

Re-Imagining Pakistan's Defenses

Open Letter to a Pakistani General

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Dear General sahib,

It was nice to meet you*. Thank you for your kind visit to my home and the opportunity to meet such a distinguished commanding officer from the world's 5th largest standing military. And congratulations on the change of guard - always an auspicious occasion! This detailed letter is in four logically inter-related parts that build upon each other culminating in re-imagining Pakistan's defenses. A companion paper: Saving Pakistan from Synthetic 'Terror Central' outlines the realpolitik on how to astutely seed its implementation without suiciding the nation.

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You asked me to help you rebuild our antiquated military by infusing into its upper echelons a new mindset, of fighting modern warfare using the real-time information-age so we could fight and win modern wars - or else we would be left behind in the modernity of information-age just as we were left behind when Napoleon arrived in Egypt and surprised the antiquated Muslims with the then modern warfare systems borne of West's mighty industrial age!

I asked you who were our adversaries, and what was our overarching political agenda in the World that we wanted to fight and defeat and win - for the sole superpower whom you wanted to emulate has a clear agenda for which it spends a trillion dollars every couple of years in its vast 'military-industrial-academe' complex: they want to conquer the planet and its outer and inner reaches with the sledgehammer force of "*full spectrum dominance*" to retain their waning global "*preeminence*". Whom do we want to conquer? Why do we need to fight wars, and whose wars? So far, our military has only conquered our own peoples, and repeatedly so, as the wretched history of our state bears ample witness. You candidly mentioned to me that you could not really answer that question beyond the usual fluff.

As long as the logic of war and peace sensibly derives its rationale from political goals, this is the quintessential overarching doctrinal question that underlies the logic of all military spendings and military 'transformations'. And yet, you could only, and rather sheepishly, suggest India, for which we must deprive our citizenry clean drinking water in their taps and quality K-16 education for all our children while we prepare for a mindless warfare devoid of any reasoned substantive political logic or public-mandate, and periodically seed our now infamous covert military-infiltration to pathetically wage undeclared wars of aggression '*by way of deception*' without any concomitant political will and support of the peoples who must now pay for it, and against all norms of open 'Declaration of War', which then quite unsurprisingly blows up in our face into full scale military confrontations with our neighbor with whom we share a common and continuous 5000 year bond of shared-history, shared-culture, shared-gene pool, and from where there is no real existential threat emanating to our nation except in the unconstrained imagination of our untempered Brig-Gen brethren(?); never mind that we must also clamp down on our unarmed civilians' peaceful protests with the sledgehammer brutality of the worst barbaric police-state, and mercilessly kill our own deliberately cultivated patsies for their 'synthetic terror' and inculcated-bravado with our most horrible weapon systems as the entire world shockingly witnessed at the 'lal masjid' in the heart of our very own Capital?

As history is witness and bears continual rehearsing due to our very short-term memories, from the covert-operation [Gibraltar](#) that led to the 1965 war with India and thousands dead on both sides, to the covert-operation [Kargil](#) that almost led to a damn nuclear exchange with India putting millions of innocent people of the sub-continent in the path of Armageddon, and the loss of half of Pakistan in between, are entirely the shameful story of our own military's aggression against our larger neighbor, as well as against our own peoples 1100 miles to the East who were subjected to an unparalleled inhumanity which has not yet seen any accountability nor abject apology whatsoever from our military (or from our nation for that matter - Eqbal Ahmad's '[Letter to a Pakistani Diplomat](#)' is always a good read to periodically refresh our national memory on how little things have really changed for us).

Without any public mandate to wage wars, let alone covert ones against our own neighbor, why should the nation pay for the wet dreams and self-perceived brilliance of the handful of military tacticians? This is a monumental crime against humanity to not only surreptitiously put

one's own public at imminent risk of nuclear conflagration without their consent, knowledge, and a national doctrine that has the public-mandate, but also put at risk the public of the entire region quite unbeknownst to them, and all for what? Uncontrolled self-delusions of grandeur and school-boyish bravado dreaming of their first conquest? But we haven't stopped there!

We have also continually fought the imperialists' covert and proxy wars for '*peanuts*' by supporting the '*CIA Intervention in Afghanistan*' for "*giving to the USSR its Vietnam war*"; and as we are so doing yet once again by not only providing the sole logistics lifeline to imperialist troops in the same wretched country to brow-beat a proud and ancient peoples into submission after we originally assisted in gratuitously destroying their entire civilization and culture and cultivating what has germinated into the useful 'harvest' of 'synthetic terror' today, but also supporting yet another CIA covert-ops destabilization-intervention in Iran from our territories.

And this time, in the new imperialists' euphemistically labeled war, the "*War on Terror*", we are now killing our own citizenry with our full military might in such an unremarkable and brutish manner that it is only guaranteed to create further ill-will and resentment among the already disgruntled and disenfranchised ordinary peoples, thus more resistance, more radicalism, more innocent dead, more fertile ground for cultivating suicide bombers, more complaints of "*islamofacism*" to scare the Western public with, so that in the end, in the mother of all battles between "good" and "evil" in which "*either you are with us or with the terrorists*", there will be a continuous fresh supply of recruits to wage the requisite "*endless wars*" against in order to prolong the conflagration for a full "*lifetime of wars*" lasting a "*generation*" - the "*World War IV*" - in the profound imperialist hope that the resulting eventual maelstroms of radicalism seeded in 'jihad' will engulf the entire 'arc of crises' enabling its radical retransformation once again to suit the new imperial interests of the new "*hectoring hegemons*".

