



# ‘We Are Heading Into A Disaster’: Pakistan’s Biggest Lake Bursts, Flooding Gets Worse

**By: Aysha Qamar**  
After visiting the country, U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called for “massive” international support for flooded Pakistan on Friday. Last week flood damages were estimated to be about \$10 billion. Predictions now saw \$30 billion as the country continues to experience extreme flooding, the Associated Press reported. Since the monsoon season began in mid-June, extreme rainfall has led to family homes, city infrastructure, and land being destroyed. But that’s not all: Glacier melt has triggered additional flooding,



bringing the death toll up to more than 1,400 people, with thousands of others injured. According to the National Disaster Management Agency, the floods have injured 12,722 people, destroyed thousands of miles of roads, toppled bridges, and damaged schools and hospitals. Nearly 33 million people have been displaced by what is being called a consequence of climate change. Guterres noted that nature has attacked Pakistan, which contributes less than 1% of global

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# Israel Accepts “High Possibility” That Its Soldier “Accidentally” Killed Shireen Abu Akleh

**By Yousuf Ali**  
In May 2022, Israeli forces killed Palestinian-American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh. Since the killing, Israel’s likely responsibility has been upheld by several investigations including from CNN, AP, and the New York Times. Despite this, Israel denied responsibility for the



killing and has instead chosen to blame Palestinian gunfire despite many of the investigations saying there was no Palestinian gunfire nearby for several months. On Wednesday, September 7, Israel accepted the likelihood that one of

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# Afghanistan: One Year Anniversary Of Taliban Take-Over



**By Mahvish Akhtar**  
Six people were killed when a suicide bomber detonated explosives near the entrance of the Russian embassy, and at least ten others were injured. The Russian Foreign Ministry and

Afghan officials said on Monday that two of those killed were Russian officials. According to the Afghan Police spokesperson Khalid Zadran, the attacker

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# Bulldozing American Pluralism By Hindutva Supremacists



by Dr. Aslam Abdullah

Hundreds of sleeper cells serving foreign interests and promoting fascist ideas exist in almost every sector of American society with a conspiracy to destroy pluralism and democracy as practiced in the US and Europe. Reportedly, they are members or supporters of fascist groups like Hindu Swayam Sewak Sangh, an off-spring of Hindu Rashtriya Swayam Sewak Sangh, Hindu Vishwa Parishad, and Overseas Friends of the BJP.

Moreover, through a network of temples enjoying tax-exempt status, they channel millions of dollars to individuals and groups in India that live the dream of making Hindutva supremacy a reality. Their slogan, Making India the World Leader (MIWL), is the code for imposing Hindutva in societies where they have gained access to the political system at the strength of their education and finances.

Most sleeper cell members belong to Hindu upper castes and hold the highest levels of educational attainment among all religious communities in the United States. As a result, US immigration

policies favor educated and highly skilled migrants. According to the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies newsletter published in March 2017, Hindus were the largest minority religion in 92 counties out of the 3143 counties in the country. In September 2021, the State of New Jersey aligned with the World Hindu Council to declare October as Hindu Heritage Month.

According to the Pew Research estimates, 9% of the Hindus in the United States belong to a non-Asian ethnicity – 4% of the Hindus in the United States were White, 2% were Black, 1% Latino, and 2% Mixed.

A recent incident in New Jersey exposed the designs of Hindu supremacists and sent warning signals to American civil society.

The Indian Business Association, a non for Profit group run by Hindutva supporters mainly from Gujarat, organized a parade in August 2022 to celebrate India's 75th year of independence. A prominent leader of the Hindutva group from India, Sambit Patra addressed the supremacists.

The parade featured a bulldozer with pictures of India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. Both have criminally and illegally used the bulldozer to demolish mosques, businesses, and homes of Muslim human rights defenders and protesters who have dared to criticize and challenge his anti-democratic policies. India knows Modi as the butcher of Gujarat for his role in Gujarat's anti-Muslim pogroms and Yogi as Islam and Muslim hater.

The inclusion of the bulldozer was an explicit declaration of war against non-upper caste Hindus and a daring challenge to American pluralism and democracy. Moreover, it was an announcement that Hindutva supremacists would use their wealth and political contacts to use violence and curtail the freedom guaranteed in the US constitution.

Multiple officials and organizations condemned the bulldozer parade. They include US Representative Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ); New Jersey Assemblyman Raj Mukherji (Chair, Joint Asian Pacific American Caucus); New Jersey

Sen. Vin Gopal (Vice Chair, Joint Asian Pacific American Caucus); New Jersey Assemblywomen Shama Haider, Sadaf Jaffer and Ellen Park; Edison Mayor Sam Joshi; Woodbridge Mayor John McMorcac; Edison Council President Joseph Coyle; Edison Council Vice-President Joyce Ship-Freeman; Edison Councilwoman Margot Harris; Edison Councilmen John Poyner, Richard Brescher and Nishith Patel; the National Alliance for the Advancement of the Colored People (NAACP); Black Lives Matter; American Muslims for Democracy; Hindus for Human Rights; Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR); and Indian American Muslim Council.

Under growing pressure, the Hindutva supremacist group in NJ apologized for the use of bulldozers and pledged not to repeat the practice in the future.

However, the apology does not negate the growing influence of Hindutva supremacists. Many are Trump supporters, and some have infiltrated the Biden Administration. Critics believe that sleeper cells of Hindu supremacists use their financial,

educational, and political influence in the US to gather information and pass it on to RSS India. These sleeper cells have access to data in key US sectors where they work as medical staff, IT personnel, legal experts, real estate agents, or educators. In addition, they connect through their temples that maintain caste hierarchy to promote the idea of Hindutva supremacy.

With their political influence and financial contributions, the supremacists are hopeful that with the help of White racists under Trump's leadership, they would be able to impose a bulldozer strategy to silence minorities and non-Hindus, including Christians, who are their targets in India. In more than 91 counties, where Hindu supremacists are in substantial number, the threats to democracy are visible. They use secular and democratic institutions to serve their anti-pluralistic agenda and challenge the rule of law.

Such groups are hate groups, and the country should be fully aware of their nefarious designs.





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# Pakistani PM Imran Khan Accused Of Terrorism



*By TMO Staff.*

Pakistan's police have charged the country's former Prime Minister, Imran Khan, under anti-terror laws. Mr. Khan is accused of breaching the country's anti-terrorism act by making threats against state officials. The charges were announced after he accused the police and judiciary of detaining and torturing PTI member Shahbaz Gill, who is already being detained under sedition charges.

In his speech, Mr. Khan said, "Islamabad IG (Inspector General of Police) and DIG (Deputy Inspector General of Police) we will not let you escape this, we will file a case against both of you, and magistrate Zeba you should be prepared. We will take action against you as well." Judge Zeba Chaudry is a session judge who resided over Gill's case.

Imran Khan applied for protective bail at Islamabad High Court, which was approved for three days. That will last until Thursday. Khan was directed by the court to address this issue at ATA (Anti-Terrorism Act) department by the end of the time.

A statement was released by the PPP (Pakistan Peoples Party), in which Asif Zardari warned that "Khan will continue invading state institutions, constitution, and the law if the government and the institutions do not establish their writ. This person is criticizing our army every day, and the same army's officers and soldiers are fighting against terrorists and laying down

their lives in two provinces. He threatens the army, police, and then a female magistrate and challenges them to arrest him," he said.

