWS ,became friends,that how talat brought NusRat to AAJ.

Now ARY is gone bc ZARDARI gave them a gold licence years back, and they can not go against him Or MQM BATTHA khors

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They are running VOICE OF AMERICA for last seven years. For how much money and now they have started a programme By another NGO PILDAT.

To save from public critisism they have right wingers ,ansar abbasi,dr shahid,irfan siddiqui and haroon rasheed,hamid mir(but read his article in todays JANG, he is in US;Why?)may be for more aid for GEO. remember Hamid was the first guy who claimed"osama admitted 9/11 attacked in an interview.hameed gul says no such interview was taken after 9/11

but they have nazir naji and imtiaz alam ,kamran khan(ISI_CIA zia era production) and ayesha siddiqua now to please US .

I think poor journalists and anchors are just puppets in this cruel media war. the owners play with these tools.

GEO is smart and clever and it will take a big crunch of media funding from US. (ARY,AAJ out) More human rights, ZARA SOCHIYEE, WOMEN RIGHTS, GEOMENTRIES, JUDICIAL REFORMS ETC(all on list for US aid)HINA KHAWAJA BIYAT(please take a look at website OF AMERICAN MEDIA ABROAD,she got traing from there to come back and cry about women rights)

it will be interesting how NAJAM SETHI AND ASMA JEHANGIR will react(DUNYA TV HAS HIRED THEM FOR THE SAME PURPOSE)AND EXPRESS be their owner LAKHANI is a agha khani(please note that rating of express is now second to GEO in pakistan

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 2:41pm

@Malek

Very interesting...let's see what more trickles out. Anyone know what media reports it is talking about????

In the mean time, enjoy:

Zardari holds secret meeting in Abu Dhabi

Dubai—Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari held a secret meeting in Dubai with Richard Holbrooke, US Envoy for Pakistan and Afghanistan, reportedly to regain American trust and to discuss issues endangering his government, Gulf News reported. Also present at the meeting was Pakistan Ambassador to the US Hussain Haqqani who reportedly arranged the special meeting and the US Ambassador in the UAE Richard G. Olson. Diplomatic sources have confirmed the meeting. Zardari, who was ostensibly on a private visit to the UAE, remained busy holding meetings with a number of US officials in Abu Dhabi. His secret meetings with US officials raised many an eye brow in top Pakistani political and bureaucratic circles because he was not accompanied by any other official except Haqqani.

Even Pakistani Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi was not involved while Pakistani diplomats in the UAE were kept at bay.

Zardari, who came to the UAE on March 23, left from Dubai on Friday. Sources told Gulf News that Zardari was here to renegotiate his position in the wake of expected changes in the US policy towards Pakistan and Afghanistan on its war against terrorism. Zardari is worried for his government after sharp increase in the popularity of his rival Nawaz Sharif, who gained massive support from people during the recent long march of lawyers. The US did notice his public support and has established soft corner for Sharif otherwise ignored by the US in the past since his decision to conduct nuclear test a decade ago.

The Zardari government is concerned that Washington was paying more attention to Sharif. The President was also alarmed by the positive reaction in Washington where the restoration of the deposed judges and Chief Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry was instantly welcomed, erasing the impression that the US was somehow against the chief justice.

Sources said that increasing "intimacy" between the US and Sharif has created panic like situation in the Presidency. Zardari was also busy in Abu Dhabi to negotiate some financial aid for Pakistan which urgently needs at least Dh10 billion to breath in the worst economic crisis in the country.—NNI

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 2:48pm

"Colonel Douglas MacGregor (retired), in a paper presented to the US National Defense University on April 2, emphasized:

The US can and should avoid direct involvement in most 21st-century conflicts. When conflicts or crises involve US forces, the use of American military power should be limited or terminated before the cumulative human and political costs defeat the original purpose of the US military action. # The principal strategic purpose for which US armed forces will fight in the 21st century involves securing American prosperity, and where necessary, extending American security to geographical areas vital to US and allied prosperity. Douglas argued that prolonged military involvements only erodes US influence and entices other regional players to meddle."

So basically MadGregor is saying: #Let us make the locals fight and kill each other #US Forces only purpose is theft

But nothing new here.

Ah, Smiley Butler, where are you?

Submitted on 2009/04/06 at 7:19pm [Not by me but by imran25:]

nota,msohail83,pak.news there comes the most interesting point.

in the link about USAID above there is no media outlet.

Now go to PILDAT site. http://www.pildat.org

on main page read about pildat ,geo relationship.

then click on ABOUT PILDAT link

Then click INTERNATIONAL PATERNERSHIP

See the donars list,INCLUDING uk government and USAID. (NOTE there name is not there at official USAID list).

now look at the board of advisors.

IT includes HEAD OF GALLUP palistan, GETTING salary from USAID.

GALLUP decides about ratings of channels and anchors.

I need comments from all collegues on this site About this USAID, NGOs,MEDIA link.

Submitted on 2009/04/07 at 5:38am

@altf_0011 "watch whole

http://www.democracynow.org/2009/4/6/headlines"

I believe this is the most relevant part:

Report: 1 Million Pakistanis Displaced by US Drone Attacks

On Saturday, a suspected US drone attack killed thirteen people in North Waziristan. The Sunday Times of London reports as many as one million Pakistanis have fled their homes to escape the attacks by the unmanned US drones.

[Where are you Samar? Hurry, DIVERT people's attention. Repeat the lie "They are escaping Taliban brutality"]

Reply



4 nota April 3, 2010 at 10:49 pm

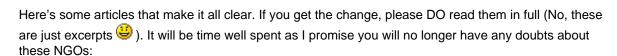
April continued...

Submitted on 2009/04/07 at 6:27am

@imran25 said:

"there comes the most interesting point. in the link about USAID above there is no media outlet. Now go to PILDAT site...."

Good hunting, man 🐸



Why They Hate Our Kind Hearts, Too: The NED, NGOs and the Imperial Uses of Philanthropy

"In recent years, nations have challenged the activities and very existence of non-governmental organizations. Russia, Zimbabwe, and Eritrea have enacted new measures requiring registration; "Open Society Institute" affiliates have been shut down in Eastern Europe; and Venezuela has charged the S•mate NGO leaders with treason. In Iraq and Afghanistan, staff of Western charitable NGOs (CARE and Doctors Without Borders) have been assassinated."

