

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE...

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Abstract

The fact that global terrorism emanates from Pakistan is well established. This article uses the visible evidence of sustained, pervasive complicity and control by state entities to debunk the notion that "non-state actors" outside the reach of the Pakistani state control global terrorism. The role of the Pakistani state is to protect and profit from the terrorist enterprise, rather than to confront it. Foreign aid has gone mostly to benefit the personal interests of the Army leadership and to strengthen the state in shielding terrorist enterprise against external action. The cognitive dissonance in the reports of Pakistan Army battle deaths at the Afghan frontier is easily resolved when one considers the Punjabi-dominated Pakistan government and Army's history and policy of repressing the rights and aspirations of Sindh, Balochistan, Pakhtoonistan and Balwaristan. The concentricity of "Al Qaeda" and the Pakistani state is clear. To eradicate terrorism and bring about peace, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan must be broken into at least five independent provinces, too intent on protecting themselves from each other to be exporting terrorism. The removal of the central government would also remove the protection that the global terrorist enterprise enjoys under Pakistani sovereignty. Options short of total war are explored to achieve the objective of bringing about lasting peace.

Prelude: "Pakistan Is a Victim"

"The state of Pakistan is in no way responsible," Pakistan President Zardari told Larry King¹ "... Even the White House and the American CIA have said that today. The state of Pakistan is, of course, not involved. We're part of the victims, Larry. I'm a victim. The state of Pakistan is a victim."

One has to admire the logic of that. No responsible adult could call the Islamic Republic of Pakistan a "responsible" nation. As for Pakistan being a victim of terrorism, consider:

1. In every suicide terrorist attack outside of Israel and Iraq, a Pakistani is the first to die.
2. Most terrorist attacks and foiled plots² lead to the arrest of Pakistanis.
3. Pakistanis constitute the majority of those charged or being interrogated for terrorist crimes.
4. The Pakistan passport has become a red flag at immigration checkpoints the world over.
5. The global focus on terrorism has devastated Pakistan's biggest exports: criminals, hashish^{3,4} and counterfeit currency.

This article argues that the State of Pakistan should quite properly be the victim of its own terrorism. It must die, for the scourge of global terrorism to end.

Introduction

An article published on the first anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States of America summarized extracts from open-source published reports on the role⁵ of Pakistan in terrorist attacks directed against the USA. This showed that nearly every such attack over the previous decade originated, was planned, funded, trained and / or organized in or from Pakistan. Starting with the initial reaction "*I would be very interested to read how anyone ascribes most terrorism to just one country*", an eminent South Asia Expert declared after reading it, that "*the author suffers from lack of personal knowledge of the Pakistan Army.*" Ah! Was he dissing the article? No, he was explaining kindly that he, being much better-informed about the Pakistan Army than the author, could point to far worse than what said author had pointed out! As that author, I thank the Almighty that I do not have "more personal knowledge" of the Pakistan Army, and Insh'Allah, may it always stay that way. Millions of innocents the world over have never had that choice.

A year later, I did an update⁶ on Pakistan's contribution to the global terror portfolio, still leaving out their operations in India except those that were "dry runs" for scaled-up operations elsewhere. I then stopped these updates because the global market dominance was by now clear to all, and "Pakistan is Terror Central", a catch phrase in 2002, had become as non-newsworthy by 2004 as "Dog Bites Man"⁷. But we at BRF⁸ have been tracking every reported terror attack since then, and seeing how long it takes before the Pakistan connection becomes evident. Rarely have we had to wait a day.

PAKISTAN'S "WAR ON TERROR"

"We were ordered to fire 130 kg mortars on unarmed civilians... I don't know how many civilians I might have killed. It is still happening now," says 22 year old Dir villager Farooq as he recalls his days fighting the Taliban in Swat with the Pakistan Army. "They are killing men, women, children, everyone." - Quadri, Mustafa, quoted in "Who Would Do Such A Thing?" Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Sep. 29, 2008.

"..the Pakistan Army deliberately uses predominantly Shia soldiers against the Taliban and civilians in Swat, both of whom are Sunni, to stoke sectarian conflict. The Shia soldiers come from Khurram Agency, another tribal area which is itself experiencing sectarian clashes between Shia and Sunni communities".

Why Pay Attention?

This paper is relevant to understanding why a recent report commissioned by the US Congress^{9,10} describes an extremely high probability of a WMD (Weapons of Mass Destruction) attack on the United States occurring by 2013. And why it goes on to declare that this attack will probably originate in Pakistan, since all terrorism connections lead to Pakistan. This is a reason why even Americans, as callous as they have been about Indians being brutalized and killed by terrorists, should perhaps ponder the implications and the choices with more honesty than the US government and media have displayed to-date. The lives they save may well be their own, and those of their other loved ones. The societies they save include the one they know as the America of the past 140 years.

Pakistan Army's "Non-State Actors"

1948: "Irregulars" – tribesmen armed, equipped, funded and organized by the Pakistan Army – invade Jammu & Kashmir and nearly reach Srinagar, committing genocide. Repulsed from all but 1/3 of J&K by Indian paratroopers after the J&K government joined India.

1965: "Irregulars" of the Pakistan Army intrude into J&K. Kashmiri villagers help the Indian Army rout them.

1984: Zia ul Haq sends General Musharraf to crush demands for civil rights in Gilgit / Baltistan in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir. Musharraf deputizes Osama Bin Laden at the head of armed "irregulars" and conducts a savage campaign of pogroms and destruction.

1992: "Taliban" armed, equipped and led by Pakistan Army officers invade Afghanistan, destroy Kabul and overthrow the Afghan nationalists who defeated the Soviets. A 10-year reign of terror commences.

1999: Pakistan claims that the Pakistani "irregulars" occupying positions 10 km inside the Indian side of the Line of Control in the Kargil area are "Kashmiri Mujaheddin". They turn out to be the Pakistan Army's Northern Light Infantry Division. Pakistan refuses to accept bodies of their war dead, despite tags identifying them as Pakistan army soldiers and officers. Deposed Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif reveals that the NLI was wiped out.

2001: Pakistan Army sends some 100,000 "irregulars" to fight the Northern Alliance and NATO in Afghanistan. They are wiped out.

1989 – 2008: Pakistan Army trains and sends Lashkar-e-Toiba and other terrorists to commit murder and mayhem in India.

2002: Pakistan claims that Abdul "Xerox" Qadeer Khan, chief of the Pakistan government's nuclear program, was a non-state actor as he conducted an international bazaar in nuclear components and technology, and perhaps fissile material. Newspaper advertisements posted by the government for sales of such components prove the falsehood of this claim.

2008: Pakistan PM "Ten Percent" Zardari claims that the Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorists who killed over 190 people in Mumbai are "non-state actors" despite proof that they were trained and equipped in Pakistan Army facilities in Rawalpindi, Muzzafarabad and Karachi.