During a State Department press briefing, State Department spokesperson Ned Price was asked if the US was aware of the situation about the former PM of Pakistan. His response was as diplomatic as they come, "this is a matter for the Pakistani legal and judicial system," he said, adding that it is not directly a matter for the United States, and that's because they do not have a position on one political candidate or party versus any other political candidate or party. The US spokesperson maintained that they support the peaceful upholding of democratic, constitutional, and legal principles in Pakistan and worldwide.

On Tuesday, Stephane Dujarric, the spokesperson for Antonio Guterres, the secretary general of the United Nations, said in a press conference, "what I can tell you is that the secretary general is aware of the charges brought against former PM Imran Khan, and he emphasizes the need for a competent, independent, and impartial legal process." Dujarric added that the Secretary-General urges "calm, lowering of tension, and respect for the rule of law, and fundamental freedoms."

Meanwhile, in Pakistan, Former Sindh High Court Chief Justice Shaq Usmani said while speaking on Geo News on a news show on Monday

that this case was different from ordinary contempt-of-court cases because the leader had explicitly named a judge and threatened her with explicit action.

He added that anyone could criticize a court judgment to any extent. However, it is not allowed to criticize a judge because if that became a norm, no judge would be able to make decisions without fear of retaliation. He said that in his enthusiasm, the PTI chairman had committed a big mistake, and he was now in big trouble. The former chief justice believed that even apologizing might not save him at this point.

According to the former Judge, the legal repercussions of threatening a judge, and police officials can be six-month imprisonment for contempt of court. If this happened, he would be disqualified from running in elections for five years.

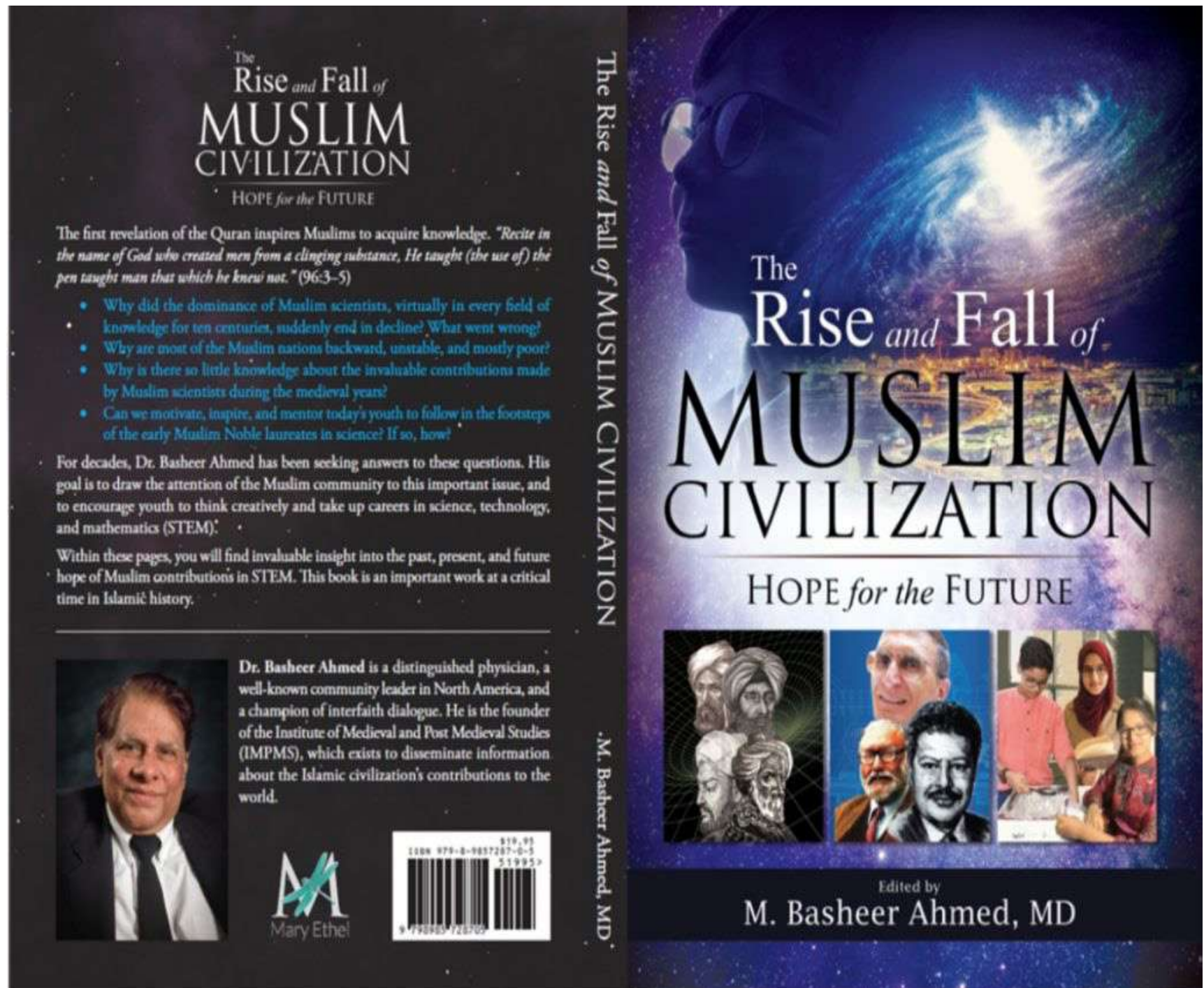
Imran Khan's supporters, however, are relentless. Not all of them are active members of PTI. Many are students, young professionals, and women who have voted for him in past elections. Hundreds of these supporters gathered outside his home in Islamabad after news of the investigation broke. They are camped outside the gate of his hilltop residence in Bani Gala, chanting and singing in support of their leader. They have "vowed to take over" if he is arrested. Since PTI lost control of the government, Imran Khan has been very vocal in criticizing

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## Dr. Basheer Ahmed Launches New Book; 'The Rise And Fall Of Muslim Civilization: Hope For The Future'



In his latest book, "The Rise and Fall of Muslim Civilization: Hope for the Future," Dr. Basheer Ahmed offers fresh insight and perspective on Muslim history and contributions of innovative developments in Science, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) over a period of eight centuries.

Many Muslims may be wondering, why did the dominance of Muslim scientists in every field of knowledge for almost eight centuries (7th-15th) suddenly end in decline? Why are most of the Muslim nations now educationally backward, behind in industrial and scientific development, and poor? What went wrong?

From the 12th century on, universities in the Islamic world gradually stopped teaching science and philosophy, and all

scientific laboratories and observatories were closed or destroyed. From the 15th century onward Muslims have done very little scientific work or published any book on any scientific subject. Within the pages of this book, Dr. Ahmed investigates the questions.

The book is more than a treatise; it is an anthology of Islamic sciences. It introduces the reader to the intellectual giants of the classical Islamic era and provides a roadmap of how learning flourished and then gradually declined.

Rich in historical background, the reader discovers the details of the rise and fall of the great Muslim civilization during the medieval years, but this book contains more than the history and development of STEM. It provides

innovative solutions to bring about hope for days ahead for the youth of the world to step back into identifying problems and developing solutions to impact some of the greatest issues and challenges facing the world today.

Dr. Ahmed's insightful

treatment of the subject is reinforced by Prof. Nazeer Ahmed's forward and selected essays from eminent scientists including Professors Parvez Hoodbhoy, Samir Iqbal, Aziz Budri, Irum Rahman, Bashoo Nasiruddin, Mirza Faizan and Mirza Rizwan. Writ-

ten in a clear, lucid style, it is a book for students, teachers, scholars as well as the general public. The book motivates, inspires, and mentors today's youth to become scientists and innovators and follow in the footsteps of their



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# Suspected ISIS Attack Kills Pro-Taliban Islamic Scholar, At Least 17 Others

By TMO Staff.