[MAYBE THERE IS A REASON]

"Most funding and direction come from the wealthy nations. Often the donors form a conglomerate creating mutual responsibility and considerable ambiguity. CIVICUS, a partnership to promote "civil society" worldwide, is funded by, among others, American Express Foundation, Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation, Carnegie Corporation, Canadian International Development Agency, Ford Foundation, Harvard University, Oxfam, and United Nations Development Programme.

If the source is confusing, the message is usually clear: "democratization" strives for civil rights and elections, but it also must include an open door to foreign capital, labor contracts, resource extraction, and military training. These networks also define "civil society" to include rock concerts and street mobs, but not government-provided maternal health clinics, child care, or senior services.

Affluent nations' government agencies are important NGO funders. The most notorious is the US National Endowment for Democracy (NED; ostensibly a nongovernmental foundation), created by Congress in 1983 to do openly what had been CIA cold war covert activities. When these operations were revealed in 1967, there was shock, not so much because the US was covertly funding foreign political and labor groups, but because organizations such as the National Education Association, American Newspaper Guild, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, and the National Student Association were secretly used as pass-throughs, and all but the top officers were unwitting. Actual and phony foundations also distributed CIA funds.

NED changed this-but not very much. It distributes grants both directly and through other organizations, now overtly. Its "core grantees" are the Center for International Private Enterprise (of the US Chamber of Commerce), the American Center for International Labor Solidarity (of the AFL-CIO), and, affiliated with the parties, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the International Republican Institute. Some private foundations chip in, for example, Smith Richardson and Mellon-Scaife. The Mott Foundation gave the NDI \$150,000 in 1998 "to increase public confidence in democratization and the transition to a market economy in Ukraine." Foundations also directly co-fund NED's ultimate grantees. Thus, the Lilly Endowment supports the Institute for Liberty and Democracy in Peru, headed by Hernando de Soto, which offers free-market remedies for poverty.

Other capitalist democracies now have government foundations similar to NED, and they work collaboratively, e.g., the Canadian Rights and Democracy and the British Westminster Foundation for Democracy. Additional US agencies have joined NED and the CIA in this work, notably, the Agency for International Development (USAID) and United States Information Agency (USIA), which support and create foreign NGOs and media...."

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"Why would these philanthropic efforts offend anyone? Why do they hate our kind hearts?"

In the first place, these public-private philanthropies have worked together to fund and direct overthrow movements. We had a "Subversive Activities Control Board" here, but export was encouraged. The grantees' activities included destabilization, the creation of mobs preventing elected governments from ruling, chaos, and violence. Among those funded were the Civic Forum in Czechoslovakia, Solidarity in Poland, Union of Democratic Forces in Bulgaria, Otpor in Serbia, and, more recently, similar groups in the succession states of the USSR. Sometimes mobs (especially of young people) have been moved around from one country to another to give the impression of vast popular opposition. The NED, Rockefeller and Ford Foundations, and the Soros philanthropies have been particularly active in these operations. Human Rights Watch (formerly Helsinki Watch) has nurtured opposition groups. Reformers seeking social democracy or democratic socialism were excluded; such systems might oppress the "vulture capitalists.".

It is hard to know how much native support existed for the Western-funded revolutions, as media and information (especially if we can't read Mongolian, Bulgarian, or Uzbeki) are produced by the same conglomerates. Of course, all revolutions are made by minorities, often with assistance of foreign allies. However, by today's standards as embodied in the UN Charter, subverting with the intention of overthrowing foreign governments is a grave violation of international law. Many were shocked by the NED activities complementing other instruments of intervention that helped to destroy the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua. Yet the 1990 election was judged by the NGO observers to be a free one; neither threats of physical annihilation nor millions of foreign dollars violated the purity of that process. "Cold-war liberal" policymakers have advocated covert actions as a peaceful alternative to invasion, but it isn't as if military action has faded away; they work together.

Such attempts are ongoing. The Venezuelan indictment is just one indication of a larger NED-NGO operation. Plans for annihilating the Cuban revolution, via "independent libraries," "Red Feminista Cubana," and other created organizations, are clearly spelled out on the NED web site.

NGOs are also used to disrupt revolutionary or even reformist movements that might interfere with neo-liberal goals, hampering the ability of corporations to go anywhere and do anything. Thus, as James Petras has reported, radical social groups and their leaders are co-opted into NGOs dedicated to worthy, ameliorative projects that are no threat to Western interests. Instead of broad movements challenging systemic causes of oppression, activists are recruited into discrete, well-funded "identity" politics and single-issue organizations, and poverty is just another minority status.

In India and South Africa, the very poor have been organized into Slum Dwellers and Shack Dwellers Associations, which meet with the World Bank people to discuss what is to be done. Protesters against the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) were channeled into groups that were invited and funded to attend the meetings preparing this treaty. **Those concerned with the devastation of oil, lumber, and**

mineral extraction throughout the world can utilize the "participatory mechanisms" of the Earth Council, one of whose board members is Klaus Schwab, director of the World Economic Forum. Conferences for the protesters "parallel" to the globalization elite's are supported by that same elite. These do create fruitful interaction among dissidents; yet they may also function as a diversionary tactic. We won't know unless these possibilities are investigated.

Amelioration is important to keep those societies newly "marketized" on a steady course despite crushing poverty. In Mongolia (as elsewhere), "shock therapy," decimating both employment and social services, has resulted in street children, child prostitution, and increasing maternal mortality, none of which occurred in its "undeveloped" or communist phases. However, the rock concerts and street mobs have attained freedom. Enter PACT (originally, Private Agencies Collaborating Together; funders now include the Ford Foundation, US AID, Mercy Corps International, the Nature Conservancy, the World Bank, Citigroup, Chevron, Levi Strauss, and Microsoft), which provides some substitutes for the former socialist institutions, while desperation drives Mongolia's leaders to welcome foreign garment industries and copper and gold extraction....

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NGO staff members have been accused of being spies. Whether or not this is the case, the system allows access to remote native cultures, where the lay of the land and sociograms of local influentials can be charted for any purpose. This type of missionary penetration, attained through Bible translation in the Amazon River basin, has been recounted in Thy Will Be Done, by Colby and Dennett.

NGOs are now extensively occupied in the relief of disasters, whether natural or man-made, and the US military (with its "coalition") is deeply involved in both the comforting and the afflicting. To receive US funds, humanitarian organizations must support US foreign policy. Consequently, some, such as Oxfam UK, have withdrawn their workers from Iraq. Those remaining are often regarded as collaborators, which is not surprising, as many international NGOs have been handmaids to subversion, overthrow, and occupation. Some have even supported "humanitarian" bombing, especially in the case of Yugoslavia...