We watched with growing horror and disbelief in September 2001 as the US administration jerked the military around from following obvious reason, and instead formed an "alliance" with the terrorist Pakistani military dictatorship of Pervez Musharraf. We sought a name for the resulting war, even as President Bush stumbled from "Crusade" to "Global War on Terror" (GWOT). We decided to name it the "Global Offensive Against Terror". No apologies for the elegant acronym. It accurately predicted what the Pakistanis have made of the US taxpayer in the years since. Today US and NATO commanders are being increasingly outspoken¹¹ in stating the unthinkable: *The US War on Terror in Afghanistan is going the same way as the Soviet adventure into Afghanistan, and the generous American aid to the Pakistan Army¹² is what funds the enemy's war effort.* To put it bluntly, the American taxpayer has been conned for too long into funding the global terrorism that kills Americans and threatens to destroy freedom and civilization.

Rather than the traditional format of a paper, I try to summarize my understanding of the evidence that anyone can find easily on the internet, for several Frequently Asked Questions and the associated superstitions. These are listed below:

- *But isn't it the Al Qaida that's organizing terrorism, not the Pakistan Army?*
- *But isn't Pakistan a Major US Ally in the War Against Terror?*

- *But haven't hundreds of Pakistanis died fighting the Taliban in Waziristan?*
- *Behind the news: Genocide in Balochistan, Pakhtoonistan and Balwaristan*
- *Haven't many Al Qaida operatives been nabbed with Pakistani support?*
- *Didn't Musharraf raid the Lal Masjid?*
- *Don't Pakistan's secular, moderate Generals need US support to defeat the extremists?*
- *The central government in Pakistan is keeping the extremists at bay.*
- *The Rogue Element Superstition*
- *A Stable Pakistan is vital to the security of the world.*
- *Pakistan only gives moral and diplomatic support to Kashmiri Freedom Fighters*
- *Won't the West be secure if India "makes concessions" on the "Kashmir Problem"?*
- *Pakistan is a responsible nuclear-armed power.*
- *Pakistani nukes must be kept out of terrorist hands at any cost.*
- *Aren't the terrorists trying to create war between India and Pakistan?*
- *War is not an option.*
- *Kashmir is a Dangerous Nuclear Flashpoint*
- *The Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity of Pakistan must be respected.*
- *Won't the Pakistan Army take over Pakistan again in case of war?*
- *What can be done to end Pakistan's Global Terror Enterprise?*

But Isn't It the Al Qaida?

Some years ago I researched the genesis of the "Al Qaida" buzz phrase. I was motivated by sheer curiosity at hearing Foreign Affairs and Security Experts parroting it, and how defensive they got when I asked how they knew whether there really was such a thing. A few months of searching sufficed to establish the humble origin of the phrase. This is not to say that there is no terrorism, as some "Americans", probably Pakistanis too ashamed to use their own names, have tried claiming on the internet where my article with its suitably "non-Indian-origin" list of references was discussed. Everyone can see that there is terrorism; even Ten Percent¹³ Zardari can see it. *The point is that the name "Al Qaida" is an American invention.* The best explanation is that it refers to "Root Directory" on a computer that happened to have a list of those sent out through an ISI staging center in Peshawar in the late '80s and early '90s into Soviet-occupied Afghanistan¹⁴. This list was kept handy on the computer's root directory to check when relatives enquired if Abdul had been seen. If he was listed on the root directory, and had not returned in a given period, it was reasonably assumed that Abdul was partying with the 72 virgins in Houristan, courtesy of the Red Army. There is not, and never has been, any evidence that this particular list morphed into the global terror enterprise. Few if any of the terrorists ever caught have been shown to have Afghan Resistance experience, but most have been to Pakistan for "religious training" with explosives, poisons, germs and AK-47s in places controlled by the Pakistan Army.

There is another possible explanation. Osama bin Laden's Fatwa translated as the Call to Muslims to Kill Americans first appeared in the West in the London-based Arabic language rag "al-Quds al-Arabi"^{15,16} on February 23, 1998. The organization that was cited as the source was "World Islamic Front for Jihad Against Jews and Crusaders". I note here that this fanciful name is as credible as "*Deccan Mujaheddir*", the latest invention of the Pakistani ISI to describe the Lashkar-e-Toiba terrorist gang sent to commit mass

murder in Mumbai in late November 2008. Various other sources and meetings are cited (see Wikipedia) but all come down finally to unverifiable "reliable sources" vaguely attributed to the CIA. Nowhere is a document where the terrorists themselves are shown to say "We declare ourselves to be Al Qaida" in any form of spelling, before September 2001.

So what is this thing that we hear described as the Al Qaida? It is most accurately and succinctly described as the Pakistan Army of Islam^{17,18}. Gulbuddin Hekmatyar¹⁹, whom the Pakistan Army sent to conquer Kabul from the real nationalists of the Afghan Resistance headed by Ahmed Shah Masood, was its leader until he became a liability and was kicked out. Today his assistants are targets of frequent attention from Predator UAVs and Hellfire missiles. His regime was replaced by the Taliban, again a creation of the Pakistani Army and ISI, funded and armed by the American taxpayer and unofficial funding sources such as the Saudi Sheikhs, relatives, friends and admirers of Sheikh Osama bin Laden. B. Raman once estimated, and others concurred, that over 80 percent of the officers in the "Afghan Armed Forces" of the Taliban government, were in fact serving Pakistan Army officers on deputation to Afghanistan.

In other words, the name "Al Qaida" is a CIA-ISI manufactured alibi for the Pakistani government and their friends who created the terrorist enterprise, to dodge "responsibility" and continue getting paid more money by the gentle, gullible citizenry of the USA every time they launch a terror attack. Al Qaida is a subsidiary of the Pakistan Army.

But isn't Pakistan a Major US Ally in the GWOT?

The Bush administration seems to have conned itself in September 2001 into the innovative idea of forcing the Pakistanis to do as much as possible of the dying as they kill their co-terrorists. To suggest a parallel, imagine the Wehrmacht, Gestapo and the Third Reich being forced in 1942 to go fight the SS, supervised by a whole platoon of fresh recruits from Oklahoma.

The US and NATO military forces have performed the near-impossible under extreme hardship with heart-rending heroism to keep some form of elected civilian government and hope for humanity alive in Afghanistan. But the youngsters from Oklahoma in 1942 would have done vastly better than the US State Department, White House and Pentagon experts have done in controlling their "Frontline Allies" the Pakistani government and Army²⁰, and not being utterly manipulated and out-maneuvered by them. Meanwhile, the US taxpayer has been bilked for over \$10B in essentially unsupervised donations²¹ to the Pakistani Army^{22,23,24}.

In August 2001, Pakistan was broke, its foreign exchange reserves down to less than \$0.5B. Within a year, this had risen to \$6B, at a time when the whole world was dropping into recession and customers in malls all over the world refused to buy anything with the "Made in Pakistan" label. There was no miracle formula. The US taxpayer provided "baksheesh", ostensibly for "permission" to use Pakistani air force bases such as Jacobabad to ferry troops and equipment into Afghanistan to fight the Pakistani Army and other terrorists who had been trained and sent to Afghanistan, paid and equipped presumably with American taxpayer money. The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) "allowed" cruise missiles and air strikes to cross Pakistani airspace into Afghanistan. Pakistani observation posts warned the terrorists in Afghanistan of incoming strikes, providing half to 1 hour's notice. Operations such as the Kunduz Airlift occurred, where the US allowed Pakistani planes to evacuate top terrorists (senior Pakistan Army officers, Pakistani nuclear weapons, or both) before the Northern Alliance captured and displayed them to the world.