On Friday, Sept. 2, there was a bombing at a mosque in Afghanistan that killed 18 people including an Islamic scholar who supported the Taliban rulers of the country. The blast is suspected to have been carried out by ISIS which has been displaced since the loss of its territories in Iraq and Syria.

Afghanistan has been a key battleground between ruling Taliban forces and the group itself which has been driven underground since the Taliban took over the country in 2021. Furthermore, it has had the help of the United States in a limited manner due to the country recognizing ISIS as a common enemy despite the Taliban and the US fighting for decades since the American invasion.

According to Al Jazeera, “Taliban official Abdul Nafi Takor confirmed



Friday’s explosion and said there were dead and wounded but said he had no further details. Mujib Rahman Ansari had spoken strongly in defense of the Taliban at a large gathering of thousands of scholars and elders organized by the group in late June, condemning anyone who stood against its administration. Ansari is the second pro-Tali-

ban scholar killed in an explosion in less than a month after Rahimullah Haqqani died in a suicide attack at his madrassa in Kabul.” These previous attacks make the Taliban suspect ISIS’s responsibility for this attack. Unlike previous attacks, this one was against a Sunni mosque as opposed to a Shi’a mosque. In that sense, the motivation

seems to be political rather than religious or sectarian for this attack. Additionally, the Taliban follows the Deobandi movement of the Hanafi school of Islam while ISIL opposes the mainstream Islamic schools and instead prefers Salafism. The Taliban repressed Salafism when it ruled initially in the 90s with many fleeing across the border into Pakistan.

Since ISIL has stepped up its violence, the Taliban has escalated against Salafis in general by arresting them and closing their seminaries in hope of depriving ISIL of potential support. Many believe the Taliban to be responsible for the killing of a Salafi cleric Mutawakkili even though the Taliban has denied involvement.

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# Saudi Falcon Conservation Efforts Are About Preserving Heritage

By Saeed Khan

When archaeologists earlier this century uncovered the remains of the neolithic Al-Magar culture in Saudi Arabia, they revealed some of the earliest known evidence of falconry. According to Hussam Al-Huzaimi, the CEO of the Saudi Falcons Club, the practice originated in Saudi Arabia:

“This is a prehistoric practice here in Saudi Arabia, and we know from the archeological record that horse domestication and dog domestication took place around the same time...Falconry, though is something that is very different. It is about building a bond with a wild animal that can, if it chooses, fly away at any time.”

Speaking both as a proud Saudi and falconry enthusiast, he wants to

make sure that the link established between man and various species of birds of prey will still exist in a thousand years.

Just as it did thousands of years ago.

“Today, falconry is something traditional

and part of our culture which has been practiced in Saudi Arabia for thousands of years,” says Huzaimi, “and it is still

popular today.”

The Saudi Falcons Club hosts the Saudi International Falcons & Hunting Exhibition and Falcon Breeders Auction each year. Now in its fourth year the event attracts hundreds of vendors from around the world. Each bird’s origin and international travel is carefully tracked with “passports” and other documentation. The idea is to encourage domestic breeding programs and to ensure that the birds are no longer captured in the wild.

This year’s event reflects that enthusiasm among the modern citizens of the kingdom. Over half a million visitors are expected to attend the event. Vendors and falcon fanatics are expected to attend from over thirty

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# Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak Imprisoned Following Rejection Of Appeal

By Yousuf Ali

The Malaysian High court upheld the conviction of the former prime minister of the country Najib Razak in the 1mdb corruption case on Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022. Najib presided over the first defeat of the founding political party UMNO which was helped by several scandals involving his party. The ruling was hailed as a form of justice by opposition politician Anwar Ibrahim as a sign of accountability. With the ruling, Najib Razak is set to be the first former Malaysian prime minister to be jailed.

According to Al Jazeera English, "Opposition leaders, activists and many citizens hailed the court's swift ruling in the appeal hearing on Tuesday, calling it a victory for Malaysians who voted in 2018 to remove Najib's government and bring him to justice. The five-member Federal Court panel said it found the High Court's decision was correct and that Najib's appeal was "devoid of any merits". "This is a simple and straightforward case of abuse of power, criminal breach of trust and money laundering," said Chief Justice Maimun Tuan Mat, who read out the verdict."

This type of accountability is fairly rare in the Muslim world.

In addition to the 12-year sentence, Najib will be expected to pay the equivalent of \$43 million in Malaysian currency. This is not the end of the road for the former prime minister as he faces 42 more corruption charges in 5 separate trials making it possible for his prison time to be significantly increased. The ruling was surprising in its efficiency, as the Malaysian justice system can be very slow at times. Defenders of Najib believe that the sentence is politically motivated.

According to Al Jazeera, "The Federal Court's decision on Tuesday



was handed down after a tribunal threw out a last-minute move by Najib's lawyers to recuse the chief justice from hearing the case, alleging bias on her part. "We saw Najib speak from the dock where he

attempted to portray himself as a victim of justice.

He sought to paint the high court judge who heard the initial case as biased," Al Jazeera's Looi said. "Ultimately, the five-member panel

dismissed those arguments." With this ruling, Najib will spend time in prison with the only question being how long with other cases. This ruling came after a lower court denied Najib's appeal causing him to

go to the federal court. In that sense, it's a good example of how someone who has benefitted from decades of support and heritage in politics can be held to account in a Muslim country.

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# The Release Of Hindu Rapists And Murderers Gives A Glimpse Into Neo-Hinduism And Hindu Rashtra



by Dr. Aslam Abdullah

Bilkis Bano's case offers a unique glimpse into the emerging Hinduism and the nature of Hindu Rashtra in India, with its hegemonic designs worldwide. Bilkis Bano is a resident of India's Western state of Gujarat, where the apostle of non-violence took birth. In 2002, a gang of Upper Caste Hindus attacked her family, raped her mother and sister, and killed her other family members. The victims were Muslims and the rapists and killers were Hindu upper castes.