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The peak of international NGOs, the World Social Forum, meets at the same time as the World Economic Forum, only far away. The WSF's general funding is rarely scrutinized by the participants, whose travel expenses come from similar sources. An exception is a report by the Research Unit on Political Economy-India, which explains why foundation funding was refused for the 2004 WSF in Mumbai, and discusses critically the activities of the Ford Foundation in India.

It is news when any NGO nibbles at the hand that feeds it, as did a Pakistani theater group last November. Invited to a women's theater festival in India, they were sent home because the organizers deemed their contribution too anti-US for a Ford Foundation-sponsored event.

As all generalizations have exceptions, let it be noted that some NGOs are impeccable, and even peccable ones often have humanitarian staff and directors. A recent attempt by dissidents seeking international donors to "democracy promotion" in the US, the International Endowment for Democracy, could give an effective jolt. Yet it may be that democracy, justice, or equality are not readily attainable by such means. For several centuries NGOs have been providing "disaster aid" for societies being "marketized." What can we learn from this history?

Democratisation, NGOs and "Colour Revolutions"

"... US government expenditure on the orange revolution has been put at \$14 million, while the overall civil-society promotion budget set by Washington for Ukraine (2003-2004) was \$57.8-\$65 million. The Soros Foundation and Freedom House pumped in a steady flow of funds through Ingos and local NGOs for "elections-related projects."

Massing of pro-Yushchenko crowds in Kiev's Independence Square was a meticulous operation of "careful, secret planning by Yushchenko's inner circle over a period of years" that oversaw distribution of thousands of cameras, backup teams of therapists and psychologists, transportation, heaters, sleeping bags, gas canisters, toilets, soup kitchens, tents, TV and radio coverage, all of which needed "large sums of cash, in this case, much of it American." (Daniel Wolf.)

Local oligarchs and US-based émigré Ukrainian businesspersons also chipped in with sizeable contributions to the neo-liberal Yuschchenko. The shadowy and fungible ties between the US government and democratisation Gongos leave little doubt that the latter were purveyors of large amounts of money in Ukraine that will not appear in audits or annual reports. Public acknowledgements of spending are understatements akin to official casualty figures given by governments during counterinsurgencies.

According to Congressman Ron Paul, the US allocated \$60 million for financing the orange revolution "through a series of cut-out NGOs – both American and Ukrainian – in support of Yushchenko." The figure happens to be "just the tip of the iceberg". Claims that "Russia gave Yanukovych far more money than the United States (gave to Yushchenko)" rest on the myth that US government financing through the NED family "is publicly accountable and transparent."...

NGOs: The Self-Appointed Altruists

Their arrival portends rising local prices and a culture shock. Many of them live in plush apartments, or five star hotels, drive SUV's, sport \$3000 laptops and PDA's. They earn a two figure multiple of the local average wage. They are busybodies, preachers, critics, do-gooders, and professional altruists.

Always self-appointed, they answer to no constituency. Though unelected and ignorant of local realities, they confront the democratically chosen and those who voted them into office. A few of them are enmeshed in crime and corruption. They are the non-governmental organizations, or NGO's.

Some NGO's - like Oxfam, Human Rights Watch, Medecins Sans Frontieres, or Amnesty - genuinely contribute to enhancing welfare, to the mitigation of hunger, the furtherance of human and civil rights, or the curbing of disease. Others - usually in the guise of think tanks and lobby groups - are sometimes ideologically biased, or religiously-committed and, often, at the service of special interests.

NGO's - such as the International Crisis Group - have openly interfered on behalf of the opposition in the last parliamentary elections in Macedonia. Other NGO's have done so in Belarus and Ukraine, Zimbabwe and Israel, Nigeria and Thailand, Slovakia and Hungary - and even in Western, rich, countries including the USA, Canada, Germany, and Belgium.

The encroachment on state sovereignty of international law - enshrined in numerous treaties and conventions - allows NGO's to get involved in hitherto strictly domestic affairs like corruption, civil rights, the composition of the media, the penal and civil codes, environmental policies, or the allocation of economic resources and of natural endowments, such as land and water. No field of government activity is now exempt from the glare of NGO's. They serve as self-appointed witnesses, judges, jury and executioner rolled into one.

Regardless of their persuasion or modus operandi, all NGO's are top heavy with entrenched, wellremunerated, extravagantly-perked bureaucracies. Opacity is typical of NGO's. Amnesty's rules prevent its officials from publicly discussing the inner workings of the organization – proposals, debates, opinions - until they have become officially voted into its Mandate. Thus, dissenting views rarely get an open hearing.

Contrary to their teachings, the financing of NGO's is invariably obscure and their sponsors unknown. The bulk of the income of most non-governmental organizations, even the largest ones, comes from usually foreign – powers. Many NGO's serve as official contractors for governments.

NGO's serve as long arms of their sponsoring states - gathering intelligence, burnishing their image, and promoting their interests.

Submitted on 2009/04/07 at 6:55am

@urazzaq12

"And just because I'm against you so called liberals, doesn't mean I support taliban..."

Doubt that would help. Remember their motto is "If you don't agree with EVERYTHING we say, you ARE a Taliban lover"

You Taliban lover! 😃



@whatever

"Now right wing sickos have started murdering NGO workers."

Here's something shocking: I lay the complete blame for this on Ms Samar Minallah and her lies. She has shown us that NGOs DO hide behind facades and are hardly what they claim to be.

(Of course this will be twisted and claimed by baboos that I approve of the killing. But that would be nothing new. 🐸)

Torture without borders

(NGOs: This is a not our issue-of-focus; Just "spanking" is. That too only if done by Taliban)

'They used a scalpel... I was crying in agony': Guantanamo victim Binyam Mohamed speaks

(NGOs: This is a not our issue-of-focus; Just "spanking" is. That too only if done by Taliban)

Submitted on 2009/04/07 at 7:10am

@pak.nukes

"struggle" indeed 🤨



BTW: Speaking of Sethi, DO read Harun Rashid's piece that @shandana pointed to: http://jang.com.pk/jang/apr2009-daily/07-04-2009/col4.htm

Submitted on 2009/04/07 at 10:21am

@Shah

"Thank you for the links. From personal experience, I can safely tell you that the leading pakistani NGOs are home to some of the most corrupt people"

You are welcome!