In the following years, US grants flowed in for such Quixotic causes as “reforming” the Pakistani education system. This was supposed to turn Abdul the pickup truck driving suicide terrorist into Abdul the pro-American, gum-chewing, beer-swilling Enlightened Moderate Pakistani Ally, beacon of freedom and democratic ideals. An admirable sentiment in the best traditions of American optimism, but one that was too easily sabotaged by the Pakistan Army. There is no evidence that Pakistani education has improved in any way, outside the elite institutions of Pakjab (Pakistani Punjab) which turned Abduls from rich families into BakPak-toting, phony-accented terrorists as comfortable in Bradford, England, Atlanta, USA or Madrid, Spain as in Karachi, Pakistan. The madrassas continue to pump some 10,000-plus ‘graduates’ a year into the terrorist cohort, their heads filled with hate against civilization, and their training useful only for (mercifully brief) careers as sex-offenders and murderers.

At the top of the Pakistani wish list of uses for the money to “fight terrorism” is the refurbishment of the rusting fleet of F-16 fighters, Pakistan’s first line of offence to conduct sneak WMD attacks. American Foreign Affairs experts reasoned cynically that these were intended mostly to mass-murder Indians. They ignored the obvious reality that the US carrier Task Force in the Arabian Sea is the Number One target for the global terrorist enterprise, given that carrier-launched air raids and missile strikes have killed tens of thousands of Jihadis. The ominous report that 9/11 gang leader Mohammed Atta’s assistant in their Hamburg training school was a serving Pakistan Air Force pilot Mansour²⁵, has never been resolved.

To summarize, the Pakistan Army has gained hugely from the NATO “War on Terror”, and has used those gains mainly to strengthen their offensive capability, to be used against India and the US/NATO.

Haven’t many Al Qaida operatives been nabbed with Pakistani support?

As pressure to show results peaked intermittently, the Pakistan Army and ISI also lent support to make several arrests of out-of-favor terrorists such as Al Zubeidah, a recruiter/ transit housekeeper in Faisalabad (which is located in Pakjab in the east of the country, not anywhere near the Afghan border), the “mastermind” Khalid Sheikh Mohammed from a house in the Pakistan Army’s Pakjabi cantonment town of Rawalpindi, and a string of so-called “Al Qaida Number Threes”. None of these has been brought to trial so far, suggesting that interrogation revealed their status in Al Qaida to be much below that advertised. The US government claimed recently that 5 of them wanted to confess and be executed²⁶, but this has only amplified jeers in the US legal community about the quality of evidence against them, and the role of extra-constitutional techniques in inducing these confessions. The highest ranking “Al Qaida Leader” brought to trial to-date is the chauffeur of Osama bin Laden, whom an American military judge essentially ordered released²⁷. Meanwhile, US missile strikes and ground raids have mysteriously kept missing Al Qaida officials such as Al Zuhairi. The role of the Pakistani ISI and Army in ensuring this happy state of affairs remains obvious to all but the US foreign policy establishment.

At the same time, terrorist training camps continued to flourish in Pakistan, protected by the same Pakistan Army²⁸. The Lashkar-e-Toiba was “banned” by Musharraf in 2002 when India expressed readiness to have the Indian Army go in and help Musharraf find their camps, yet continued to operate until 2008 with very public offices in Muridke outside Lahore and in downtown Muzzafarabad, along with some 37 camps in northwest Pakistan and in POK (Pakistan occupied Kashmir). Four days after the terrorists’ umbrella organization Jamaat ud-Dawa was banned by the United Nations Security Council, and three days after Pakistan’s government announced its shut-down, journalists for Times Online reported that JUD’s offices were functioning normally and in full public view in Pakistani cities. The Bush Administration’s much-praised Frontline Ally in the GWOT continued to be unable to see these things happening under their noses,

although the rest of the world outside the Pentagon and Foggy Bottom could see them and their antics quite well. Western journalists were routinely able to interview the terrorists in their lair and terrorist leaders enjoyed the freedom to come on Pakistan TV and spread their message of hate with impunity.

To summarize, the Pakistan Army has ensured that the US effort to get Pakistan to help roll up the terrorist enterprise, has been a dismal failure. The paucity of successful prosecutions of terrorists, and the fact that no top-level terrorist has been prosecuted, 7 years after the 9/11 attacks, underlines this failure.

But haven't hundreds of Pakistanis died fighting the Taliban in Waziristan?

This is perhaps the most cynical of the Pakistan Army's ideas, and shows their utter confidence in the gullibility of the American taxpayer. First let us summarize the obvious news reports. The Pakistan Army, purportedly under pressure from the US to stem attacks from Pakistan on NATO forces, finally agreed to send "troops" to Waziristan. Their performance was apparently dismal, hundreds surrendering without a fight to the "Taliban". Some captured soldiers were found with their throats slit. The US establishment tut-tutted in sympathy for these brave fighters against terrorism and praised the Greatest Frontline Ally in the GWOT. In previous sorties, the Pakistan Army had been driven away by Waziri village women wielding stones and frying pans, later pulverizing these villages using US-supplied F-16s.

Behind the news: Genocide in Balochistan, Pakhtoonistan and Balwaristan

The cynical part of this is that the Pakistan Army has been using mainly poor men from the repressed and restive provinces on the frontlines. To understand why this is win-win for the PA, one must look at the history of Shia-Sunni relations in Islam, and that of the Pakistani provinces. Pakistan fancies itself to be a "Central Asian" or "Arab" nation, favoring the Sunni branch of Islam also preferred in Saudi Arabia. The Shias who populate Iran are a repressed minority in Pakistan.

Balochistan

Balochistan, bordering Iran, is mainly Sunni, but genocide in Balochistan is part of the rites of passage of all Pakistani dictators²⁹: Ayub Khan did it, and then Yahya Khan sent his favorite mass-murderer Tikka Khan there to earn the *nom-de-genocide* "Butcher of Balochistan". Tikka distinguished himself in killing some 3 million people in then East Pakistan in 1970-71, in order to deal with the flowering democratic inclinations there. Tikka bragged that he was reducing East Pakistan to a place where only "old men and prostitutes" would remain when he was done.

In 2005, Musharraf murdered the aging popular patriarch of Balochistan, Nawab Bugti^{30,31} along with most of his family and tribal leadership. Jet fighters and combat helicopters were sent in to kill Balochis by the dozens³², and entire villages were blown apart³³. In one attack, a village populated mainly by minority Hindu families was completely destroyed, killing over 30 people including 19 children³⁴.

Balwaristan

Further north of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (POK) are the Northern Territories of Gilgit and Baltistan. General Musharraf's coming-of-age as a mass murderer occurred in the 1980s, when he sent a tribal force led by (yes, that's right) Sheikh Osama Bin Laden⁴⁹, to "pacify" the restive natives there. Osama's tribals did what they do so well and a few thousand torture-murders and burnings later, Baltistan was "pacified", and quit worrying about such things as the rights promised them under Pakistan's "Constitution". But they did not forget, and the Balwaristan National Movement³⁵ is very much alive.