If one wasn't living in Alice's dream world where the most absurd becomes a life-like reality and the '*unbirthday party*' a cause celebre, one would bluntly suggest that this looks very much like a devilishly premeditated synthesis of terror - 'synthetic terror' - in order to create an enemy to fight against "*for at least a generation and preferably longer*", because in the absence "*of a sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being*", and "*except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived direct external threat*", the much touted American "*democracy is inimical to imperial mobilization.*" (Brzezinski)

If one wasn't a co-opted and deceitful individual being well fed by empire, and thus was not attempting to goad and/or coerce the rest of the planet into the imperial mantra of celebrating the '*unbirthday party*' and singing in unison "*United We Stand*", one would immediately recognize that while the monumental criminal killings and willful decimation of entire societies in the "*War on Terror*" are grotesquely real, the motivation to do so is entirely fabricated.

It is a manifest fraud perpetuated upon mankind to orchestrate the Machiavellianly-Straussianly crafted "*full spectrum dominance*" (PNAC) by the brilliant protégés and legates of Leo Strauss in order to "*perpetuate America's own dominant position for at least a*

generation and preferably longer” such that “no Eurasian challenger emerges, capable of dominating Eurasia and thus also challenging America” (Brzezinski), which in turn necessitates asserting the “Reaganite policy of military strength and moral clarity” by forcing everyone on the planet to accept “America’s unique role in preserving and extending an international order friendly to our security, our prosperity, and our principles.” (PNAC) What a wonderful natural birth-right to bully and dominate the 'lesser' humanity cleverly franchised into the left and right ears of 'god's chosen ubermenschen' “[Hectoring Hegemons](#)” - the ZioCons - 'baboons' in suits attempting to pass off as hominids!

In the unabsurd reality when 'Alice' is wide awake, this “*War on Terror*” is a monumentally criminal war of supreme “*shock and awe*” upon largely defenseless nations and their civilian populations, including our own, and thus plainly a war crime against humanity. And Pakistan is willingly and complicitly helping execute it as per the unilateral absolute decision of just one man for the bribe of \$10b - as the “*coalition of the willing*” - who just by sheer 'happenstance' happened to be at the helm of affairs as the absolute dictator with the full 'unity of command' of the frontline state at his complete disposal, just as the empire was gearing up to once again flex its “*Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives*” on the “*Grand Chessboard*”!

What are indeed the odds that every time the 'empire' makes a move '*by way of deception*', we only serendipitously have in-place a compliant military dictator in power in Pakistan who is intimately 'embedded' and strategically aligned with the 'empire' in all his significant decisions and commitments? Then again, what are the odds that the 'empire' itself orchestrates such puppets, and that especially in this contemporaneously unfolding, devilishly premeditated, and long in preparation 'War on Terror', it deliberately made it look like mere 'happenstance' by enacting some delightful 'katputli tamashas' as red herrings to make the *coup d'état* initially palatable to the gullible public? For an 'imperial' nation with at least a 100 year long open-history of craftily-successful covert-interventions, a history that is only made 'open' after faits accomplis, ex post facto, it does not require much imagination to make a rational bet!

And now, this 'serendipitously' acquired monolithic 'unity of absolute command' upon our nation, by oppressing and bombing our own civilians in this fabricated and synthetic “*War on Terror*”, is blithely constructing our own suicide and our own pathetic 'retransformation' in partial fulfillment of the hectoring hegemons' own wet dreams! By fighting the “*War on Terror*” against our own citizens in the most brutal ways imaginable, the new '*Terror Central*' is artfully being crafted to eventually lead to the nation's disintegration. And just the cultivated perceived threat of such chaos transpiring due to the synthesized 'islamofascists', is conveniently affording the hectoring hegemons their much desired pretext for scooping in at the opportune moment to salvage our nukes to safety among the 'ubermensch' white races, thus finally denuding us with this entirely pre-meditated deception game after years of trying unsuccessfully!

All this recent talk of “*loose nukes*” and “*Joint force for nuke safety*” and “*raising an international force to help the Pakistani armed forces if they are attacked by the extremists*”, are precisely the weather balloons built upon the deftly cultivated house of cards of the synthetic 'islamofascist' boogie-men to seed these new deceptions into the mainstream public

discourse in order to maintain the persistence of a *"sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being"*. That's how public opinion is slowly crafted over time to manufacture the deplorable public consent for committing heinous crimes against humanity through the active collaboration of the much touted 'fourth pillar of democracy'.

Another *"coalition of the willing"* is plainly being seeded - and this time it's 'destination Islamabad' instead of Baghdad, and instead of the well worn fiction of the existence of 'WMDs' which won't fly as Pakistan indeed does possess them, it is the fiction of them getting 'loose' despite being defended by the world's 5th largest standing armed forces who successfully developed the effective deterrence in the face of the entire world's opposition and punitive sanctions, but now is magically unable to defend them in this fabricated war even as the most valuable non-NATO partner and needs an external *"force that should not only include troops from the United States, but ideally also other Western powers and moderate Muslim nations"*

Wow, kill two birds with one stone - and the imperial thinkers are laughing their way to the banks! I couldn't have possibly conceived of a better Trojan Horse myself than this dictatorial regime if I was an imperial strategist! How dare any Muslim nation have the chutzpah to develop nukes as a viable deterrent against 'ubermensch' predators and their god appointed *"la mission civilisatrice"* - we'll teach them all a lesson! Well, one can't make a frontal assault on the 'children of a lesser god' already possessing the nukes - but through the back door, with layers of deception and covert-ops devilishly crafted with the active connivance of the handful of planted co-opted leaders and their ten thousand mindless sycophants to induce self-destruction, while at the same time getting all the mileage one can get from disposable patsies on the *'Grand Chessboard'*? That works!