Corrupt people heading them is really no surprise. But what we overlook is their treason against the state in which they operate. Remember these NGO's are the creation of the powers that be and the sole purpose of their existence is not to serve us() but their pay masters. Allow me to repeat a passage from one of the articles above and this needs to be drilled in our heads:

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Submitted on 2009/04/07 at 11:00am

@mbokhari Re: PTI Hehe!

"You may have read the recent study by American think tanks like RAND corporation about the importance of harnessing the Sufi mythology and ideology to counter the Taliban. They are actually planning to do it."

Exactly. It is full force ahead. Don't forget the Haqqani, Farahnaz, and even Gillani have been batting for it. Here is Ayesha Siddiqa talks about it all but laments 'Salafi' having an upper hand over 'Sufi' (because the later do not use "modern techniques"):

Faith Wars

(BTW: I find it extremely curious why as the article seems to have been disappeared from Dawn, where it originally appeared (http://dawn.net/wps/wcm/connect/dawn+content+library/dawn/news/pakistan/Faith-Wars-yn?))

And isn't our friend Zaid Hamid a 'sufi' in his latest incarnation?

Submitted on 2009/04/07 at 11:14am



(NGOs/Samar Minallah in black)

Submitted on 2009/04/07 at 12:16pm

@faria
"Middle path people"

You can't be neutral on a rolling train....

You can't stay neutral on a rolling train Slow it down, turn it around, pull the brakes — -If you don't say something You collaborate— If you close your eyes, it's no surprise You've got no one to blame-Yeah, you can't stay neutral on a ro-o-lin' train

You can't stay neutral on a rollin' train

Closing down libraries; Shutting schools down; Cutting back on welfare; Chopping Medicare; Taking away every safety net.
We need to wake up before it's too late It's going down fast; moving real quick That railroad track's headed over a cliff

That railroad track's headed over a cliff /—

Oh you can't stay neutral on a rolling train (chorus)

Chemical weapons, cluster bombs and napalm Spending billions for weapons of war Illegal occupation with no end in sight We need to wake up, before it's too late It's going down fast; moving real quick That railroad track's headed over a cliff That railroad track's headed over a cliff

Oh you can't stay neutral on a rolling train (chorus)

Nuclear power: weapons and plants Hiroshima, Chernobyl who will be next? When will we stop it, what can we do? We need to wake up, before it's too late It's going down fast; moving real quick That railroad track's headed over a cliff That railroad track's headed over a cliff

Oh you can't stay neutral on the ruling train (chorus)

We're rolling much too fast, down that railroad track

Submitted on 2009/04/07 at 12:39pm

@Malel

"Does this mean no one will be able to afford electricity any more and hence no need for load shedding??"





I wrote back on July 01, 2008:

"I think the policy PZP is following is to price electricity so high that most can't afford it forcing them to rip their meters out. That in turn will lead to drop in demand leading to no load shedding."

Submitted on 2009/04/08 at 5:26am

@Quwat Khan Sunny

"Altough, I am sure people now want brush the incident under carpet"

No one wants to brush it under the carpet. The issues are:

- The attempted use of that video to do away Swat deal (it has been established whatever happened, it happened months ago, much earlier than the date the deal came into effect)
- The lies Ms Minallah told
- Manipulation of the video in question
- Use of this one incident to cover up much worse atrocities perpetrated by our army and the Americans.

(This following comment not mine but included for comleteness:)

@nota

Did you watch **Moeed Pirzada's** program last night?

There were sound bites from 'common' citizens saying that our government must co-operate with

America to deal with terrorists. Moeed then said 'ub tau aam logon ney bhi kehna shuru ker diya hai kay america ka sath dena chaheay'

Are you think what I am thinking?

Submitted on 2009/04/08 at 5:37am

@pak.nukes

"Are you think what I am thinking?"

Hehe. The script is being followed to the tee 🙂



(Are their any Pirzadas that are not haramzadas?)

Submitted on 2009/04/08 at 5:51am

@pak.nukes

"These NGOs are nothing more than a socializing platform."

Wish they were that benign...but they are not. They are like sleeper cells that are activated on demand....

Submitted on 2009/04/08 at 1:54pm

@Aneeza

"Now this is a perfectly reasonable way of analyzing the problem of extremism"

Hardly.

"Can one forget the so-called secular ANP refusing to raise its voice against honour killings because of "tradition" a few years back?"

This is exactly what I am accusing Ms Minallah & Co of: The so-called HR NROs refusing to raise their against much bigger crimes AND using this particular incident to cover it up.

"Iftikhar Hussain, in targeting a dedicated Samar Minallah, instead of those who may actually be guilty of taking the law into their own hands"

Samar Minallah SHOULD be targeted for, like Mr Iftikhar Hussain said what she tried to do — derail the peace accord — she is putting thousands (I think he used the word "lakoN" peoples lives at risk, including women and children.

"the tribal leaders of Balochistan and the feudals of Sindh and Punjab, as well as the elite of the Frontier, conduct equally horrendous brutalities, and only the lack of a video prevented us from literally hearing the screams of the hapless women and girl victims, either buried alive or killed by dogs or shot by their own parents"

I am sorry but this is a sorry excuse for inaction by the NGOs.

"Apart from the detrimental and intrusive US agenda for Pakistan, the reason why it is critical for us to create space between ourselves and the US is to alter the environment in our favour in which we have to tackle our issues of extremism and militancy. Let us also recall that the US in Vietnam destabilised three countries — Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. It was only when the US fled Vietnam that the region stabilised. For Pakistan the US threat is even more acute because the growing spate of terrorism will move the US one step closer to seeking control of our nuclear assets.

Of course, if we do this distancing from the US, claim our airbases back and stop acting as a conduit for NATO military supplies, there will be no immediate halt to militancy and extremism. But, and this is the crucial point, the situation on the ground will alter in the state's favour, creating a more enabling operational environment in which to deal with extremism and the militancy that it is breeding.

So we agree here — The main (only?) cause of all this trouble is US. 🐸 So shouldn't the first step BE the WITHDRAWAL OF US from the region and our distancing ourselves from it. This, as she says, is a necessity if we are to create "a more enabling operational environment in which to deal with extremism and the militancy that it is breeding". So let's in fact start from there, for starting anywhere else will be treating the symptom and not the disease.