Sindh

Along the southern coast of Pakistan is the province of Sindh, with Karachi being its capital. This is the power base of the Bhutto family, and again houses a large Shia minority. Anti-Shia pogroms and mosque-bombings are fairly routine here. Again, love for the Pakjabi elite is in short supply in Sindh, and this is aggravated by water-sharing and other resource-sharing issues.

Pakhtoonistan

Meanwhile, north of Balochistan, the Pakjabi establishment faces the long-repressed resentment of the Pakhtoon nation. The Durand Line, drawn arbitrarily by the British, separates the Pashtun people in Pakhtoonistan from their brethren in Afghanistan. Most Pashtuns, on the other hand, see the Indus river that flows alongside Islamabad as their nation's natural eastern boundary.

The GOAT gave the Pakistan Army the perfect opportunity to make the US and NATO pay for their aspirations to crush popular sentiment in Balochistan and Pakhtoonistan in one sweep. The Pakjabi-dominated "Taliban" managed to recruit angry youth from both provinces, and convince them to go on "jihad" against Americans in Afghanistan. Over 120,000 Pakistanis were killed in Afghanistan in 2001-2002. About half were men of the so-called Taliban's armed forces, 80 percent of whose officer corps were Pakistan Army officers. The rest had gone to Afghanistan from POK, Sindh and most of all from the NWFP. They sold off their family jewelry to pay for the weapons and the excursion, in gaudily decorated trucks over the Khyber Pass, to obey Sheikh Osama bin Laden's *Call to Kill Americans*³⁶. This was facilitated by the Pakistan Army which was guarding the frontier checkpoints, supposedly enforcing the UN embargo against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. Some went straight into the Shomali Plain where the Taliban were arrayed against the Northern Alliance. Others went to Mazar-e-Sharif, where the Taliban had previously massacred the entire Iranian-descended Shia population. The Pakistani youth were decimated, first by American bombing and then by the sweeping armies of the Northern Alliance. Tens of thousands were reported to have ended up in Northern Alliance General Dostum's "container express" in the deserts of Afghanistan. The shell-shocked survivors were waylaid by Afghans on the way back through the Khyber Pass, so that few returned.

While this elicited little sympathy from the US or anyone else including me, the Pakistan Army had, far from losing, won a brilliant victory. In one sweep they had got four of their enemies – the Balochis, the Pakhtoons, the Afghans and the Americans, to kill each other, and eventually the Americans to pay for the whole thing. It created deep scars and decades of revenge motives among the tribes, and ensured that "GWOT" or "GOAT" would never end as long as the PA had any say in the matter.

The continuing "operations against the Taliban" in NWFP take on a very different look when viewed in this light. Suddenly the Pakistan Army's enthusiasm³⁷ to raze Pakistani villages using American-supplied air power and heavy artillery makes sense, as does their willingness to drive out Pakistani citizens as panicked crowds of refugees reminiscent of Taliban-dominated Afghanistan in early 2001. While the fighter pilots and artillery crews and their officers were from elite Pakjabi units, the poorly-armed soldiers whom the Pashtuns

saw on the ground were either Shia tribal recruits from the Khurram Agency, or soldiers from Balochistan, and they bore the brunt of the tribal revenge. Left to their own devices, these hapless "Pakistan Army" units surrendered in the hundreds, and many were found dead later, the more fortunate ones having their throats slit^{38,39} before much else was done to them. Win-win for the Pakistani Army, which claimed to have proven its commitment in the GWOT to the satisfaction of the Americans, who rewarded the Pakjabi generals handsomely. The severe losses claimed by the PA were cited as the need for more heavy weaponry and F-16s to fight the "Taliban".

Meanwhile, the "Taliban" fighting the PA continue to be armed and trained and funded through the ISI and PA to keep the war going, hoping to wear down NATO through attrition. To understand this, consider that the first American air-ground operation⁴⁰ inside Pakistan was conducted in 2008 against village houses where attacks against NATO were being coordinated. The attack was conducted close enough to Pakistani military positions for them to claim to have observed the entire incident⁴¹.

The truth about the Pakistan Army's operations in Swat has even made it into the Pakistani mainstream media. This rather brave quote, buried as usual inside the pro-Army propaganda to keep the editor alive another day,⁴² is a sample: "What happened to Pir Samiullah's body is a dangerous symbolism, because to many people in Swat the disrespect to it was wilfully permitted by the Army. One person said: "The Army did not fire a single bullet while 300-400 of Taliban were firing at the Pir's supporters in Matta tehsil. When the Army knew that Taliban fighters had gathered in their hundreds, why didn't they take action? ... They argued that the army is backing the Taliban. One person even said that the commander of the military operation in Swat sends Rs10 million every month to the Swat Taliban leader, Maulana Fazalullah, so he would not harm the army, and do whatever they want with the people and culture of Swat. .. Local residents complain that while the military has killed hundreds of civilians, it has killed only a few hardcore Taliban." More recently, under even greater pressure, the PA sent in the Frontier Constabulary, a poorly-armed paramilitary force, against the tribals in Waziristan. Again, these forces went in essentially unopposed, demolished many villages, and created a large refugee problem. Then they found themselves left isolated on hilltops and in small towns, to be picked off at leisure by concentrated attacks by the "Taliban". The PA responded with helicopter attacks. Conflicts between tribes have been initiated. An occasional mortar attack into Peshawar, conducted from territory supposedly occupied by a massive PA force, keeps things simmering. In Fall 2008, the Pakistan Army sent armored units through northern Waziristan in what was supposed to be an impressive show of force. In early December, the Taliban responded with attacks on NATO supply lines and convoys, with a particularly effective attack destroying some 200 vehicles including armored personnel carriers⁴³. One has to ask how effective the Pakistani armored sweep is, if the "enemy" is still able to work in leisurely manner and set up artillery within range of Peshawar's NATO supply depots.

Pakistan claims to be facing tribal fighters who use light, portable weapons and at best a few Toyota pickups for mobility. The bulk of US aid has supposedly gone to buy jet fighters, combat helicopters and anti-tank missiles. One has to wonder at whom these weapons are intended. If they are not for use against India, they must be for use by the PA-supplied Taliban against NATO itself, or against civilian villages in Balochistan and Waziristan. But the more realistic assessment would be that it does not matter what is bought – the Generals and Ministers get their "ten percent" baksheesh off the top, and the "off-set spending" from the military aid goes to fund the Pakistani global terrorist enterprise.

The jarring note in the above is that there have been a few so-called suicide attacks against elite Pakistan Army units, mostly against training camps where the dead were mainly cadets. Little is known of the ethnic composition of the cadets, or whether the particular camp commanders had fallen out of favor.

To summarize the Pakistani war effort against the "Taliban" and "Al Qaida", there is none, except to supply weapons and intelligence to these entities to kill NATO soldiers. The Pakistan Army has used the resources provided for the war effort, to set the people of the restive provinces against each other, intensifying hatred between them and targeting civilians while leaving the anti-NATO forces intact and able to continue attacking NATO.

Didn't Musharraf raid the Lal Masjid?