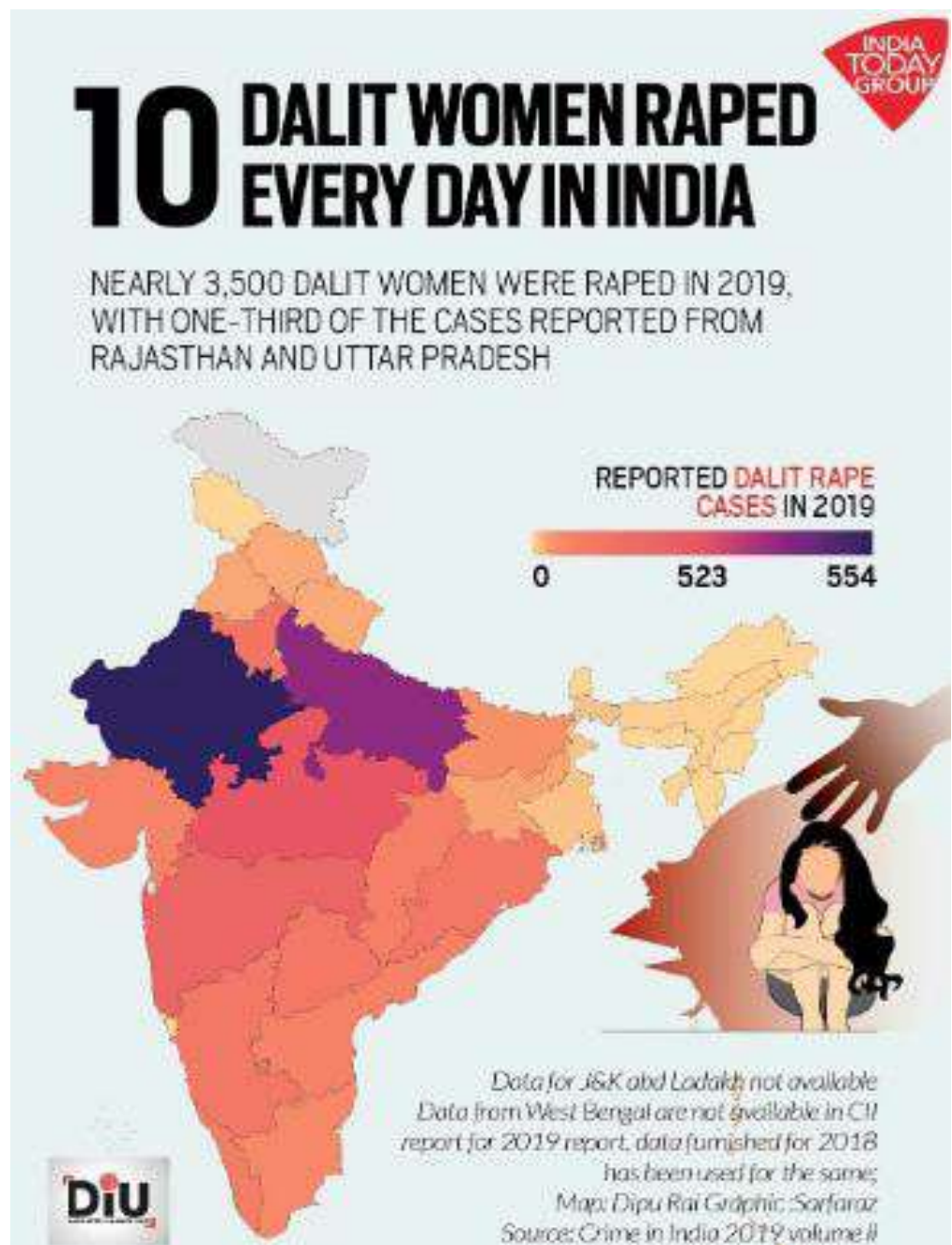
The rapists and killers got caught, and India's court sentenced them to life imprisonment. However, on the eve of India's 75th independence anniversary, a panel consisting of the ruling BJP supporters decided to free all convicted criminals. One of the panelists justified the release by saying they were all Brahmans (upper castes) with good manners. The ruling party's cadre celebrated the decision by showing praise to the victims and honoring them in their temples and public gatherings. Hindus have remained silent on this, and only a few have openly con-

demned the panel for its blatant mockery of India's criminal justice.

Hindu religious leadership welcomed the decision and appreciated the freeing of convicted Hindu upper castes. In several temples of Gujarat and other states, they distributed sweets and offered gratitude to their deities.

The response of Hindu upper castes is not shocking. India has surpassed all levels of bigotry, violence, and racism during the RSS-led rule. It has allowed the lynching of Muslims and Dalits to become a norm and encouraged Hindus to organize a systematic hate campaign against Islam worldwide. Moreover, it has vigorously promoted the idea of a Hindu Rashtra to oppose a pluralistic and secular society.

Hatred against Islam and Christianity is the new mantra to unite Hindu upper castes. The two religions did not originate in India. Hence, their followers in the country are invaders. Hindus should forcibly convert them and kill those who refuse to accept supremacy as defined by the upper castes.



The exclusion of Muslims and Christians from India should create a Hindu Rash-

tra with Manusmriti as its constitution. The Code of Manus, written thousands of years ago,

defines the nature of Hindu society in terms of

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# Flooding And Destruction Continues In Pakistan

By TMO Staff.

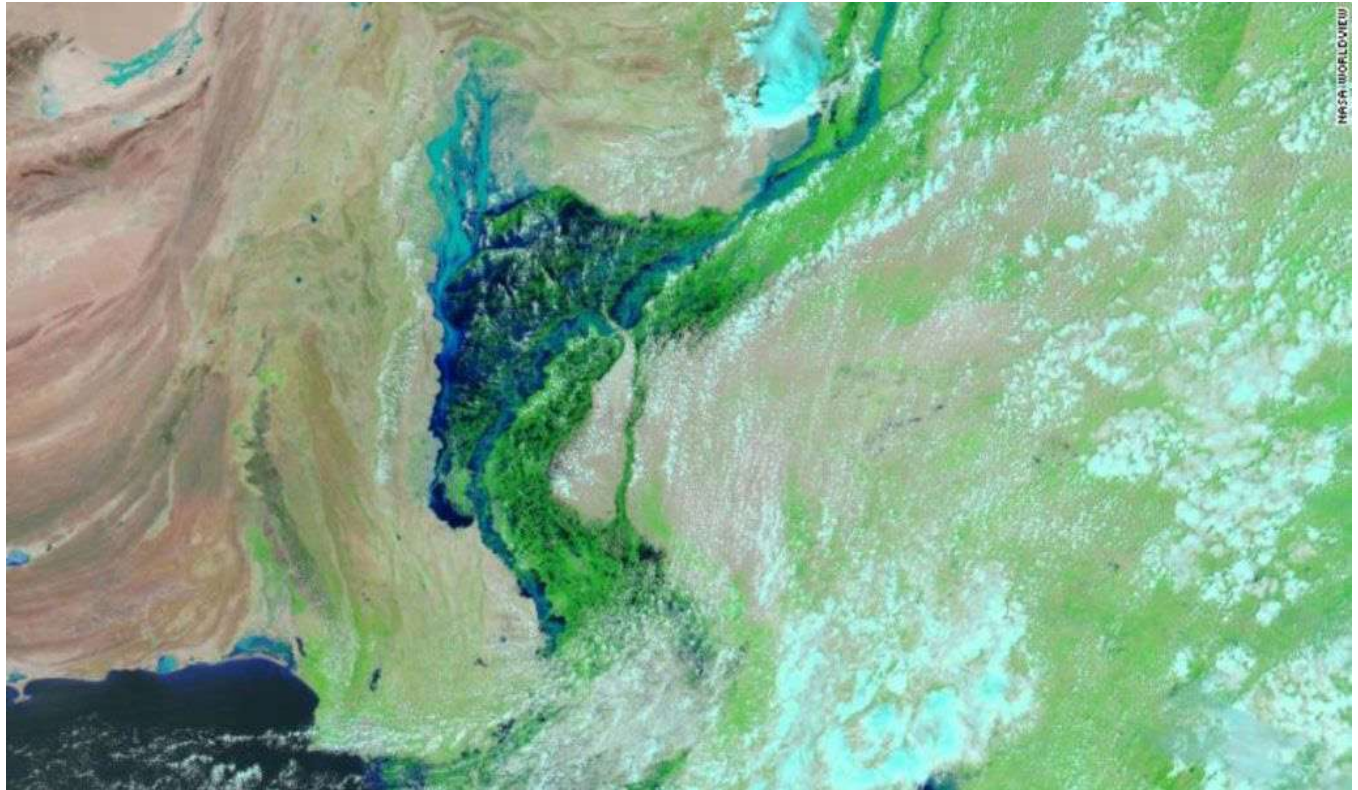
Flooding in Pakistan started in June because of the monsoon rains. Sixty-six districts have been officially declared as 'calamity hit' by the Government of Pakistan. Thirty-one of these districts are in Balochistan, 23 in Sindh, nine in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), and three in Punjab. The condition is getting worse every day because more districts have been affected. They just haven't reached calamity level yet. As rains continue to fall and judging by the lack of preparation, experts are afraid they might be added to the number above.