These are the best practices of the ancient *'Art of War'* - to *"wage war by way of deception"* - as any worthy imperial strategist, as well as any half decent student of history and contemporary affairs surely knows!

Shame on us that we are opening that back door to our own nation's destruction with the help of our own 'illustrious' military and co-opted conscienceless politicians who turn on a dime! Shame on us that we are deliberately helping in the *"Remaking of the New World Order"*, which *"means in practice one thing: one center of power, one center of force, one center of decision-making, a world of one master, one sovereign"* (Putin). Shame on us that our rulers are so co-opted, or so short-sighted, or such mental midgets, that we are engagingly helping construct and manage the pretext of battle against the synthetic 'islamofascists' such that now even our own 'family jewels' have been put on the line - something the 'ubermenschen' West always wanted in order to clinch their complete full spectrum monopoly on effective deterrence, and now we are handing them the pretext on which to realize their dreams of unfettered supremacy upon the Muslim world. Shame on us that we are directly helping *"Recruiting Soldiers Against Radical Islam"* (Pipes) from among the innocent and the gullible of the world who are now scared to death of both 'Islam' and 'Muslims' and who now treat Pakistan as the leper-nation of the world, and shame on us that we have thusly become the wretched implementation arm of 'synthetic terror' - the *'Terror Central'* - that enables the West

to keep their own "populist democracy" fully primed 24x7 for further "imperial mobilization" in the "War on Terror" as now it is is "Not [even] a Clash of Civilizations, It's a Clash between the Civilized World and Barbarians" (Pipes)! Holy Mother of Noble Jesus! What devilishly brilliant craftsmanship for empire!

Can anyone deny any of this well documented naked and brutish reality with a straight face? Perhaps only the ignorant, the indoctrinated, and the Machiavellian. Not any genuine well informed patriot and decent human being who stares reality in the face and straightforwardly calls a spade a spade. As I am certain you do which is why I am so emboldened to write you this note because I sense that you are hardly the tyrant who might shoot the messenger!

Well I want to ask you again in this letter - as I am sure you had time to reflect since we met, and also perhaps this new change of guard may have given you fresh impetus to revisit ab initio many a fundamental - whom do we need to conquer as a nation that we should also spend a trillion dollars on our 'military transformation'? No citizenry of Pakistan as far as I know wants to fight India, except your own Brig-Gen brethren whose self-delusional *raison d'être* seems to be to have India as the prime antagonist in order to exist!

That's hardly the purpose of a modern professional military which must exist to defend its peoples against both overt and covert real external threats, not imagined ones, even from supposed friends and allies, while firmly under the control of a civilian political leadership that has the public mandate - for in the modernity du jour, as in all previous times, war fighting and war preparation logic have only had, and will always have, political purposes, political rationale, and also political co-optation. The professional military today, as opposed to the "praetorian guards", in all developed nations, as I am sure you well know, is mainly an instrument either of hegemony and power projection, or of self-defense. It is entirely a fear inducing instrument for achieving political ends from which it derives its entire rationale for existence. Why is it different in Pakistan - where the military for more than half of the nation's wretched existence has also determined its national and international politics, its national and foreign policies, and now even its economics with its burgeoning share of "Military Inc." and its forced fire-sale of our 'public commons' held in national trust to foreign multi-national corporations? Politics the military mind least understands, nor is it trained to understand and participate in - blind obedience and strictly regimented 'unity of command' being its sole operational code de conduct. Unarmed, peaceable, and conscionable civilians cannot be managed this way under the 'social contract' which ab initio gives the military, and the 'state', its cause d'existence in the first place! And neither do we accept such dictatorial management, except for a time under the most brutal of occupations - the mindset of both autocratic antiquity, and of military conquests in modernity. In either case, Machiavellian deception is employed to subjugate the public and neutralize their dissent. And the most transforming method for that is to use 'terror' as a weapon, both for pacifying the populations with ones' own terror, as well as using the 'synthetic terror' of the 'pirates' to seek the *raison d'être* of the emperor's!

So indeed a transformation is required - and entirely of the mindset - to enter into modernity, but not that of the 'baboons'! So please allow me to lead you in this letter into crystallizing

some of your own thoughts as to what you really should be 'transforming' at this time as a genuinely nationalistic and wholly patriotic Pakistani multi-star General.

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Please allow me to first say that if I did not write this humble letter to you and speak my mind candidly without fear when my own nation is undergoing destruction at the hands of our own 'ubermensch' tyrants running amok in Islamabad and our military hell bent on pacifying our own public, then in good conscience, I would not be able to do the same against the sole superpower nation – my adopted home and place of permanent residence - that has been hijacked by a handful of 'ubermensch' super-tyrants who are running amok in Washington attempting to engage the entire world in a perpetual war for their own pelf and fantasy and directly sucking us into their vortex as a compliant client-state. Time to stand up and say enough – on all counts. I hope you will agree, at least with the notion that one must stand up to tyranny and to tyrants!