Another point of cognitive dissonance is Musharraf's ordering the raid on the Lal Masjid (Red Mosque) located a few hundred feet from ISI headquarters in Islamabad. The chief Mullah there had turned the teenage girls resident in the Masjid into a burkha-clad, kendo-stick wielding, fanatic force for fundamentalist Islamic purity, raiding video stores, brothels and night clubs. When pressured, the Mullah is said to have assembled well-armed fighters inside the Masjid.

After the "kendo-stick sisters" kidnapped the bikini-clad staff of a local Chinese massage parlor⁴⁴ frequented by Pakistan Army brass and sent them back in burkhas, Musharraf yielded to Chinese pressure. The Masjid was surrounded in a standoff reminiscent of Waco, Texas, and the ending was equally bloody. Little was found of the three hundred-odd young women there except some slippers – they were presumed to have died in the attack, or disappeared into the clutches of the Army and ISI.

This incident is said to have provoked rage in the Pakistani Army units in the NWFP, since many of the girls were children of officers serving there⁴⁵. Again, this was hailed by the Americans as a great service done by their "Ally" General Musharraf, a blow for secular moderation against rabid Islamic fundamentalism. We have no evidence to back up our natural suspicion that the real issues were completely different from those reported.

The Pakistan Army's secular, moderate Generals need US support to defeat the extremists

One gets the feeling that even the US government has quit believing this. As early as 1998, Indian analysts such as B. Raman pointed out that the Pakistani Army's top officers were no longer the Sandhurst / West Point trained types of the 1970s, but "bearded Jihadis" brought up in hatred against the Western Unbelievers with more than a sprinkling of admiration for the People's Liberation Army of China. Indian Army Lt. General Satish Nambiar pointed out in 1999 that when he had attended some conference in Australia, the Pakistani senior officers present there were very obviously different from the previous generation of Pak generals. The new ones were Islamic fundamentalists.

Pervez Musharraf was promoted rapidly by dictator Zia ul Haq precisely because he was seen as being well-liked by the Islamic fundamentalists (see his experience of leading Osama Bin Laden's tribes). When Zia took the standard Final Option of the Paki dictator and adopted Islamic Law (Shariah) to repress pro-democracy protestors, Musharraf was an obvious choice to keep the Army in line. When Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif found religion for similar reasons, he promoted (something he lived to regret) Musharraf to Chief of the Army, prompting the resignation of the more professional General Rashid Karamat.

This then was the "Frontline Ally" chosen by the US government to lead the charge against Islamic terrorism by Osama Bin Laden and his gang. Despite the above facts being easily available, and despite the daily, obvious evidence that the Pakistan Army's top layers are anything but "anti-terrorist", we see a

profusion of officials, Think Tank Experts and media persons continuing to parrot the lie. Early in the GWOT, Washington Post correspondent Pamela Constable kept the anti-nausea medicine industry solvent with her fawning, cloying praise of the terrorist dictator Pervez Musharraf. This appears to have come to a rather sudden end when Ms. Constable had the privilege of being in a convoy traveling through southern Afghanistan and witnessed the kind attentions of the Taliban who executed some of her media colleagues. The “cavalry” apparently arrived before the Taliban reached Ms. Constable, but she has not since been heard from in her Praise The Terrorists campaign.

In 1999, as the Pakistan Army was being exposed for its lie that their Northern Light Infantry Regiment being decimated on the heights of Kargil were “Kashmiri Freedom Fighters”, Ms. Christianne Amanpour of CNN took her camera crew inside a madarssa / mosque near Lahore on a Wednesday afternoon, and used the fact that the mosque prayer hall was empty at that time to “prove” that Kashmiri Muslims were “gentle, peaceful Sufis” who were so “secular” that they did not even go to Mosques. *On a Wednesday afternoon!* Never mind that the Lashkar-e-Toiba, run by the Pakjabi Khans of the Pakistan Army, has replaced any “Kashmiri Freedom Movement” as early as the early 1970s, with an army of sex-offenders trained to torture and kill, starting with the Kashmiris themselves as target practice.

Dr. Stephen Cohen of the Brookings Institution, often declared as a “South Asia Expert”, used to take credit in the early 2000s for his great achievement in convincing the US government that General Pervez Musharraf (the Mentor of Osama Bin Laden in the mass-murder business!) was the Greatest Frontline Ally in the GOAT. This claim seemed to have disappeared in more recent times, but I have not checked lately. Perhaps Professor Hafeez Saeed or Mullah Masood Azhar has surpassed General Musharraf in the Brookings Institution’s esteem. In 2002, the US War College in Maryland was reported in the Pakistani press to have awarded the “Legend of Honor” to General Mohammed Aziz, the commander-in-chief of the Pakistan Army of Islam (see “Al Qaida” above), second in command to dictator Pervez Musharraf during the Kargil War and the owner of the recorded voice on the intercepted phone call, assuring Musharraf that *“Sir, the jihadis are entirely under our control, they will do what we tell them to do”*.

The central government in Pakistan is keeping the extremists at bay

According to this Groupthink model, the Pakistani government is the world’s last line of resistance keeping the savage hordes of Islamist extremism from reaching the borders of India. A moment’s reflection will tell the reader why this is nonsense: *the capitals of Islamic extremism are in Lahore and Islamabad, with branch offices in Muzaffarabad and Karachi*. Field offices are located in Peshawar and Quetta, but these are simply to implement orders emanating from Muridke (near Lahore), Rawalpindi and Islamabad. *So the reality is that Islamist extremism radiates out from the central government’s seats, to the rest of the world.*

The Rogue Element Superstition

When they cannot argue against the clear proof that terrorism is orchestrated from Islamabad, western apologists blame “rogue elements” in the Pakistani Army and ISI. Of course they are right, but the “rogue elements” have always been those in command, not by any means those standing on the fringes! General Musharraf, in a rare moment of greater than his usual 400 percent honesty, stated flat out⁴⁶ that the ISI does absolutely nothing except to carry out the orders from the central government, Musharraf himself being the government at the time. This is the frightening reality: it *is* the central government in Pakistan that runs the global terrorist enterprise.

Won't the West be secure if India "makes concessions" on the "Kashmir Problem"?

The Groupthink that characterizes much of what passes for reasoning in the Western Foreign Affairs community and the media personages who parrot them, is squarely to blame for much of the predicament that confronts the world today in dealing with terrorism. Seth Jones' testimony to the Canadian government¹² is typical of this – he can see the clear evidence of the Pakistani role in the terror enterprise, and attacks against NATO forces in Afghanistan, but he calls tensions between India and Pakistan over "Kashmir" a "root cause" of terrorism directed against, well, Canada! *In other words, according to Seth Jones, if Pakistan were relieved of the need to fight the Indian police, and had a free hand to rape and plunder Kashmir, they would feel so happy that they would quit planning jihad against Americans, Canadians and British!* Jones is by no means alone.