The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) reported that 33 million people had been impacted by this disaster. Pakistan has experienced 375.4 mm of rainfall, 2.87 times higher than the national 30-year average of 130.8 mm.

According to the NDMA, Over 218,000 houses have been destroyed and 452,000 damaged since 14th June 2022. More than 793,900 livestock, a critical source of sustenance and livelihood for many families, have died. Sixty-three percent loss of the livestock happened in Balochistan and 25 percent in Punjab. Around 2 million acres of crops and orchards have also been impacted, including at least 304,000 acres in Balochistan, 178,000 acres in Punjab, and 1.54 million acres in Sindh.

Damage to houses and buildings has been extreme as well. At least 17,566 schools have been damaged or destroyed. In Sindh, 15,842 schools were destroyed, 544 in Balochistan, and 1,180 in Punjab. All schools are closed, even the ones with buildings intact, which are being used as shelters for displaced people. The children and young adults do not have any way of continuing their education for the foreseeable future, which means the staff of those schools is also out of jobs. These aren't the only

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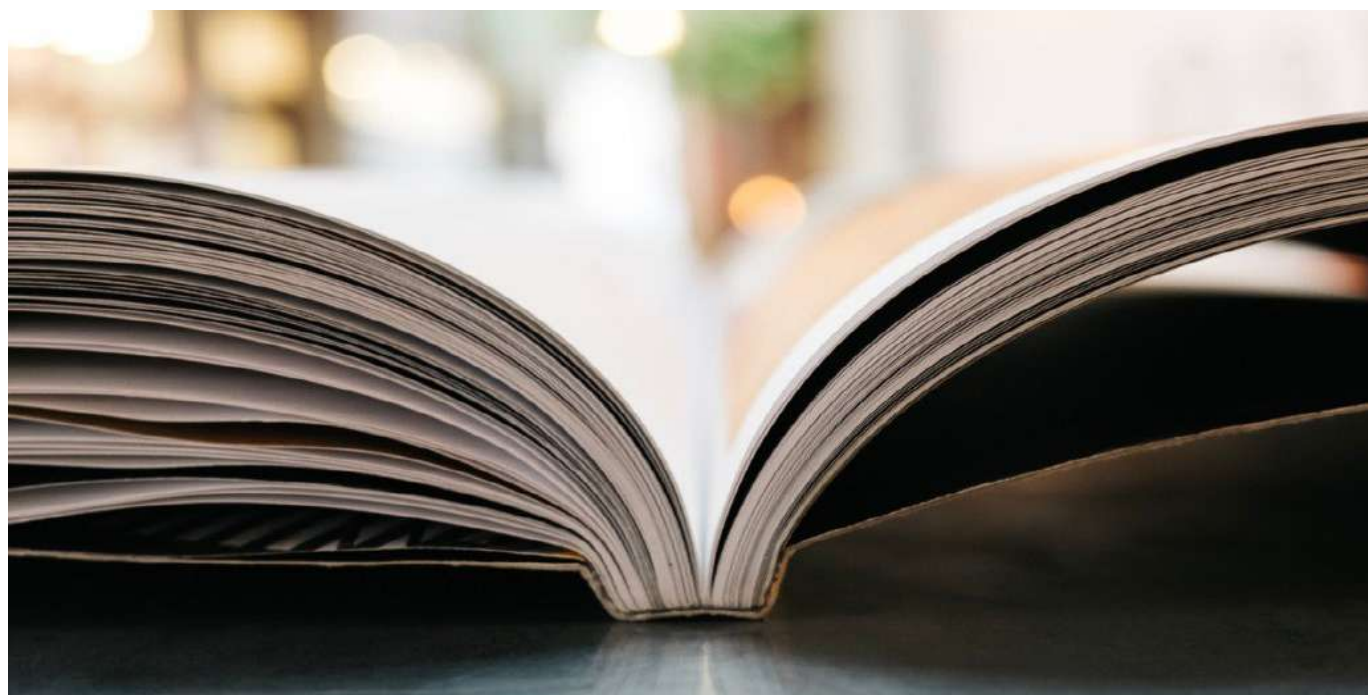


# Forde Report Says Anti-Semitism Claims Were Weaponized Against Labour Leadership In The UK, Islamophobia Ignored

By TMO Staff.

In July 2022, The Forde report was released which investigated the issue of racism within the United Kingdom's Labour Party. The party is one of two major parties in the UK with the other being the conservative party. From 2015 to 2020, Jeremy Corbyn led the party and was noted for his avowed socialist policies as well as being a strong supporter of Palestinian rights. Throughout his leadership, there were claims of anti-semitism with his defenders saying most of these came from those who equated opposition to Israel and its politics as anti-semitism and attempted to undermine his leadership.

The Forde report was commissioned to assess these claims and found while there was indeed anti-semitism, there were times it was weaponized against the leadership, thereby undermining the party. Additionally, it found the response to Islamophobia and racism in general far weaker indicating that Anti-semitism was not ignored or promoted. The report was not extensive-



ly reported in the mainstream British media but was covered in some niche outlets.

The Forde report had several findings that went against much of the reporting in the British media about Labour anti-semitism. According to the Middle East Monitor, "The 138-page conclusion of the inquiry led by Martin Forde QC not only confirmed claims that anti-Semitism was used as a "factional weapon" and that senior party members on the right were acting in a manner designed to undermine former leader,

Jeremy Corbyn, the party's apparent obsession with discrimination faced by Jews established a "hierarchy of racism" where Islamophobia and all other forms of racism and discrimination were seen to be less important."

In that sense, anti-semitism far from being neglected was focused on at the expense of anti-Muslim hatred and other forms of racism. Additionally, the report documented attempts by members hostile to Corbyn to undermine the party's election chances ahead of both the 2017

and 2019 elections when Corbyn led the party. Furthermore, the report noted a continuing problem with Islamophobia in terms of attacks against Muslim MPs like Zarah Sultana and Apsana Begum.

In response to pro-Israel calls to purge the MPs for their support of Palestinians, the Labour Muslim network said "The dangerous rhetoric surrounding Muslim public officials is one which has become normalised in British politics."

The current Labour leader Keir Starmer has

failed to condemn this and express solidarity with the MPs. The implication being the party is continuing to neglect Islamophobia against even its own MPs, to speak nothing of ordinary members. The report concluded that in order to be effective, combatting anti-semitism cannot come at the expense of Islamophobia and other forms of racism as it will end up creating unnecessary division between groups who feel that their causes are being neglected to placate others.

## Shahbaz Gill's Arrest And Pakistan's Political Landscape

By Mahvish Akhtar

On Tuesday, Aug. 16, Pakistan's PTI leader Shahbaz Gill was arrested from Bani Gala Chowk in Islamabad, which is near PTI chairman Imran Khan's residence. This arrest was in response to a video clip of his controversial remarks that aired on a television channel (ARY News) that went viral on social media.

Dr. Shahbaz Gill has been working at the Gies College of Business at the University of Illinois as a researcher and an assistant professor of business administration since 2019.

He was arrested on charges of insinuating mutiny in the Pakistan military. He also in-



sulted other institutes of Pakistan besides the army. He has a habit of regularly screaming at respected journalists and reporters and throwing

personal attacks on news anchors. His arrest did not go unnoticed on the international platform because no matter the circumstances, there is

an element hindering free speech. On Thursday, August 18th, 2022, officials from the capital police added other charges of disappearing

evidence and giving false information to the first information report registered against Gill.

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participating countries.

Yet the event doesn't just inspire business sales. An art show, photography exhibition, and a "Future Falconers" program round out the events that will happen during the show, which runs from Aug. 25 to Sept. 3.