A tyrant is quite easy to identify even for the dolts and even in these times of deception galore: a tyrant holds all the guns(!), and makes all the laws by fiat, and subjects everyone else to these laws by calling it a necessity! And the tyrant often pretends to be the greatest patriot, one whom god speaks to directly - the anointed indispensable 'ubermensch' savior of the nation and the world from all the 'terrorists' out there! So my dear General sahib, now you too can also identify the tyrants in the world and in our own backyards so that we can together stand up to them - they aren't a whole lot different than the tyrants of the past are they? This is why the famous theologian - who is often credited with seeding the foundations of political philosophy behind the West's Renaissance a full millennium before it actually transpired - noted in his famous 4th century AD magnum opus 'the city of god against the pagans':

"When the King asked him what he meant by infesting the sea, the pirate defiantly replied: 'the same as you do when you infest the whole world; but because I do it with a little ship I am called a robber, and because you do it with a great fleet, you are an emperor.' "

So let's begin.

To start with, I would highly recommend you read *"The Grand Chessboard"* by Zbigniew Brzezinski and compare its chauvinist content and overarching 'imperial' themes with PNAC's *"Rebuilding America's Defenses"* which you indicated you have already read and are seeking to emulate in its superficial dressings of military transformation. And you must not ignore the Pentagon's own document *"Joint Vision 2020"* which you confessed to never having heard of, and especially digest its Chapter 3, titled *"Full Spectrum Dominance"*. This document has since likely been superseded by another JV which you may be able to acquire through your connections as the most favored non-NATO ally General! Note who the contributing authors are for all of these, and what do they ideologically and experientially have in common.

Compare that to what Bernard Lewis wrote in 1990 in CFR's 'Foreign Affairs' about the supposed “*roots of Muslim rage*” deftly planting the following precious seed: “*It should now be clear that we are facing a mood and a movement far transcending the level of issues and policies and the governments that pursue them. This is no less than a clash of civilizations - that perhaps irrational but surely historic reaction of an ancient rival against our Judeo-Christian heritage, our secular present, and the worldwide expansion of both*”, which six years later Samuel Huntington cleverly formalized in his now infamous book as the “*Clash of Civilizations*”, even titling the book thusly. On the eve of 9/11, Bernard Lewis re-harvested the theme in his famously titled book “*Crises of Islam – Holy War and Unholy Terror*”.

It requires a fair degree of political sophistication to astutely parse these writings and to rationally make the linkages. As the mastermind doctrinal scholar par excellence, Bernard Lewis argues, for “*devising means to fight the [super]terrorist, it would surely be useful to understand the forces that drive them.*” Yes indeed, and so must we in order to rationally defend our nation and its peoples. And the fundamental step in that direction is to first recognize, and then boldly speak, the abhorrent reality when 'Alice' is wide awake!

Thus towards that endeavor, please note how all these seemingly unrelated and purely intellectual pursuits from the academe, and the think-tanks, exercising their much wanted Western freedoms of academia and speech, very clearly prognosticated the ‘*War on Terror*’ and an enabling “*new pearl harbor*”. What in 1990 was a label-less description of “*a mood and a movement*” has since acquired the phantasmic nom de guerre “*islamofascism*” in order to construct the “*New World Order*”, in full consistency with the state's own doctrine of “*Full Spectrum Dominance*” emanating from the Pentagon for which it required a continuous increase in its defense budget (over domestic social spending) in order to affect its own military transformation that was then carrying the vestiges of the Cold War. As coherently argued by Wolfowitz, Cheney, Rumsfeld, and company:

“... it is also clear that for the U.S. Armed forces to remain preeminent and avoid an Achilles Heel in the exercise of its power they must be sure that these potential future forms of warfare [space and cyberspace war] favor America just as today's air, land and sea warfare reflect United States military dominance. Until the process of transformation is treated as an enduring military mission – worthy of constant allocation of dollars and forces – it will remain stillborn. ... Further, the process of transformation, even if it brings revolutionary change, is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event – like a new Pearl Harbor” (Rebuilding America's Defenses)

And they got that budget right after 9/11 for their lifetime of “*enduring military mission*”, while the public schools and libraries in America are suffering, and a few have already shut down! Now America's defense budget is close to a trillion dollars annually – to fight a bunch of lunatic, sticks and stones wielding, cave dwelling, antediluvian “*islamofascists*”? No wonder the worldwide ruling elite is salivating at the ‘*unbirthday party*’ with gusto – there are many a crumb from the corruption pie to go around for everyone! We have received at least \$10b of it!

Indeed, you must give considerable pause for penetrating reflection on how the “*new pearl harbor*” was so keenly 'anticipated' by both Brzezinski and the Project for New American Century, in order to comprehend the global events on, and especially since, 911. It is entirely unsurprising that many members of PNAC, all subsequently holding key controlling positions in the White House and the Pentagon, prepared hard for their immediate response to the “*new pearl harbor*” that transpired on 911 years in advance, as one can easily witness from all the pre-crafted Patriot Acts that were immediately rushed into Law along with Rumsfeld's orders to his staff to immediately 'prepare' for attack on Iraq even as the rushed unforensic retaliation was launched against Afghanistan, while simultaneously, General Myers, the nation's top Military General caught sleeping on his watch, was instantly promoted to lead the “*War on Terror*”. You can read more of these details and its forensic deconstruction in my 2003 book “*Prisoners of the Cave*”. That was an apt title for the indoctrinated, gullible, and largely ignorant of the world American public. I hardly think it is befitting for our own educated ruling elite! For our favored scions and 'ubermenschens', something else might be more à propos, and I will gladly let your own imagination construct it!