Pakistani Generals, politicians and journalists freely brag about the Pakistani origin and sustenance of terrorism in Kashmir. The European Parliament, perhaps enlightened by the flames from the terror attacks in Madrid and London, conducted a relatively intelligent study recently⁴⁷ and agreed with them in determining that terrorism in Kashmir is entirely due to Pakistan. Over sixty thousand people have died violent deaths in Jammu-Kashmir in the past 50 years. This war is the real one at the border where the Islamic Ummah's quest for world domination through terrorism meets democratic civilization. The reason why India has to fight it is that Pakistan will never allow Kashmir to be independent, a fact well demonstrated in 1948 when the Pakistan Army sent hordes of tribals from the NWFP to rape and plunder⁴⁸ and mass-murder Kashmiris, within three months of their declaring their wish to be a free nation. Those hordes of "irregulars" are what morphed into the "Taliban" in the 1980s, and they define Pakistan's first line of offence and expansion. This was demonstrated yet again in 1984 when then-Brigadier General Musharraf sent⁴⁹ Osama bin Laden at their head into Gilgit-Baltistan, and the Pakistani regime sent them into Afghanistan in 1992-96 to overthrow the Afghan Nationalists who were exhausted by their pyrrhic victory over the Soviets. They are the vanguard of the "Dilli Chalo" (March to Delhi) ambitions of every Pakistani dictator who dreams of reviving the Mughal Empire in Delhi, morphed into an even more evil Ummah Caliphate⁵⁰.

The Pakistani plan for Kashmir is well demonstrated in POK, where the residents have no rights at all. Kashmiri youth are faced with a choice of unemployment, or going into the Pakistan Army of Islam as suicide "Mujaheddin"⁵¹. Those who argue for rights are brutalized in short order, as Musharraf showed by sending Bin Laden and his savages into their villages. The native Kashmiri population has been mostly displaced, with the land now owned by Pakistan Army generals and their Pakjabi cousins⁵².

In the Indian part of Kashmir, the Pakistani terrorists have been trying to impose Taliban rules, throwing acid on the faces of young women⁵³ who dare to be seen without burkhas, kidnapping and raping their womenfolk to death⁵⁴, and generally terrorizing the natives⁵⁵. The kill ratio has improved over the years from 3 in 1999, to over 6 Pakistani terrorists for every 1 Indian soldier and 2 Kashmiri natives killed. Although the Kashmir "insurgency" started with genocide and ethnic cleansing to drive all the Hindu and Buddhist minorities out of the Kashmir Valley^{56,57}, the terrorists have since graduated to killing mostly the remaining Muslim natives⁵⁸. Villagers armed with ancient rifles⁵⁹ are no match for the Pakistani Army-trained terrorists with their AK-47s and butcher knives⁶⁰, as seen on global TV in the recent Mumbai exhibition of the Pakistani terrorists' skills.

Those "experts" who today talk of "self-determination" for Kashmiris, need to be asked to explain how this is a smarter idea than restoring the Taliban in Afghanistan. Is it sheer stupidity, or are they intelligent enough

to be declared malicious? Should they not properly be assigned their fair share of the blood of so many innocents, especially children, who have been tortured and murdered by the terrorists (*"Gentle Sufis" indeed!*) for whom they have served as apologists? Oh, but I forget! These people did tell us, now that I think back to the 1980s and 1990s, that the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan was the greatest thing to happen since the Allies liberated the survivors of the Nazi death camps. The famous picture of the basket with severed hands, outside the Taliban's "court" in Kabul, seems to have disappeared along with the website and the members of the Revolutionary Women of Afghanistan (RAWA) who braved the Taliban to tell us the truth about Afghanistan in the late 1990s.

Pakistan only gives moral and diplomatic support to Kashmiri Freedom Fighters

Western media experts, notably including the Associated Press and Reuters, also parrot that bald-faced Pakistani lie in practically every news report on "South Asia". The ammunition used by the Pakistani terrorists is stamped with Pakistani government Ordnance factory markings^{61,62,63,64}. The grenades that they implant as booby-traps in the bodies of their victims, bear the serial numbers from the Austrian factory that supplied them to the Pakistani government. Captured terrorists like Imran "Kasab" (Butcher) who was caught by the cane-wielding policemen of Mumbai, brag of being trained by Pakistan Army Special Forces instructors, and being taken to Army facilities in the cantonment town of Rawalpindi to be shown satellite imagery available only to the government, of their targets. Pakistan Army artillery provides covering fire⁶⁵ for the terrorists to sneak across the Line of Control into India to rape and kill.

These facts have always been available to the Western "experts" and "journalists" who keep parroting Pakistan's "moral and diplomatic support" lie and equating terrorist Pakistan with democratic, pluralistic, diverse, free India⁶⁶. Typical of their terrorist-apologist style is the recent claim⁶⁷ by CNN's Barbara Starr, Reza Sayah and Zein Basravi that *"Indian police say the only surviving suspect from the Mumbai attacks, identified by Indian authorities as 21-year-old Mohammad Ajmal Kasab, is from Pakistan's Punjab province and the other nine attackers also were from Pakistan. Pakistani officials have denied that assertion, blaming instead "stateless actors."* This despite the terrorist's own father confirming from Faridkot, Pakistan to reporters from the Karachi, Pakistan newspaper DAWN⁶⁸, that it is indeed his son. These "experts" are thus, with all due respect, deserving of the worst contempt.

To put it bluntly, there is not, and never has been, a "Kashmir Problem". But since 1947, there has always been a "Pakistan Problem".

But Pakistan is a responsible nuclear-armed power

This should trigger a good laugh if it weren't such a deadly topic. The Pakistani "nuclear deterrent" basically consisted of readymade weapons imported from that paragon of respect for treaties it signs, the People's Republic of China, signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. To supply assorted terrorists with "dirty bombs", Pakistan also developed an indigenous capability to enrich uranium by the simple technique of stealing blueprints for centrifuges from a Dutch facility which made the mistake of employing "Dr" Abdul Quadeer ("Xerox") Khan. The "AQ Khan network"⁶⁹ is the nuclear equivalent of "Al Qaida", another US-created euphemism for *"Pakistani government exports of nuclear materials and components"*. We are asked to believe that a top scientist who worked for the government of Pakistan, was able, over a period of

a couple of decades, to regularly visit several interesting nations such as North Korea and Libya, and export consignments of high-speed centrifuges and other gadgetry, on military airplanes of the Pakistan government, all without the ruling government being aware of his activities. The flights to North Korea for instance, went through China, and we are again asked to believe that such a private network was able to keep doing this, with the Pakistan military dictatorship as unaware of these activities as they were of the fact that the center of global terrorism was operating from downtown Rawalpindi, Islamabad and Lahore. But how are we to explain away the official newspaper advertisement⁷⁰ taken out by the Pakistani Government, seeking bids for a range of nuclear equipment that they were offering for sale? This then is the “responsible” government that the US and UK wish to entrust with the safety and security of a nuclear arsenal.

The Pakistani nukes must be kept out of terrorist hands at any cost

The above shows that the Pakistani nuclear weapons, unless China and the US had the sense to remove them⁷¹ in 2002, *have always been in the hands of the global terrorist enterprise*. There is some reason for optimism that sense has indeed prevailed. Bennett⁷² cites the US lack of reaction to recent noises from Pakistan, as evidence that Pakistan is indeed a former nuclear power, its weapons taken back by China, or locked up by the US.