Yet, Huzaimi and other Saudi falconry fans are most proud of their ef-

forts to reintroduce both the birds of prey as well as the houbara bustard, a popular game bird for falconry. Such efforts are central to the Saudi Falcon Club, which seeks to ensure that the cultural practice of falconry is preserved for generations.

"The peregrine falcon is one of the key species we hope to reintroduce. We know that these birds used to be found here, and we are taking steps to gradually reintroduce

them...In the first year started the program, we saw an 80% increase in the population due to the birth of chicks in the new nests," said Huzaimi.

To reduce the human impact of the reintroduced falcons, an array of volunteers monitor the birds from afar. A number of high-tech methods are also used. At the event, two Italian researchers presented the first ever drone factory to develop drones specifically to help with

falcon conservation efforts in the kingdom and elsewhere.

Many breeds Huzaimi points out are facing critical challenges to their survival around the globe, including everything from chemicals in their environment to electrical power lines. Yet, above all, the main challenge is the loss of habitat. Toward this end, the Saudi Falcons Club is working with two large preserves created in Saudi Arabia to pre-

serve the nation's native wildlife and ensure habitat for an expanding population of falcons.

Above all, sustainability is the goal of such efforts. For now, captive breeding programs remain critical to ensure the survival of many species. Yet, Saudi researchers and falcon experts remain optimistic that majestic birds of prey will again fill Saudi's desert skies as they did in neolithic times.

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people who cannot work in the flooded areas. Everyone is stuck in most places.

The Chairman of Pakistan Red Crescent, Abrar ul Haq said, "The situation is worsening by the day. These torrential floods have severely restricted transportation and mobility. The threat of COVID-19 and damage to vehicles, infrastructure, and connectivity are further making our emergency relief works almost impossible. Most of those affected are also immobile or marooned, making us hard to reach them. We fear the worst is yet to come as these kinds of waters could mean the risk of water-borne diseases are looming over the heads of our people."

The Red Cross Federation has released around 500,000 USD from its emergency funds to

assist close to 31,000 affected people immediately. Partner countries include; the Turkish Red Crescent, German Red Cross, and Norwegian Red Cross.

The death toll reaches up to 119 in one day. This weather and the damages related to the weather, whether directly or in an adjacent situation, have affected almost 15% of the population. Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto urged the international community to come forward and help since the problem is likely to worsen because the rain is predicted to continue, and the country is already in an economic crisis.

"Going forward, I would expect not only the International Monetary Fund, but the international community and international agencies to truly grasp the level of devastation," he said.

Pakistan's Climate Minister Sherry Rahman

tweeted, "Pakistan has never seen an unbroken cycle of monsoons like this. 8 weeks of non-stop torrents have left huge swathes of the country under water. This is no normal season, this is a deluge from all sides, impacting 33 million plus people, which is the size of a small country."

The government has deployed the army to help with the rescue mission. Also, Federal Flood Commission (FFC) is one of the significant wings of the Ministry of Water Resources of the Pakistan Government (MWRP). FFC is mainly responsible for preparing National Flood Protection Plans and their implementation through concerned Provincial and Federal agencies in the country. This department was created after the major flood of 2010 and the damage it caused. Chief Engineering Adviser of MWRP acts as Chairman of

FFC.

On Monday, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan held an international telethon to raise funds from within the country and overseas Pakistanis for the flood victims. The event was three hours long, and it aired live on multiple TV stations all over Pakistan. Senator Faisal Javed Khan hosted the event. Chief ministers of Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Pervaiz Elahi and Mahmood Khan, former premier's ex-assistant on social protection Sania Nishtar, prominent Pakistani celebrities, and other politicians joined Imran Khan's the cause on the show. Khan raised Rs.5 billion in three hours. He said during the program, "The sole solution to prevent the catastrophes caused by flood is to construct dams." How the funds are used and distributed and how transparent all

transactions will be is still to be seen.

The Government of Pakistan has established a flood relief fund called the Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund, 2022. The Fund accepts donations/contributions both from domestic and international sources.

As of today, no number has been given to the public of how much money has been collected in this fund. No reports show where the funds are being used and how they are distributed among the Provinces. To give to this relief fund, The State Bank of Pakistan has opened the "Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund Account, 2022." Funds can be wired through any international bank or use a money agency..

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The PTI chairman and the party leadership came out on the streets to protest his arrest. Khan tweeted on Thursday, "All the pictures & videos show clearly [Shahbaz] Gill was tortured both mentally & physically including sexual abuse – most too gruesome to relate. He was humiliated to break him down." He also added videos added and pictures in his tweet as proof.

In response, Information and Broadcasting Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb said that a graphic video shared by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)

leaders was "fake" and being used as a "ploy to raise false narratives in a bid to distract from PTI leader Shahbaz Gill's controversial statement." "Shahbaz Gill has not been tortured, and only fake propaganda is being spread in this regard. When he (Gill) comes in front of the camera, he starts acting," she said.

Global human rights group Amnesty International also called for an inquiry into the alleged torture of Gill. When being arrested, Gill was crying and claiming that he could not breathe. He could be heard requesting an oxygen mask. He was taken to a hospital shortly after.

Former prime minister,

Imran Khan on Friday, vowed that he would leave no stone unturned to bring to justice those who were responsible for mentally and physically torturing his aide.

Shahbaz Gill is in PIMS Hospital in Islamabad. He has security from the police and PTI leadership as well. The court has assigned a team of five doctors to discover his ailment.

Gill has a hearing in court on the 29th of August 2022. PTI claims that there are bruises all over his body. A remand of his bruises was asked from the court, but the court has postponed it.

Addressing a press conference on Tuesday

following the arrest Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, along with Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb, said that the Islamabad Police arrested Shahbaz after lodging an FIR.

"An attempt was made to incite mutiny and sedition in the Pakistan Army ranks and files. This whole conspiracy is being investigated, and the conspiratorial characters are being determined. The entire nation is proud of the services and martyrs of the Pakistani forces," he added.

This Monday, in a viral video, Gill was protesting being force-fed. He was seen and heard complaining to the doctors and nurses that

he cannot have juice and lassi (yogurt drink) because he has diabetes, and they are jeopardizing his health by forcing him to eat and drink these foods. A statement was issued that said, "Shahbaz Gill was given food and fruits only to enable him to be on his feet and healthy so that the magistrate would accept the remand without hesitation."

Gill was released from the hospital, and the team of doctors assigned to him said that he is an asthma patient and requires regular medication; otherwise, his overall health is satisfactory.



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was shot dead by armed guards as he approached the gate. “He was identified by security and targeted, which caused a blast. As a result of the attack, two were killed, and there are also victims among Afghan citizens.” This is one of the first such attacks since the Taliban took power last year.

ISIL has claimed responsibility for this attack.

While Moscow does not officially recognize the Taliban government, they have been in talks with officials for an agreement to supply oil and other products such as wheat, flour, grains, etc. “Without any doubt, we are talking about a terrorist act, which is absolutely unacceptable,” spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters in Moscow. Russia’s Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov, stated,

“Let’s hope that the organizers of this terrorist act and its perpetrators will be punished,” he also said that Moscow will tighten security in the Kabul Embassy, and Intelligence has been brought in.

In a statement, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres “strongly” condemned the attack and expressed his condolences to the victims and

their families.

The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan also condemned the bombing. The tweet read, “UNAMA stresses the need for the de facto authorities to take steps to ensure the safety and security of the people as well as diplomatic missions.”