What you see today dear General sahib has been on the books and in preparation since the Berlin Wall fell - surely you must know that being a military man of considerable experience and realpolitik learning. It is entirely blue-printed in the above imperial documents that I call the “*American Mein Kampfs*” – not independently constructed in some 'unlighted cave' in Afghanistan by a 'guy on a dialysis machine'! It is facile to insist that it is, or that 'OBL' and 'Al-Qaeda' are meaningful constructs other than for “*imperial mobilization*” through “*perpetual war*” against a fabricated but well formulated abstraction!

The end goal of this long fiction? No speculations are necessary to catch its varied glimpses as this just disclosed White House Press Release lends an empirical unabashed summation of the reality to all the doctrinal constructions of the supposed 'arm-chair-only' academic warriors.

Declaration of Principles for a Long-Term Relationship of Cooperation and Friendship Between the Republic of Iraq and the United States of America
(<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2007/11/20071126-11.html>)

It gives 'legal' sanction to the effective re-colonization and monopolistic harvesting of a significant Eurasian geostrategic asset for multiple overlapping hierarchy of purposes as defined by its imperial exponents with their own hierarchy of overlapping motivations, all of which effectively enable in practice, “*to perpetuate America's own dominant position for at least a generation and preferably longer*”. This press release leaves no further room for doubt even among the staunchest skeptics singing the '*unbirthday party*' song in our country, that even if one gullibly accepted all the pretexts since 911 for '*War on Terror*' on its face value, then why permanently colonize one of the victims in perpetuity through the deftly cultivated tiny minority ruling elite whose interests will remain permanently allied with that of the global ruling elite crafting the neo-colonial 'empire'?

Similar templates for future Press Releases from the White House exist for Afghanistan,

Pakistan, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi-Arabia, the entire Middle East, the Littoral States, and other Republics of Central Asia - each template tailored to the particular geostrategic significance of the pawns on 'the Grand Chessboard', and each embedding the respective nation's trivially co-opted 'mercenary' ruling elite to play the proxy colonizing role while the 'hidden fist' stays sheathed on site but always on call as: "*The hidden hand of the market will never work without a hidden fist*" (Thomas Friedman). This is why, in fact of empirical evidence, the not so '*hidden fist*' is there in more than 700 locations worldwide according to the Congressional Budget Office (2004):

"The United States maintains an extensive network of overseas military bases, as it has since the end of World War II. Those installations--scattered throughout the world and numbering more than 700--enable the U.S. military to maintain a permanent presence on all seven continents."

But since the "*attitude of American public toward the external projection of American power has been more ambivalent*", and "*Public opinion polls conducted in 1995 - 1996 indicated a general public preference for 'sharing' power with others, rather than for its monopolistic exercise*", and because it "*is also a fact that America is too democratic at home to be autocratic abroad*" which "*limits the use of America's power, especially its capacity for military intimidation*", and also because "*the pursuit of power is not a goal that commands popular passion, except in conditions of a sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being. The economic self-denial (that is defense spending), and the human sacrifice (casualties even among professional soldiers) required in the effort are uncongenial to democratic instincts. Democracy is inimical to imperial mobilization*", therefore, a fictitious enemy is fabricated that is real enough in its construction, but trivially beatable as so insightfully demonstrated by the character 'Hanakin Skywalker' in "The Revenge of the Sith".

This fabrication is all the more necessary today than in the past decades of superpower primacy because:

"... as America becomes an increasingly multicultural society, it may find it more difficult to fashion a consensus on foreign policy issues, except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived direct external threat. More generally, cultural change in America may also be uncongenial to the sustained exercise abroad of genuinely imperial power. That exercise requires a high degree of doctrinal motivation, intellectual commitment, and patriotic gratification." (Brzezinski)

Yes indeed General sahib, the "*War on Terror*" against the synthetic '*islamofascists*', and other various deliberate fictions of 'WMDs' (as now the case for Iran), or their 'getting loose' (as now the case for our nation), and newer ones to be constructed in the future, lends precisely such a Machiavellian "*high degree of doctrinal motivation*" for continuing on with "*imperial mobilization*" for "*at least a generation and preferably longer*"!

And this is precisely the seed where the lifetime of “*World War IV*” emanates from, as the erstwhile Former CIA Director James Woolsey noted: “*the United States is engaged in World War IV, and that it could continue for years!*”

It's monumentally criminal architects and craftsmen: the highly 'respected' intellectuals occupying the corridors and hallways of the Ivy Leagues, the Rand, the Heritage, the JINSA, the AEI, the Hudson, the Weekly Standard, the World Bank, et. al. A vast majority of them civilians. We love to call them the neo-cons, or the realpolitik warriors, or the neo-liberals, or the neo-conservatives, or the Democratic Party, or the Republican Party, but we little understand their perfection of their deadly craft, or how it interplays on different faces of the same multi-faceted imperial coin pushing itself onto the '*Grand Chessboard*' for “*full spectrum dominance*” of the “*Zion that will light up all the world!*” This imperial war of barbaric modernity, unlike in previous times, is a highly polished and elaborate intellectual doctrinal effort - from the formulation of 'Islamofascism' to the 'Clash of Civilizations' - that has been under preparation for almost two decades! A preliminary list of the visible top of the iceberg among its 'craftsmen' is compiled as 'Exhibit A' in my book, to be presented to a [“Robert H. Jackson”](#) someday!