A stable Pakistan is vital to the security of the world

The above points make it clear how a “stable” Pakistan is related to the security of the world: the relation is that of a malignant tumor to the security of the body it infests. A “stable” Pakistani government, whenever it has existed, has provided the environment for terrorism to flourish. Ruler after ruler has adopted the dream of world domination by the Islamic Ummah as path to the glory of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The stable central government in the Islamabad / Rawalpindi military-kleptocrat complex has always used its stability to run programs of genocide in its provinces outside the Pakjib, and hence does nothing positive for peace and security inside territory over which the Pakistani government now claims sovereignty.

A stable Pakistan is vital to the security and progress of India

The corollary to the “Stable Pakistan” theory is the notion that a stable Pakistan is also indispensable for India. The argument is that continued instability prevents the government in Islamabad from controlling the criminals coming out of there, and creating chaos in India. No one who has observed events in November-December 2008 could fail to see the fallacy of this notion. We see that the government of Pakistan undertakes even cosmetic criticism of the terrorist enterprise only when threatened by the United Nations Security Council – and even that “crackdown” is revoked within a week.

Alternative Courses of Action to end Pakistan’s Global Terror Enterprise

War is not an option – or is it better than all the other options?

I tend to agree that an all-out invasion of Pakistan, or even a three-month strategic bombing campaign, will probably be counter-productive. The issue on most people’s minds is that thousands of Indians will die and many more traumatized physically and mentally by war. The Indian economy will be set back by 10 years or so, perhaps.

During the first Phase of the GWOT, the US/NATO attacks on Afghanistan, we tried tracking the number of sorties from the numbers published by the US military. Assigning a weapon load to each aircraft, and a probability of targeting accuracy, and what is published of the target prioritization criteria used by any modern air campaign operators, we could arrive at a rough estimate of how many deaths would result per hundred kilograms of weapon load. This translated into the reasonable under-guesstimate of 120,000 killed in Afghanistan, including those reported killed by the Northern Alliance sweep along the ground.

An Indo-Pakistan war would result in a more intensive rate of Indian civilian deaths, because the Pakistan military may be expected to what they do best – kill civilians. They will attack Indian cities, starting with Amritsar, Jammu, Baramula, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Bhuj, Ambala, and going on to Delhi and Mumbai. Missiles can today reach Chennai and Kolkotta. A rough estimate of the deaths to be expected in India is 30,000 to 40,000, which is ten times the number in the 1965 or 1971 wars. If things go badly and the Pakistan air force and missile forces are allowed to launch several rounds of sorties, then the death toll may cross 100,000, without the WMD being used.

What is the cost of not going to war?

Being older than the normal military draft age certainly degrades my credibility in this argument, and the fact that I don't usually live in northwest India destroys what is left. However, I have been going to work for the past 30 years in a place that is known to be on the "Ground Zero" lists of several nations and "non-state actors" in the Cold War and the GWOT, so I have put some thought into this issue.

In 1941, the USA confronted this calculation. In 1940, the British, and in 1941 the Soviet Union had it thrust upon them. Perhaps it is no coincidence that these nations have dominated the history of the world in the decades since. They chose to not allow the cost to their own people to cow them into accepting aggression. On the other hand, Japan and Germany in 1939, Japan in 1941 and China in 1950 had dictatorial regimes make the decision for them, with horribly devastating results. All of these nations are alive and well today, and China is pulling ahead of all the rest. India has tried to get there without ever taking on the decision to go to a full-scale war to solve problems. Perhaps it is time to make an exception, perhaps it is not. The decision is up to Indian voters, since American voters are not likely to be allowed by the US government and media to see the folly of continuing to fund the Pakistani military, having failed to see it despite the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, and the deaths and trauma of so many young Americans in the "GWOT" since.

India has lost over 30,000 people to terrorism in Jammu-Kashmir. A further 10,000-plus have died in the four wars that Pakistan thrust upon India since 1947. Since 2001, another thousand or so have perished in terror attacks deep inside India. And every day Indians face the prospect of a far more devastating attack. In the 1990s there was a sudden and mysterious outbreak of the Plague in Surat, Gujarat. From what I know of these things, researchers on biological weapons regard this as a case where biological weapons were used in a city, on a pilot scale.

Mass death of 100,000 people is a horrible prospect to contemplate. If 100,000 is too high a price to pay, is 10,000 reasonable? How about 100? But is the death of even one person not equally horrible, if it is someone close to us? Ask any soldier's mother, or the surviving spouse or child of a victim of terrorism. Now consider the cost of waiting for the Pakistani government to clamp down on terrorism, and establish a stable, friendly democracy next door. The Indian experience is that every time India stands down from a war-ready posture and opens up trade, travel and sports links, the Pakistanis respond with another horrible

attack, and a week later their leaders are back to ranting about having "internationalized Kashmir". Nothing has changed, and there is no sign that anything will, except that the attacks are getting more frequent, bolder and more devastating each time.

Aren't the terrorists trying to create war between India and Pakistan?

The oft-heard argument is that the terrorist enterprise is trying to force India to go to war. So what happens next time, if the Mumbai attacks did not prove to be the "last straw" and Indians heroically show admirable "restraint" in not solving the Pakistan problem? How will the terrorists respond, other than by upping the ante? What next? An attack that kills 400 in, say, Bangalore? Why would that destroy India's "restraint"? How about an attack that kills 1000 in Thiruvananthapuram? Surely that's not worth going to war about? How about 2500 in distant Shillong? 5000 in Nagpur? How about 10,000 in Jaipur, Amritsar and Bhopal? We've been there, done that, in Bhopal with an accident, now why not with a terrorist WMD attack? And if that does not break India's admirable restraint, why would an attack that kills 100,000 in Allahabad? I can almost see the next day's CNN-IBN and "Hindustan times" headlines: "Revenge for the Babri Masjid! Hindu Extremists killed in Allahabad!" Would it make sense to go to all-out war with the friendly democratic civilian government of Pakistan, themselves "victims of terrorism", just because some "non-state actors" killed 100,000 "Hindu Nationalists" as "revenge" for all sorts of perceived offenses going back to the days of the Prophet Mohammed (pbuh)? Note that I am back up to the 100,000 death level, without India ever doing anything to end global terrorism. This is the stark calculation that I see.

But the decision on whether the costs are worthwhile is entirely up to the Indian electorate. Even if the above calculation proves right, who am I to ask a young soldier to die today so that I can hope to live a more peaceful life next year? Perhaps it is much better that we die together next year, or perhaps five years from now. From all indications, there is a better-than-even chance that it will occur in another five years, even in the USA, and we know that every large attack in the West has been preceded by a "trial run" in India. So let us see alternatives to total war.

Must not the Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity of Pakistan be respected?

Pakistan does not respect its own sovereignty, let alone that of any of its neighbors. When it is a choice between my life and Pakistan's sovereignty, the decision is easy. And that is the decision that Indians and Americans face. They only have to look at the "restraint" with which the Americans have treated this question when it their own lives, not those of Indian children, at stake. Predator UAVs carrying Hellfire missiles have conducted a few dozen publicized attacks, and probably many others, to "take out" terrorists inside Pakistan as they plotted to kill Americans. Commando raids have been conducted several times. Air attacks have flattened Pakistan Army positions which were seen to shelter those who had attacked NATO forces. Why should India pay any heed to advice from the US or NATO to respect Pakistan's sovereignty any more than that? Did the US respect Taliban-infested Afghanistan's sovereignty or territorial integrity after the 9/11 attacks? Did the Russians respect that of Georgia after the "Georgian Musharraf"'s military killed 2500 civilians?