Meanwhile, reports say that violence has been controlled since the Taliban took over. The minorities, such as Hazara, who are predominantly Shia, would disagree. They mostly live in the central part of Afghanistan; however, they are spread throughout the country. Many Hazaras live close to one of the Pak-Afghan borders, Quetta, also spilling into Pakistan. The fighting and violence then automatically spill into Pakistan.

An affiliate of the ISIL (ISIS) armed group in Afghanistan has been attacking the Hazaras and other minorities in a wave of attacks at mosques, schools, and workplaces, the Human Rights Watch said in a report on Tuesday

HRW has emphasized the need for medical care for the victims and their families. They have also been clear that no security has been provided for the people being attacked and bombed repeatedly. “Since the Taliban

takeover, ISIS-linked fighters have committed numerous brutal attacks against members of the Hazara community as they go to school, to work, or to pray, without a serious response from the Taliban authorities,” said Fereshta Abbasi, Afghanistan researcher at HRW.

Fereshta Abbasi claims that the ISIS-linked group The Islamic State of Khorasan Province, ISKP (ISIS-K), has claimed responsibility for 13 attacks against Hazaras

Pakistan has also been concerned about its future with Afghanistan. A discussion was held in Islamabad, Pakistan, called: Afghan peace and reconciliation: Pakistan’s interests and policy options. It was organized by the Islamabad-based Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS). The primary point of discussion this time was: ‘One year of Taliban rule’.

Lawmakers, academicians, former diplomats, retired army officers, journalists, and experts on security and Afghan affairs participated in the discussion. Some participants included Former National Security Adviser Lt Gen (Retd) Nasser Khan Janjua, ex-Senator Afrasiab Khattak, and many more. This is the 5th meeting of its kind where the experts discuss the future of Afghanistan

concerning Pakistan and benefiting the people of Afghanistan.

Khattak said that Pakistan needed to revisit and rectify its policy toward Afghanistan. “Afghanistan is facing the threat of disintegration, and Pakistan will have to face the consequences of this worst-case scenario.” He added, “We should see our Afghan policy critically.” There was an agreement between the attendees on most points brought up in the meeting.

Meanwhile, Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) declared an indefinite ceasefire in June to facilitate peace talks by the Afghan Taliban. However, there have been regular clashes despite both sides saying the truce is still on.

In the latest clash on Monday, the Pakistan military said it raided a hideout in Boyya, North Waziristan, bordering Afghanistan, following an intelligence tip. “Intense fire exchange took place between own troops and terrorists,” the military’s public relations wing said in a statement.

Afghan Foreign Minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi says Afghanistan struggles to have a recognized government. Most Governments have been bringing Aid and help, but no one is ready to build diplomatic relationships.

“This is true that no country has made an announcement of official recognition of the new government of Afghanistan,” Muttaqi told reporters in Kabul.

He insisted, however, that “whatever interaction” occurs between the Taliban and other countries is “official.”

“Maybe they have some issues,” he added, referring to the Taliban treatment of women, minorities, and other issues.

What is interesting is that Muttaqi speaks as though he doesn’t understand actual problem could be. Time will tell if letting this unrest go on within their country and rather than making friends out of neighbors, turning them into active enemies will turn out to be wise moves.

For now, the world is not engaging. Everyone prefers to sit on the sidelines and watch while those close to the bullets and bombs burn.

August 15th, 2021, will go down in history as an essential date. Something unthinkable was accomplished. Will it be a mark of great freedom and revolution for suffering people, or have they just passed on from one tyrant to another? These questions take decades, sometimes even centuries, to reveal themselves.

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the caste system. At the top are Brahmans created from Brahma’s head, and Shudras sprang from his feet at the bottom. Those not part of the Varna or Caste system are untouchables, including Dalits, Muslims, Christians, Jews, and all non-Indian originated religions. Manusmriti rejects 4,500 world religious traditions and admits only Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs as genuine Indian religions.

Brahmans are superior because they are the creator and masters of sacred knowledge. Therefore, their status is the highest in the Hindu hierarchy, and anyone harming them is anti-Hinduism. The underlying assumption

in the argument justifying the release of upper caste convicted rapists and murderers is their unique relations with Brahma that absolves them from any punishment for any crime they commit against other castes. The Brahmans who raped and killed Muslims in 2002 performed a holy task and earned the blessings of Brahma. Hence, they are not liable for any punishment. It is how Neo-Hinduism intends to define under the RSS leadership. Hindu upper castes are supreme, and no one can challenge their superiority. The state must protect them regardless of India’s criminal justice system.

India’s Hindu Rashtra will take inspiration from Manusmirti, and laws will correspond

to the ideas of caste hierarchy. This division negates the notion of human dignity and human rights because of Hindu upper castes’ first claimants of these two values. Only Brahmans can determine right and wrong based on their interests. Those who challenge Brahmanical rule are anti-Indians and anti-Hindus, deserving to be killed or kicked out of the country.

Most Indians (68%) identify themselves as members of lower castes, including 34% who are members of either Scheduled Castes (SC’s) or Scheduled Tribes (STs) and 35% who are members of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) or Most Backward Classes.

Brahmans are about 60,481,000 people. That’s

approximately 4.3 percent of the total Indian population. The Kshatriyas make up four percent of India’s population.

Vaishyas are described as commoners, and they are the third highest of the four varnas. However, the bulk of India’s material and administrative resources are in the hands of the above three castes.

A Hindu Rashtra will consolidate the power of the three groups and make the 70 percent population subservient to them in all matters of life.

It is this harsh reality that Bilkis Bano’s case has brought forward. What is happening in India, many soon spread to other parts of the world. The US, Canada, Europe, and Australia

are on the radar of forces seeking to establish a Hindu Rashtra. The proponents of Hindu Rashtra are increasing their areas of influence, and one should not be surprised if they join hands with divisive powers in the West to subvert democracy and its constitutional parameters to practice racism openly.

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Pakistan's Flood**

emissions. Nations that "are more responsible for climate change ... should have faced this challenge," Guterres said.

"We are heading into a disaster," Guterres added. "We have waged war on nature and nature is tracking back and striking back in a devastating way. Today in Pakistan, tomorrow in any of your countries."

According to the Associated Press, experts say Pakistan is responsible for only 0.4% of the world's historic emissions that are blamed for climate change. Meanwhile, the U.S. is responsible for 21.5%, China for 16.5%, and the European Union for 15%.

Sitting next to Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Guterres noted that other nations

contributing to climate change are obligated to reduce emissions and help Pakistan. He assured Sharif that his voice was "entirely at the service of the Pakistani government and the Pakistani people" and that "the entire U.N. system is at the service of Pakistan."

"Pakistan has not contributed in a meaningful way to climate change, the level of emissions in this country is relatively low," Guterres said. "But Pakistan is one of the most dramatically impacted countries by climate change."

Guterres' trip comes less than two weeks after the U.N. chief appealed for \$160 million in aid to help Pakistan cope with the disaster.

According to The Wall Street Journal, the country's southern region—which is also the poorest

par—was hit hardest by monsoons, and two southern provinces, Sindh and Balochistan, have experienced more than five times the average rainfall of the past 30 years.

But what's worse is breaches of Lake Manchar are expected to cause even more flooding in the next several days. On Sept. 4, officials noted that Manchar had flooded at least two towns, the BBC reported.

While it is unclear when the damage occurred, an irrigation official told The Washington Post that the lake's wall began to crack Tuesday as water levels continued to rise.

"It's not possible to fix the wall now," said the irrigation official, who wished to stay anonymous. He added that he believed the government is unable to protect villages in the flood path.