I hope that I have now fully convinced you General sahib, of the background thesis of this letter, that **this “War on Terror” is synthetic and a complete fabrication!**

And this must cause you grave concern and many sleepless nights henceforth as a genuinely patriotic Pakistani General. Because quite unremarkably, once again, our out-of-control misadventuresome Pakistani military with no genuine civilian democratic controls upon it, with no genuine public mandates except through an iron fist up the nation's backside, espousing no known tradition of intellectualism or sophistication in political thought to be able to effectively understand let alone counter such Machiavellianly crafted warfare emanating from the best political minds in the world, and having no known tradition of seeking genuine independence from hegemony or from continually bowing to the 'superior white masters' from whence they derive all their power and funding, has become a willing accomplice in this suicidal and monumental crime against humanity as the “*coalition of the willing*” - entirely in contradiction to the Pakistani peoples' own proclivities, instincts for survival, and cultural and religious bonds of sympathies with the victims. Little does the mainstay of genuinely patriotic leadership in this erstwhile martial institution realize that we too are situated in the same 'arc de crises'! Or perhaps it does?

How is the world's 5th largest standing military so easily controlled by the West to support Western interests over the nation's own? Well, please permit me to explain candidly the way I see it, and do feel free to correct me if I inadvertently utter falsehoods at any point as you are surely more knowledgeable of these matters with your considerably vast inside-experience of our august institution.



As you surely already know, in this world, there are only 'ubermensch' masters, and there are plebeian client-states and moronic patsies. A client-state stays a client-state like old wine in a new bottle, merely changing the color of the bottle periodically. Client-states do not fight their own wars, but others' on their behalf. So do the patsies, only they do it unknowingly all the while being misled into thinking that they are serving their own agenda - like 'strategic depth'! Client-states do not have independent foreign policies, but carry on with the ones handed them. Patsies are led to believe that they are crafting their own - like Pakistan's support of CIA intervention in Afghanistan and the 8 year decimation of that nation; just as today we are doing the same against our other neighbor Iran. And the biggest patsies of them all - the ubiquitous boogie-men - the synthetic 'al-qaeda' and the wretched Taliban. All directly under the clever manipulation of the black-ops of the CIA with so many artificially constructed degrees of separation as to claim 'plausible deniability' if the facade is ever blown; as in the case of Iran-Contra to keep Iran and Iraq well supplied with lower-order weapons to keep them busy mindlessly killing each other for 8 long years to neutralize the revolutionary changes towards genuine independence from hegemony taking place in Iran lest it become globally contagious; or as confessed to by Zbigniew Brzezinski in his remorseless gloating of "*giving to the USSR its Vietnam war*" in a remarkably calculated covert "*operation [that] was an excellent idea*" for "*drawing the Russians into the Afghan trap*" which eventually led to the "*liberation of Central Europe and the end of the cold war*", all gratuitously orchestrated on Muslim soil with the relatively free blood of "*Some stirred-up Moslems*" while the patsy Pakistani military intelligence was led by the nose to the wet dreams of acquiring 'strategic depth' as a viable defense against Indian missiles (sic!) and its ranks deliberately staffed with those sympathetic to the tortuous notion of 'jihad' as funded and crafted in the USA by Messrs. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Zalmay Khalilzad, and the late William Casey, former Director of the CIA!

And none-too-surprisingly, client-states invariably have 'ubermensch' dictatorships in one garb or another running gun-shot upon their own peoples in the service of the uber 'ubermensch' masters, as we note between Z, B, N, M, and loop - all serving the 'hectoring hegemons' interests first, and all installed by them! Kissinger had outright warned ZAB that he will make an example of him if he did not give up the idea of the 'Islamic bomb' - the last time we truly enjoyed an independent foreign policy for a brief period. And that state of our nation too was deliberately brought to power as a much weaker and deliberately dismembered buffer state - far easier to manipulate than a stronger one in case it ever got its act together as the then largest Muslim country on the planet.

But ZAB just got too big for his breeches and was replaced by an obedient soldier to help win the Cold War - the World War III. And our present obedient one too, before the recent change of guard took place that is, was brought to power because N got too big for his breeches by aspiring to be a 'caliph'. M is still entirely following a scripted set to help the sole superpower once again win their new World War - World War IV - because the entire game plan is to accomplish the attack on Iran that was planned more than a decade ago followed of course by our own further dismemberment which was also planned when the Soviet Union collapsed; for we were surely only allowed to come into existence as an additional easily manipulatable

buffer-state during the Cold War. We are entirely following a scripted path for the past 8 years rushing towards our own demise in the guise of the artificial and much touted 7% growth rate by selling off our national assets in a fire sale. The next thing would be liquidation of our real estate - as any corporate raiders might inform you. Which is also why the nationalistic Putin reversed the neoliberalism in his own nation after the fire-sale of the 1990s in Russia. But we are pressing on contrary to all the manifest signs. The only rational answer is, deliberately. Treason of the highest order!

Are you shocked? Surely not! None of this ought to be anything new for you. But it does beg the following question.