"Three issues need to be tackled in relation to madressahs: the educational aspect; the mainstreaming of the marginalised students; the funding issue, since revealed sources of funding include identified foreign funding which needs to be controlled and made transparent. Solutions have to be found from our own resources recognising the financial paucity of the state. Keeping all this in mind, a start can be made by our private, semi-autonomous sector, educational trusts and so on adopting or taking over different madressahs — especially those in the area of their operations."

Is she asking that NGOs ("our private, semi-autonomous sector, educational trusts") be handed over madressahs? I she fvcking serious? See how cunningly she slipped that in there

And going by her words ("Solutions have to be found from our own resources recognising the financial paucity of the state") let's also disband ALL NGOs as they are dependent on foreign resources and offer no solutions.

While talking about funding, it is interesting ("the funding issue, since revealed sources of funding include identified foreign funding which needs to be controlled and made transparent") that she doesn't talk about the funding of the NGOs which too includes mostly foreign funding. Why shouldn't theirs be controlled and made transparent? 🨉

Let's make a deal, Ms Mazari: Let's close ALL madressahs and ALL NGOs.

Reasonable request, won't you say???

(P.S. I am surprised the term "NGO" never appeared in this article. I won't be surprised to find Ms Mazari belongs to a few 🧡)

Submitted on 2009/04/08 at 3:18pm

@Aneeza

"What have you against the NGOs?"

Ah, tells me you buy their fascade... Please read what I posted here and you will understand where I am coming from...

You can deny it but those are the facts.

Submitted on 2009/04/08 at 3:24pm

@Aneeza

"Samar Minallah seems a fairly honest person. We might disagree with her fixation on an idea but there is no reason to doubt her honesty."

And wht if I say:

Sufi Muhammed seems a fairly honest person. We might disagree with hisfixation on an idea but there is no reason to doubt his honesty.



Reply



5 nota April 8, 2010 at 8:22 pm

April Continued... Submitted on 2009/04/08 at 6:07pm

@freemason

"And stop calling all this money 'aid'."

For once we agree...



There was a comprehensive study done a couple of years ago about this so-called 'aid' — they are in fact LOANS — that found that, on average, a full 50% is consumed by the country giving the loans as "consultation fees", etc. and never leaves the country of origin. And even from this remaining 50%, most of it is spent on "purchase of old/obsolete weapon systems" (and the country receiving the LOAN might be forced to buy things like overstocked makeup items, cheese, etc). Of course in almost all the cases they are also forced to buy items from the country giving the loan at dictated price (which are always higher than available in the free market)

I think I have posted this before but want to repeat:

Think of every dollar coming in as foreign 'aid' as FOURTEEN dollars going out!!! Here is a comment I made where the west does admit to only taking \$9 in return. Poor fellas!!!

nota said:

Please be clear that ALL this so called "AID" is nothing but "LOAN-SHARKING / PREDATORY LENDING".

The Mafia / Italian American Cosa Nostra are but angels compared to IMF, UN and WB.

Please get it in your heads that "for every £/\$1 given in aid, the industrialised countries received £/\$9 back in debt service. So who is giving aid to whom?" according to New Statesman although I have heard the debt serviceing figure to be as high as £/\$14... 29 February 2008 at 4:10 am

Ah found my old comments:

nota said:

@Qabil50

My comment is awaiting moderation so far. I would like to add a bit about foreign aid: According to a recent study, remember that upto HALF of all foreign aid is what is called "phantom aid," aid that "funds expensive and often ineffective western consultants, research and training."

25 December 2007 at 5:32 am

Here is a link to a brief video you ought to see. It's less than 5 minutes but certainly a MUST SEE: Michael Parenti — Myth of UnderDevelopment!

24 December 2007 at 5:44 am

(Another longer comment here)

BTW: This 50% missing lie was discussed at pkp in Feb last year when it first came out: Half of US Aid to Pakistan thought to have Disappeared

Submitted on 2009/04/09 at 8:15am

Chris Floyd — Beyond Here Lies Nothing – Surging Further Into the Afghan Abyss

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I am, I suppose, what most people would call a cynic. I don't see how anyone who has followed American politics for as long as I have – some 40 years now – could be anything else. To quote Uncle Bob once more, when it comes to politics, "I ain't lookin' for nothin' in anyone's eyes." I expect to be lied to. I expect to hear horseshit and fairytales wrapped up in threadbare pieties and Orwellian doublespeak. I expect power and money and militarism to carry the day. Even so, I must admit my guts lurched with queasy dread last week when Barack Obama announced, with a flourish of falsehoods and fearmongering, his grand plans to escalate the "Af-Pak" War.

Not that I was surprised by any of it: both the truth-abusing rhetoric and the war-expanding intentions have been hallmarks of Team Obama's Afghanistan policies since the early days of his presidential campaign. And Obama, eager to establish his tough-guy cojones, was killing civilians in Pakistan and ordering up an Afghan surge just as soon as he climbed into the Imperial cockpit. His much-vaunted "strategic review" was simply a bureaucratic exercise to determine how best to tweak and refine the policies already adopted by the Bush Administration and its military managers — all of whom were of course retained by Obama. Again, this was to be expected. After all, "continuity" has been his watchword — or rather, it became his watchword right after he was swept into office as the self-proclaimed embodiment of the public's desperate longing for change.

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Chris Floyd — Hard Rain Keeps Falling – Talking Peace in Prague, Dropping Bombs in Pakistan

"I saw a newborn baby with wild wolves all around it."

— Bob Dylan

While the usual gaggle of sycophants and media hive-minders — along with some ordinarily perspicacious analysts — tell us that Barack Obama literally changed the course of human history by disgorging a great load of thrice-chewed cud about nuclear disarmament in Prague this week, the high-tech drone war the great hero of peace is waging inside the sovereign territory of America's ally, Pakistan, is helping drive tens of thousands of people from their homes and killing civilians almost daily.

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So the effects of Obama's drone war are not limited to the few houses destroyed here and there. The attacks have spawned, or greatly added to, a humanitarian catastrophe that remains largely hidden from the world — and certainly from the well-wadded Western "liberals" who cheer Obama's savvy toughness in the "good war" on the Af-Pak front. As The Times reports, almost a million people have been driven from their homes in Pakistan's Tribal Areas to escape the American drones, and the bombs of Washington's Pakistani proxies:

"American drone attacks on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan are causing a massive humanitarian emergency, Pakistani officials claimed after a new attack yesterday killed 13 people. The dead and injured included foreign militants, but women and children were also killed when two missiles hit a house in the village of Data Khel, near the Afghan border, according to local officials.