About 400 villages with a total of 135,000 people are in the flood path, officials told the BBC. While it is controversial, officials believe man-made breaches may help control the damage Manchar would cause. As a result, they allowed the lake to overflow twice on Sept. 4 in an attempt to divert some of the lake's water into less densely populated areas. Pakistani officials noted that while some small towns were impacted, the move was necessary to avoid wider flooding in the district of Dadu, home to around 1.55 million people.

"There are three breaches in the lake, two by plan, one is unplanned breach. It is our target that our big cities, towns, we can save them," Sindh's minister of irrigation, Jam Khan Shoro, told the BBC.

While villagers were

warned to evacuate before the planned breaches, sources told the BBC not everyone was taken to safety in time.

"We are trying our best to provide relief to the people but the scale of the disaster is so high and the number of people affected is also so high," Shoro told CNN. "It's nearly impossible for our government to provide everyone with shelter, food, and medicine. It's difficult."

New satellite images from the European Space Agency's (ESA) Sentinel Labs show how the lake has spread over the past two months into an area covering hundreds of square kilometers due to record levels of rain. What were once islands and peninsulas in the lake have disappeared, and the surrounding land has been swallowed up.

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Shireen Abu Akleh**

its soldiers did kill Abu Akleh but insisted that it was accidental. According to Al Jazeera, "The Israeli army conceded on Monday for the first time that one of its soldiers had likely shot Abu Akleh, after having mistaken her for a fighter. It had initially blamed Palestinian gunmen for her killing." "There is a high possibility that Ms. Abu Akleh was accidentally hit by [Israeli military] gunfire that was fired toward suspects identified as armed Palestinian

gunmen," said the army's final report into her May 11 death.

The acknowledgment came after months of the army insisting it was impossible to determine the source of the deadly shot that killed the celebrated Al Jazeera journalist." Israeli Prime minister Yair Lapid said the soldier was acting in self-defense from gunfire by nearby Palestinian militants and insisted there was no possibility of prosecution.

Palestinian leaders and activists reject the Israeli characterization of Abu Akleh's killing. Rather,

they say she was deliberately killed while being clearly identified as a member of the press. In response to further remarks from Israeli president Benny Gantz, "The Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) Wasel Abu Youssef described Gantz's remarks as "desperate". "Israel alone bears the responsibility for the daily killings of our people," he said.

It should be noted that even lawmakers from the United States, who are generally supportive of Israel, have rejected Israel's account of events.

According to The Middle East Eye, "US Senator Chris Van Hollen on Wednesday rejected an Israeli army report that said a soldier likely killed Palestinian American journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by accident during a gun battle with armed Palestinians. He said the claim was not supported by evidence. "

The crux of the 'defense' in this IDF report is that a soldier was 'returning fire' from militants," he tweeted. He added that investigations by the New York Times, the Associated Press, CNN, the

Washington Post, and the United Nations found "no such firing at the time". "This underscores need for independent US inquiry into this American journalist's death." Chris Van Hollen is a Democratic senator from Maryland. He believes that the United States should take the death of one of its own citizens at the hands of a foreign army more seriously especially when Israel's defense does not align with several previous investigations.

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Imran Khan.**

the government. He has not held back or kept his views to himself on any issue regarding any malicious activity or corruption in the government. "We will give our lives to protect Imran Khan," his followers warned the media that arresting him would be crossing "a red line." No one knows if he

is at home or not. Khan has not given a statement, nor has he been seen since the charges.

On Tuesday, the (IHC) Islamabad High Court issued a show-cause notice to PTI Chairman Imran Khan and summoned him on August 31st, 2022, in contempt of court case.

While politically charging an opposing party leader

for spewing constant hate towards every institute in the country might make sense, especially if this might keep them from running against you in the upcoming elections; nevertheless, this raises many ethical and moral questions. One can't help but wonder if this hinders the concept of freedom of speech; At this moment, this is not an abstract conversation.

This is a reality for Pakistanis. What kind of criticism is okay, and what will be considered terrorism? The freedom and integrity of the media and press are at stake. We don't know what material is okay to print and discuss and what the government will consider going too far.

These are all questions that need to be asked, and the government

needs to be reminded that this is a democracy. While our institutions and government officials deserve respect and immunity to be able to do their jobs, the public also needs a fearless environment to voice their concerns freely, and the press needs the freedom to do their job.

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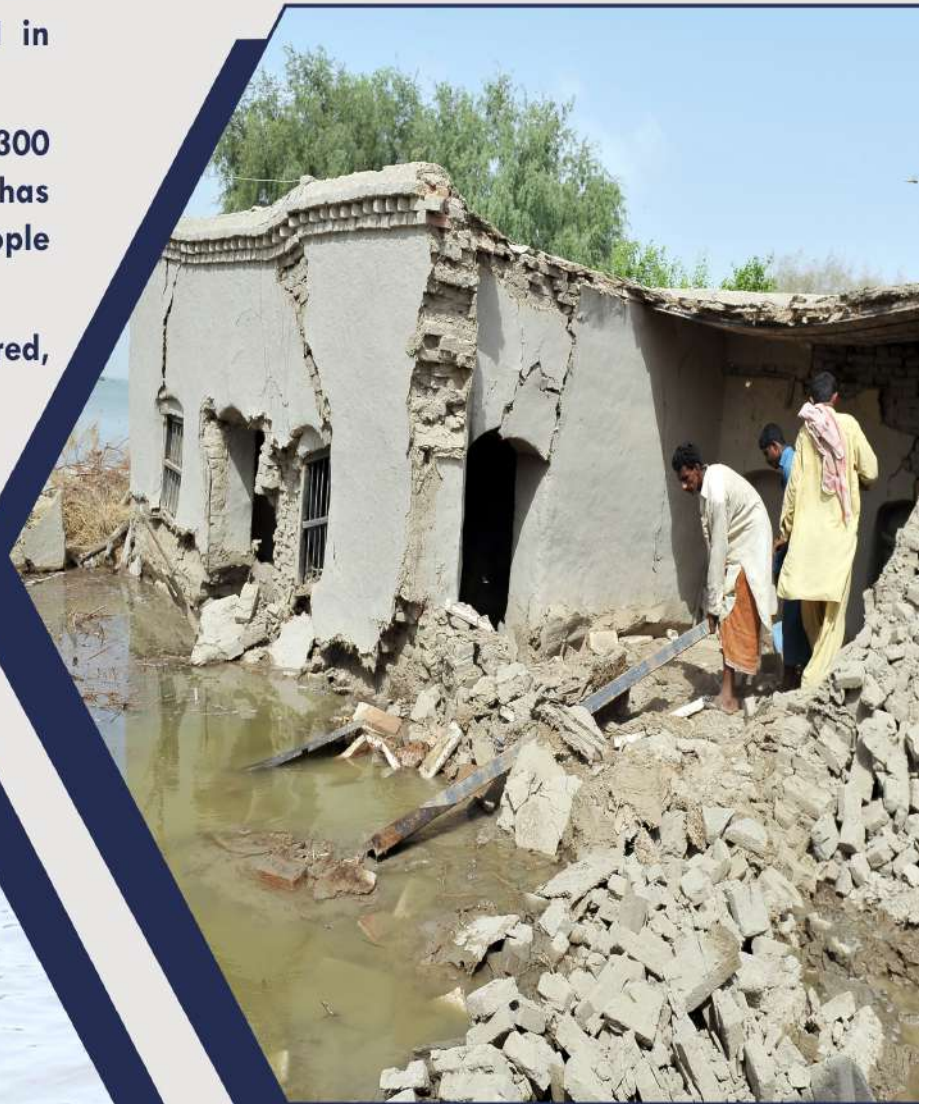




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