Please let me know if you know of a genuine non-client-state nation. And then you may also discover that they are also genuinely independent, have no WB loans - the only ones - and all in the global North! The rest, the entire resource-rich yet poverty-stricken global South, with three exceptions of any consequence, all have strong military and defense establishments ostensibly fighting some invisible external enemies, but in reality are entirely there to conquer their own people in the service of the rich nations of the Global North who have only one open-secret global agenda: 'full spectrum dominance' i.e. hegemony over the resource rich nations of the Global South, and of the Earth and its outer and inner spaces including cyberspaces! We are entirely headed towards a one world government - you can already see the intervening alliances that are being crafted in the Global North and their already centralized financial control over the entire world. Only the Global South is being prevented from making any alliances in self-defense - the toothless SCO notwithstanding!

For us in the Global South, it remains the time tested formula 'divide and conquer', repeatedly pitting brother against brother! It is not that we don't learn or are a moronic peoples - it is merely that there is actual treasonous subversion by deliberately allowing only such leadership to emerge who will dutifully do the masters' bidding as a compliant client-state.

So what will really change if the present dictatorial military setup is replaced by a faux democratic one with all the visible trimmings of 'democracy' and all the essence of a patsy client-state?

Isn't the unabsurd reality grotesque - one that is brought into existence by the super-power 'brokerage firms' and remains in obsequious service to them - continually fighting their fictitious '*War on Terror*' and killing our own citizens, and then shortly, enabling the monumentally criminal invasion and nuclear slaughter of our neighboring brethren Muslim nation Iran, followed by our own annihilation and/or re-chalking of our boundaries? I have already seen at least 6 redrawn maps of Pakistan emanating from the West, as I am sure you have too.

If I utter any falsehoods, then you tell me: Is there any other reason that we are not strategically aligned with our co-religionists and culturally aligned next door neighbor Iran in these trying times instead of trying to assist in destabilizing it and supporting such CIA interventions once again from our territories as we did in the previous military dictatorship?

Is there any other reason why we are not more closely allied with India, except for the penchants of our military brasses - their self-delusional *raison d'être* of existence which miraculously disappears in its current dispensation of unbridled power exercise upon the nation once we form a friendship that's our peoples' due being primarily of the same stock? Please help me understand that if an EU can transpire within 50 years of those guys mercilessly killing each other for hundreds of years and being entirely separate nations and cultures for thousands of years, why can't an entirely similar SU (Subcontinental Union) transpire today when we have far more heritage and history in common than the Europeans among themselves, and we were only artificially torn asunder 60 years ago after thousands of years of shared history of peaceful co-existence of all its peoples?

Is there any other reason why the fiction '*War on Terror*' is being conveniently harvested by both the Busharrafs against their own peoples - both peoples losing their civil liberties and living in police states, one overtly and most brutally, the other still only covertly awaiting another enabling '*pearl harbor*' so that their rulers may unleash the final full spectrum nuclear '*shock and awe*' upon Iran by blaming it, and also springing the already prepared and already on the books 'police state' upon the once '*populist democracy*' to get them to forcibly go along with the monumental crime against humanity?

Indeed, it must be obvious to anyone possessing even minor political acumen that a nuclear armed Muslim state cannot be allowed to exist except as a compliant client-state (and only temporarily). Thus since Iran isn't a client-state, indeed, is the only independent and self-reliant Muslim state on the planet, she is not being allowed to exist without at least visiting a '*shock and awe*' display upon its peoples - the latest study of American preparations draws the following conclusion:

"The study concludes that the US has made military preparations to destroy Iran's WMD, nuclear energy, regime, armed forces, state apparatus and economic infrastructure within days if not hours of President George W. Bush giving the order." ['Considering a war with Iran: A discussion paper on WMD in the Middle East']

And we are the best of friends with the very same '*hectoring hegemons*' in a monumentally stupid, never mind monumentally criminal, suicide pact - along with the patsy, the hectoring hegemons too are suiciding their beautiful nation long term! We, the patsies perhaps may not be such a loss at being 'disappeared' on the global scene, and perhaps only us will mourn that loss while the rest of the world may well be cheering. But the lofty nation in the West that once strove to be the beacon of civilization and culture in the modernity du jour, of learning and knowledge, of freedoms and wealth for anyone prepared to work hard, biting the dust because of the tortuous ideology of unbridled greed for pelf and power through '*endless wars*' that gave the only pathetic 'meaning' possible to the puny existence of the tiny tiny amoral largely atheistic minority of super criminals among them pretending to be the Platonic wise supermen of knowledge but entirely Nietzschean and Straussian '*ubermensch*' in the depravity of their souls, must be the monumental tragedy at which even the heavens must already be mourning!

I love America where I got my education, my maturity, and my honest livelihood, and where I happily raised my family and had an accomplished engineering career, and above all, where I acquired the courage of my convictions; just as I love Pakistan, the nation my father and mother and grandparents immigrated to right after its creation by the amazing Founder who was from our own tiny minority community, full of hopes and dreams - all torn asunder by a handful of 'ubermenschen' criminals in both nations who think themselves better than all the rest of humanity!

Why should any self-respecting human being ever accept any of this? I don't. Do you?