Won't an Indian attack result in nuclear war?

The point of the calculations on the preceding pages is that the choice is between undeterred Pakistani nuclear or other WMD attacks on Indian cities, or a war where Pakistan's use of WMD is deterred by the clear prospect of massive, disproportionate retaliation.

Won't the Pakistan Army take over Pakistan again in case of war?

Only if the world allows that to occur. Which brings us to the solution to the Pakistan Problem. *Destroy the Pakistan Army.* I will start that with a quote from a real veteran⁷³:

"There has been a clamour for an attack on Pakistani territory to take out the 'terror-training camps'. This is asinine. Does anyone think that the camps will still be there? In any case, these are just some makeshift buildings; empty of all terrorists by now. The terrorists may well have abandoned it already. It is by now very clear that our target ought to be the rogue Pakistan army. Yes, I use the word rogue with full responsibility. Remember, it was this very army that killed over 300,000 Bangladeshis in March 1971, according to the Hamidur Rehman Commission report ordered by the Pakistani government itself. It was the biggest genocide since the Second World War and yet being the pet dog of the US, it escaped all consequences of this.

If India wants peace, it has to target the Pakistan army, not Pakistan. How to do it is not a matter for public debate and is best left that way. This will liberate the long suffering Pakistani citizenry from tyranny. With its nukes, Pakistan is safe from military aggression from India. A cut down military is in the best interest of the whole world."

What would be the result of destroying the Pakistan Army?

The desired outcome, in my opinion, is the *dismantling of the Pakistani State as a central entity.* After all, the government in Islamabad claims not to be responsible for the terrorists in Lahore or Muzzafarabad, the military terror plotters in Rawalpindi, the tribals in Waziristan, the "Al Qaida" in Quetta, Balochistan, or the Binori Madarssa terror schools in Sindh. Then why have such a government? Downsize them, so that they only need worry about ruling the Pakjab. Let the responsible governance of Balochistan be in the hands of the new nation of Balochistan, that of Waziristan and NWFP become the responsibility of the Republic of Paktoonistan, and that of "Azad Kashmir" and the Northern Areas become the responsibility of Balwaristan. My view is that these new nations will desire global acceptance much more than they can afford to continue tolerating Islamic fundamentalism, and will rapidly become Sultanates run by semi-civilized tribal chieftains. We do not hear of the oil-rich tribal Sultanates of the Persian Gulf tolerating a lot of terrorism from their territories. Why should these new nations be any different in that respect?

Some Initial Steps Towards De-Fanging the Pakistan Army

These are commonsense steps that can be taken by any government, without waiting indefinitely for UN resolutions and concerted international action.

1. Declare the Pakistan Armed Forces to be a sponsor of terrorism.
2. Place all Pakistan Armed Forces officers above the rank of Major on the list of persons excluded from getting visas.

3. Locate and embargo the resources of Pakistan Army officers above the rank of Major, pending resolution of damages claims filed by victims of terrorism.
4. Facilitate the filing of legal claims by victims of terrorism against the Pakistan Army and Pakistan government.
5. Stop all assistance to the Pakistan Armed Forces.
6. Recognize and assist the national aspirations of Balwaristan, Balochistan, Paktoonistan and Sindh.

Conclusions

1. There is, and always has been, clear sponsorship, protection and control of the global terrorist enterprise of Pakistan by the Pakistani state, in the form of the Pakistan Army and its various subdivisions.
2. The apparent cognitive dissonance in the Pakistan Army taking casualties in the regions bordering Afghanistan, is easily resolved when seen as Army efforts to continue the repression in Balochistan, Northwest Frontier Province, the Gilgit-Baltistan Northern Areas, and the Frontier and Tribal Areas. Provincial paramilitary forces are used to target civilians in the border areas, aggravating ancient Sunni-Shia and tribal faultlines while impressing the Americans with apparent military action and casualties.
3. The ISI is a branch of the Pakistan Army, and there is no dichotomy between "loyal" and "rogue" ISI.
4. What is euphemistically called the "Al Qaida" is the Pakistan Army of Islam and its various euphemisms all under the ISI and hence under the Pakistan Army.
5. The role of the Pakistani central government is thus to continue murdering thousands of innocents a year through terrorism and outright military attacks, in disregard for humanity or welfare of anyone except the elite of the Pakjab.
6. Foreign aid, whether intended for security or for human development, is drained to benefit the elite of the Pakjab. There is little hope of reforming Pakistan as long as the central government and army exist.
7. Thus an essential first step to bring about peace is to remove the capability of the Pakjabi government to wage war against its neighbors and the rest of the world.
8. This means that the key to peace is the destruction of the central entity called Pakistan, and its military, leaving 5 independent nations which must get support from the world to chart their own paths, on pain of destruction if they veer towards religious fanaticism or terrorism.

To put it bluntly, and succinctly:

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE. DESTROY PAKISTAN.

The life you save may be your own or that of someone you love.

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warning delivered just days before the Trade Center attack."... I have now come across a report in the Washington Post of September 12th from Karachi, Pakistan, which states that: "Pakistan's army chief and head of its intelligence agency proposed a detailed 'blueprint' for selling heroin to pay for the country's covert military operations in early 1991, according to former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif."

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²⁵ Anon, "Late 1998-August 10, 1999: Pakistani Air Force Pilot Temporarily Replaces Alshehhi as Atta's Roommate". http://www.historycommons.org/entity.jsp?entity=pakistani_air_force Excerpt: "Early in 1999,

Mansour applies with Atta for a room to hold a new Islamic study group. Mansour is a pilot on leave from the Pakistani Air Force. As the Los Angeles Times puts it, "This in itself is intriguing—a Pakistani pilot?

Investigators acknowledge they haven't figured out Mansour's role in the plot, if any." On this day,

Mansour's brother, also in the Pakistani armed forces, is killed (along with 15 other officers) when his surveillance plane is shot down by India. Mansour returns home and was detained and stopped from

returning to Germany. Soon afterwards, Alshehhi returns to Hamburg. According to Mansour's father, "Atif was detained because he had not sought permission from the authorities before returning home to attend

his younger brother's funeral." Then he is set free with assistance from a relative and works on Pakistani air force base. Contacted on his mobile phone by a reporter, Mansour says, "I won't be able to speak further

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Excerpts: *"On 17th December 2005 Pakistani Army launched an army operation against innocent Marri Baloch people throughout Kohlu District, Parts of Dera Bugti, Noshki, Makran Districts and other parts of Balochistan. More than thirty thousand army personnel twelve Gunship helicopters, four fighter jets, several spy planes of different sizes, heavy artillery and missiles are being used only in Talli, Bambore, Kahan, Jabbar, Nasau, Quat, Mundai and other parts of Marri Area. Due to ten days of intensive bombing and shelling by army Jets, Gunship Helicopters and heavy artillery at least 86 confirm deaths and more than 120 serious wounded have been reported. Mostly victims are women and young children."*
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- ³⁵ Balwaristan National Front. <http://www.balawaristan.net/speach.htm>
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