"As many as 1m people have fled their homes in the Tribal Areas to escape attacks by the unmanned spy planes as well as bombings by the Pakistani army....

...

As each passing week of the American drone campaign brings yet another harvest of civilian deaths, more and more Pakistanis are radicalized, and the government — the nuclear-armed government — grows ever more shaky. If the state structure in Pakistan ultimately breaks apart from the pressures of

the Terror War, its nuclear arsenal will be up for grabs. Thus the attacks ordered by Obama in Pakistan are escalating the threat of exactly the kind of nuclear instability that he decried in Prague.

"I've been ten thousand miles in the mouth of a graveyard...."

No Indo-Pak mediation, insists Holbrooke

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Mr Holbrooke, who held talks with Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon and National Security Adviser M K Narayanan, stressed that he was not here to negotiate between India and Pakistan.

'The answer is no,' he told a news conference here in response to a question whether he had urged India to resume talks with Pakistan.

'Let me just be clear on my one word answer. We did not come here to ask the Indians to do anything. We came here to inform about our trips (to Afghanistan and Pakistan) as we always do and to get their views. We did not come here with any requests,' said Mr Holbrooke. He addressed the press along with US Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen.

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[But I DO want you to know:

- 1. The US military and political leadership has made the decision that Pakistan is to be the next large battleground in this alleged "war on terror", and no such thing as Pakistani national sovereignty will get in their way.
- 2. Islamabad knows that the US is obligated by treaty to step in on the side of India, should there be another India/Pakistan war.
- 3. Baboos, ignore the above 2 points and spend all your energies and attention diverted towards that fake spanking in Swat \bigcirc

BTW: Why does the following remind me of our Baboos? 'Progressive' Warmongers Liberals rally 'round Obama's war

As President Barack Obama launches a military effort that promises to dwarf the Bush administration's Iraqi adventure in scope and intensity, the "progressive" community is rallying around their commander in chief as obediently and reflexively as the neocon-dominated GOP did when we invaded Iraq. As John Stauber points out over at the Center for Media and Democracy Web site, the takeover of the antiwar movement by the Obamaites is nearly complete. He cites MoveOn.org as a prime but not sole example:

"MoveOn built its list by organizing vigils and ads for peace and by then supporting Obama for president; today it operates as a full-time cheerleader supporting Obama's policy agenda. Some of us saw this unfolding years ago. Others are probably shocked watching their peace candidate escalating a war and sounding so much like the previous administration in his rationale for doing so."

Picking up on this in The Nation, John Nichols avers that several antiwar groups are not toeing the Afghanistan-is-a-war-of-necessity line, including Peace Action, United for Peace and Justice, and the American Friends Service Committee, yet there is less to this than meets the eye. Naturally, the Friends, being pacifists, are going to oppose the Afghan "surge" and the provocative incursions into Pakistan: no surprise there. Peace Action is not making a whole lot of noise about this, in spite of the issue's relative importance. They are confining their opposition to an online petition. As for UFPJ, their alleged opposition to Obama's war is couched in all kinds of contingencies and ambiguous formulations. Their most recent public pronouncement, calling for local actions against the Af-Pak offensive, praises Obama for "good statements on increasing diplomacy and economic aid to Afghanistan and Pakistan." Really? So far, this "diplomacy" consists of unsuccessfully finagling the Europeans and Canada to increase their "contributions" to the Afghan front – and selling the American people on an escalation of the conflict.

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On another front...

Netanyahu To The West-Destroy Iran Before Israel Destroys You

[Imagine, just imagine, if these quotes were from a Muslim...]

- "What would serve the Jew-hating world better as repayment for thousands of years of massacres but a nuclear winter? Or invite all those tut-tutting European statesmen and peace activists to join us in the ovens? For the first time in history a people facing extermination while the world either cackles or looks away have the power to destroy the world. The ultimate justice?"
- -- Professor David Perlmutter, writing in the Los Angeles Times, April 7, 2002
- "We possess several hundred atomic warheads and rockets and can launch them at targets in all directions, perhaps even at Rome. Most European capitals are targets for our air force...We have the capability to take the world down with us, and I can assure you that that will happen before Israel goes under."
- -- Martin Van Creveld, Israeli Historian

In early February 2009, a mere few days before the elections in Israel that delivered into Benjamin Netanyahu's hands the launch codes to several hundred nuclear weapons aimed at every major capital in the Western world, former U.S. Middle East negotiator Aaron David Miller predicted that upon assuming the seat of power Netanyahu's first priority would be "strategic conversation" with America's new president, Barack Obama. Miller further predicted that the aim of this "very serious" conversation would be to "scare the daylights out of the president", the ultimate objective of which would be mobilizing-not only the United States, but indeed the entire "international community"-into addressing the Iranian situation in a manner deemed "acceptable" to the Jewish state and her agenda....

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Israel points Arrow II ballistic missile at Iran, Syria

[Imagine, just imagine, if a Muslim country had pointed their missiles at, say, Tel Aviv, Rome, etc. ... We have already seen their reaction against N Korea.]

US arms shipment reaches Israel, president Obama urged to halt further exports

The new delivery to Israel of a massive consignment of US munitions, revealed by Amnesty International today, throws into question whether President Obama will act to prevent the US fuelling further Israeli attacks against civilians that may amount to war crimes, as was perpetrated in Gaza.... ...unloaded its cargo of reportedly over 300 containers at the Israeli port of Ashdod, just 40 km north of Gaza by road. The German ship left the USA for Israel on 20 December, one week before the start of Israeli attacks on Gaza, carrying 989 containers of munitions, each of them 20 feet long with a total estimated net weight of 14,000 tons...

[That is just way too fvcking much to be just for tiny Gaza (and that battle is alreaddy over)...I am thinking Iran (and/or Pakistan?)...]

[Not directly related but what the heck... $\begin{tabular}{l} \end{tabular}$



Flashback 1998: U.S. Hypocrisy on the Nuclear Danger in India/Pakistan

However, for the major powers-especially the U.S.-to declare that they are "outraged" by the tests and lecture the governments of India and Pakistan about their "irresponsible behavior" is nothing but gangster logic and extreme hypocrisy. Clinton said that "it is just wrong" for any country to project power by detonating atomic bombs "when everybody else is trying to leave the nuclear age behind." This comes from the head of a government that brandishes 3,500 long-range ballistic missiles with nuclear warheads and many other nuclear bombs of different types! Clinton and the U.S. imperialist ruling class have no right to preach about atomic bombs-they are international criminals who use their huge war machine, with nuclear arms as its "backbone," to rob and bully their way around the world.

Clinton denounced the Indian and Pakistani governments for violating the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). The U.S. had pushed many other governments to sign this treaty in 1996, claiming that it would lead to the lessening of nuclear dangers. (The Indian government was one of several countries that refused to sign it.)

But the CTBT said nothing about the established nuclear powers getting rid of their nuclear weapons. In reality, the CTBT is a cynical maneuver by the U.S. to manipulate people's opposition to nuclear weapons-in order to preserve their own "nuclear superiority" and prevent other countries from developing and deploying nuclear arms. The CTBT did not stem from any genuine concern about the dangers that nuclear weapons pose for the masses of people worldwide. The real worry of the U.S. ruling class is that their imperialist interests are threatened when countries like India and Pakistan "go

Submitted on 2009/04/09 at 10:35am

"USAID is an organization that works under the State department of the US. It deals with civilian and humanitarian aid that is given by the US. Military aid does not come under its purview."

And if you believe that, I've got a bridge to sell you...

I am sure you have never wondered why it is sometimes described as "a weapon of global war". Next thing you know, you'd be telling us the "Centre for International Media Assistance" really does "brings together a broad range of media experts with the objective of strengthening support of free and independent media throughout the world" Humbug!

From the above link:

"...The funded organisations sometimes managed to weaken and even eliminate opposition to friendly governments, while creating a climate favourable to US interests. There were coups, such as the one in Brazil in 1964 that overthrew President Joí£o Goulart. The coup against Chilean president Salvador Allende in 1973 showed that the US government had not abandoned such methods. Agee claimed:

"To prepare the ground for the military, we funded and channelled the forces of leading organisations in civil society and the media. It was an improved version of the coup in Brazil....

. . .

...The NED's talent for channelling money, establishing NGOs, electoral manipulation and media brainwashing owed much to the long experience of the CIA, the State Department's foreign aid agency USAID, and members of the conservative elite associated with US foreign policy (including John Negroponte, Jeane Kirkpatrick and Francis Fukuyama). Terrorism apart, the Reagan administration used the same methods in eastern Europe, where it conducted "a non-governmental crusade for human rights and democracy which avoided accusations of imperialism by presenting itself as a direct response to the needs of dissidents and reformers worldwide" (8)...."

Submitted on 2009/04/09 at 1:39pm

@hariskhan

"- anyone prove it was Taliban who did the flogging?...."

You think that matters to these Mofo Baboos?

Submitted on 2009/04/09 at 3:04pm<

@hariskhan

Continuing with my comment about Baluchistan and gold, here is another interesting report (pdf) I found on Barrick Gold, the world's largest gold mining company that is involved in the rip-off: Barrick's Dirty Secret

Introduction:

This report, a profile of Barrick Gold, the world's largest gold mining company, is an illustration of what is wrong with the gold industry today. In these pages, you will find numerous examples in which Barrick's interests and the interests

of the communities within which it operates are pitted directly against each other. From avoiding responsibility for the destructive environmental legacy of their projects or aligning itself with corrupt politicians, to employing police who violently suppress (and sometimes kill) mine critics, Barrick's power in these struggles creates a compelling case for intervention.....

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Here is another article from Insaf.pk...

Pakistan's Copper and Gold Reserves Sold in Pennies"

"...Now if you look at the Annual reports (2005-2006 and 2006-2007) of Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources of Pakistan, you can find **NO** trace of any deal that has been made for this particular Gold – Copper Project ,only one reference (highlighted below) which says that agreement is to be made, whereas the agreement was signed in start of 2006!!..."

Submitted on 2009/04/10 at 1:59am

@faria

Thanks!!!! Let me just repeat the some of the points from above:

- 1. Pakistan will have to ban all Kashmir groups involved in armed struggle in the valley against India.
- 2. Clause (K) of the bill binds Pakistan to ensure access of US investigators to 'individuals suspected of engaging in worldwide proliferation of nuclear materials, and restrict such individuals from travel or any other activity that could result in further proliferation.' The act would enable US investigators to seek direct access to Dr A. Q. Khan and other members of his group accused of providing nuclear technology to Iran, Libya and North Korea.

The Indian lobby on Capitol Hill played a key role in including the two clauses into the bill and had formed a special task force for this purpose.

The Pakistani caucus, which once started as an effective lobbying group, has been rendered useless by the Pakistani Embassy in Washington (Read Hussain Haqqani). To ensure that it cannot function as an independent body, the embassy purged all senior people from a support group created to provide technical support to the caucus.

3. Clause (H) of the bill requires Pakistan not to provide any support, direction, guidance to, or acquiescence in the activities of, any person or group that engages in any degree in acts of violence or intimidation against civilians, civilian groups, or governmental entities. [Effectively this is meant to choke any kind of support, even charities. Remember it is India and US that will decide/define what is "violence and intimidation". Any protest against brutality by Indian forces in Kashmir or supporting their

victims will qualify as "acts of violence or intimidation against civilians, civilian groups, or governmental entities"]

- 4. Clause (I) needs Pakistan to redouble its efforts to prevent the presence of the Taliban and Taliban-affiliated groups in Pakistan that support insurgents in Afghanistan. [effectively give license to kill any Pakistani organization doing any kind of work that US and India feel is acting against their interests and our charities will be the first targets. NGOs of course will be lauded and having all the charity money go to them too is US's wet dream]
- 5. Pakistan to take all appropriate measures to adapt its armed forces to be able to conduct effective and sustained counterinsurgency and counterterrorism operations. [i.e. turn the army into anti-terror force intimidating/fighting its own people]

BTW: I loved this spin:

The bill, however, also recognises Pakistan as an invaluable friend and ally to the United States, 'both in times of strife and in times of peace.'
What more could we possibly want, eh?

I fully agree WE CANNOT ACCEPT THIS MONEY! for it is a complete selling out.

This also tells me the recent press release by our FO that denied accusations that Hussain Haqqani was working against Pakistan interests. These bills are a proof that HE WAS and the accusations were CORRECT....

Submitted on 2009/04/13 at 3:46am

@real.badshah said:

"an interesting article here:

http://www.nowpublic.com/world/unveiling-mystery-balochistan-insurgency"

Interesting but hardly believable. And this **has been making the rounds for years**, presented as "new" almost every year so leads me believe it is nothing but pure propaganda.

It is certainly OLDER THAN 2005 and I first saw it at <u>Intellibriefs, an indian intelligence propaganda site</u>, which says it got it from <u>newscentralasia.com</u>.

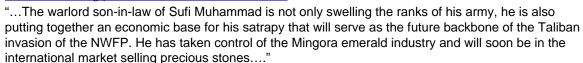
Soon after it was <u>picked up by our own zi*nist Irfan Hussain (Dawn)</u> who himself says he has no knowledge of it's credibility but presents it to us as almost fact anyways.

It is hilarious to note that the authors and the promoters of the fantasy want us to believe it is Russia that wants to break up Pakistan and <u>makes no mention of US, the real culprits.</u> Now we know better, don't we?

It also makes every effort to present all Baloch resistance leaders as "agents of RAW". Makes me wonder if ISI is behind it. RAW certainly would not be exposing it's "agents" this way now would it? And selling this story would be ISI's wet dream.

Submitted on 2009/04/14 at 10:45am

Who needs Indian press when you've got (Baboos' Guru) Sethi/DailyTimes Editorial: Getting parliament to endorse Swat laws



Taliban recruiting anew in Swat

... "As long as we were there enforcing peace, they were not recruiting," Rizwanullah Farooq, son of Sufi Muhammad, told Bloomberg on Monday. "Now recruitment is going on even in Buner because they don't see a chance for peace. The government must understand this....

Submitted on 2009/04/15 at 4:37am

@sitaraakhri said:

"Hina Jilani made perfect sense. This Orya Maqbool Jan is such a moron! First of all, as someone who has practiced law in the US, I can say that he is totally wrong about the assertion that US law does not apply to Indian reservations—that is absolutely not true!"

Oh, simply brilliant. Care to explain why do we have <u>all these **tribal constitutions** then?</u> And why do you suppose there are about 150 tribal courts that operate under the tribes' written and *unwritten* code of laws? And what do you think the US Supreme Court meant when it explained in Nevada v. Hicks, 533 U.S. 353 (2001):

Tribal courts . . . differ from other American courts (and often from one another) in their structure, in the substantive law they apply, and in the independence of their judges. Although some modern tribal courts "mirror American courts" and "are guided by written codes, rules, procedures, and guidelines," tribal law is still frequently unwritten, being based instead "on the values, mores, and norms of a tribe and expressed in its customs, traditions, and practices," and is often "handed down orally or by example from one generation to another." The resulting law applicable in tribal courts is a complex "mix of tribal codes and federal, state, and traditional law," which would be unusually difficult for an outsider to sort out.

Maybe the words of an attorney from "reservation country" New Mexico knows what he is talking about:

There exists an uncomfortable dual status on indian land – the tribe has autonomy in some areas and the federal government reserves the right to control certain activities under the "trust" status of the tribes under federal law.

Murder on indian land, for instance, is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal government, and one accused of this crime will be taken to federal court. The tribal courts do not have jurisdiction.

Driving privileges, however, and lesser crimes are usually under the jurisiction of the tribal courts, and violations are prosecuted there.

Indians have no immunity by virtue of the acts they commit on the res any more than a non-indian would. They are subject to the same federal laws as anyone else, in addition to tribal laws where applicable.

No, they can't do "anything they like" without paying the consequences either to the federal system or the tribal court.

BTW: Did it never prick your curiosity as to why all those casinos were opening up on Indian reservations?

"Second, I was watching the show with a pushtun who tells me that the pushto saying he quoted does not exist and that he has never heard it—so this know it all probably made it up—just like a whole bunch of other things he said.

Another brilliant deduction. So if one pakhtoon does not know a saying, it means it simply cannot exist. Wow! Simply brilliant!

"Hina Jilani, on the other hand, has always supported the poor and the oppressed in Pakistan in spite of threats from our establishment—meanwhile this Orya guy has been a part of the establishment (mr. ex-DC) that is responsible for many of the grievances of the people."

Oh wonderful. Now how could I have missed "Hina=flag-bearer of the poor" and "Orya=establishment" And you call Orya a moron ©

"I am quite surprised that admin did not feel the need to censor the comments of Pak-78626 and Traffic—...I say we ship off pak-78626 and Traffic to swat so they can be the subject of the next youtube videos!"

Calling for censorship, kidnapping and whipping certainly adds to your credentials as a lawyer. You must be a result of one night stand between Ahmed Raza Kasuri and John Yoo

I really feel sorry for your clients — they ought to sue you for malpractice.

BTW: Don't you realize there is a big difference between "786" and "78626"? Only an "idiot" would confuse the two.

Submitted on 2009/04/15 at 5:43am

@Amir Hameed

I think that is a cheap shot at Taliban.

But thanks for giving me the opportunity to talk about something that I have been meaning to talk about but forgot. This article too repeats one of the favourite lines of anti-Talibs always use in their attempt "put them down" as "Jahils" of sort:

"The Taliban are the same people who think that polio vaccines are a form of birth control and need to be banned."

Ever consider maybe there are some legs to this belief?

There concern is nothing new and the same has been expressed for years all over Africa (e.g. read Polio Vaccination and Population Control: Some Food for Thought, Polio Vaccine in Banglorek and Kano link, Nigeria Still Fighting False Rumors About Polio Vaccine,)

And are you aware (the Taliban aren't) that it is widely accepted that Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV)

CAN cause poliomyelitis i.e. polio (and some believe today it is the leading cause of polio). And are you aware that OPV IS NOT USED in France, Germany, Canada and USA, Scandinavian countries and The Netherlands because of it's safety issues alone?

Never been curious about it, have you? Ever wonder Who certified that OPV was safe for the rest of the world, and when? is an excellent question to ask, isn't it??

Submitted on 2009/04/15 at 9:34am

@munna

"@nota

polio vaccines is believed to gave birth of HIV, no doubt contents are changed now. In UK, children are vet with MMR vaccination and there is a lot of controversy association with it also. A lot of parents are saying no to it...."

Certainly. There are many other horror stories that I did not touch upon (BTW: I am a strong antichildhood-vaccine guy, and I did not get my own kids vaccinated ...)

Regarding MMR: Just want to add: Before MMR: Autism almost non-existant; Since MMR: Autism skyrocketing. Draw your own conclusions.

And do <u>read this "rant" by Talib by the name of Robert Kennedy Jr.</u> in the Talib Journo called Rolling Stones. And <u>here is a more recent one.</u>

(I know some doctors are going to get on me for this...)

To be continued

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