Where should ones' first allegiances lie - to a 'flag', to an arbitrary 'geography' circumscribed by the hegemony of yesteryears and accidents of history, to the serendipitous place of one's birth, to the 'false flag of patriotism' and thus "*united we stand*" under any banner in the commission of tyranny and monumental crimes against humanity, or to a people composing the vast mass of humanity to which we all belong as human beings? Should our first allegiances be to truth and justice, or to the arbitrarily crafted abstractions of 'nationalism' and 'patriotism'? Should we bear witness against tyranny regardless of who commits the atrocities upon humanity, or should we be selective in our memory and in our morality as the 'ubermenschen'? Are we human beings first, or are we American first or Israeli first or Indian first or Pakistani first? Yes we human beings do carry multiple identities; I am a Muslim before I am any nationality, and I am also a Pakistani, my only national identity and the only nation whose passport I have, by deliberate choice, carried all my life despite being a legal permanent resident in the United States for almost three decades. But I am, before anything else, a human being first. I hope you are too?

And this is why my fingers on my computer keyboard, as do my legs on the streets in protest marches, move with a feverish pace, of one who knows that the man-made clock is ticking, and therefore to be intimidated into remaining a silent bystander is to be an accomplice!

The urgency is fueled by the further surety of knowledge that the fuse can also be defused if ordinary plebeian peoples, those that Zbigniew Brzezinski loves to call the '*populist democracy*' and of which he is so afraid as being '*inimical to imperial mobilization*', just damn wake the hell up from their indoctrinated slumber in my adopted homeland, and from their worship of their petty stomach in my native homeland, so that together, collectively, as human beings first, we can take charge of our own dreams and our own hopes and our own destiny! It is one ship of humanity – the 'ubermenschen' upper deck of the ship can't survive, and must not be permitted to survive through their obfuscating inhuman 'legal' cover whereby the only justification for medieval torture, 'renditions', 'disappearances', incarcerations, brutal beatings, and "*shock and awe*" upon a civilian population is that it's 'legal', without the lower decks also equitably sharing in this truly one of a kind and once in a lifetime collective and wondrous voyage of life now made hell by the original barbarians calling the 'kettle black'!

The handful of lawyers, and the handful of journalists, with black and blue backs, arms, and legs, are serendipitously showing the way to the still zombie populace in both nations content

to let others carve out their destiny for them! What the half million street protest sizes could not accomplish in America since 911, ten thousand are accomplishing in Pakistan in less than a few months! Thus we saw the 'police state' transpire in Pakistan before it did in America!

Well, these immensely courageous 'Patrick Henrys' of 'civil society' are unfortunately chasing down various and sundry red herrings even in their disruptive dissent, such as '*rule of law*', without comprehending the bilateral '*social contract*' upon which it must be constructed and which is presently non-existent; '*independence of the judiciary*', without appreciating that it has no real power of enforcement without Executive backing; '*end to the emergency*', without understanding that it is merely a short-term, window-dressed tool of fiat to achieve something for more strategic and long term, and will be ended automatically anyway in due course after having enabled the far worse devious construction of a '*Pax-Mafioso's contract*' upon the wretched nation under 'legal' cover to guarantee that the direction of the nation remains a patsy client-state under the evolving new political dynamics inside the nation. Nothing is ever left to chance when the 'empire' calls the shots!

This spirit of outspoken dissent however, as misguided as it may be today, is still a remarkably refreshing break from the past towards a possible re-genesis of the nation. It is unsurprising that the incumbent rulers in the patsy client-state are making their best sledgehammer attempts to kill it during its birth-pangs. All incumbents desirous of maintaining the real status quo would do the same. This independence of spirit, interestingly enough, can also be quite easily harnessed and re-directed, and multiplied in its force of impact exponentially, if just one single ruler at the top genuinely gets transformed into a real Patrick Henry, and a real Ben Franklin (respectively representing the courage and the brains that founded the promise of an independent United States of America from the full spectrum exploitive reins of the 'hectoring hegemons' of their time). Now you may perhaps also begin to see why I am writing this letter to you.

If "*hegemony is as old as mankind*", so must also its antidote of **'throwing the tea overboard'**!

Unless fundamentals change genuinely - and this present crisis in our nation can also be an opportunity for making such a genuine transformation possible by re-imagining our defense, our overarching purpose, and how to achieve them both by identifying our real enemies and our real impediments from the imaginary ones and the red herrings - it will merely remain re-bottling the old wine in a new bottle, still the bloody 'client-state' at the mercy of local hoodlums and petty thugs!

Thus, the much touted change of guard at the top to have any real implication as a genuine change from status quo, must be followed by a genuine transformation in the overarching, macro, and micro foreign and domestic policies themselves that must seed markedly visible changes in the nation's direction - towards a re-genesis!

All indications publicly emanating from the military and so called 'civilian' rulers at this time are entirely to the contrary. I hope that these statements are merely placate-ments for our Western

'benefactors' and that there is in fact a meaningful change in the wings – our own covert-ops for a change in the best interest of our own peoples – of disengaging ourselves from the full spectrum “*imperial mobilization*” efforts of the sole superpower.

If such a meaningful change isn't in the works, then indeed, I feel it is perhaps better to have martial law and this draconian state of despondent crisis one after another leading to this naked brutalization of the unarmed civilians and increase in the overall state oppression upon the peoples. Because the 'syntactic sugaring' that otherwise transpires with the facade of 'democracy', 'independence', 'enlightened moderation', and other resemanticized euphemisms only masks our systemic cancer, prolongs our agony, and merely solidifies our eventual disintegration as a sovereign nation that was imagined and constructed upon the blood and sacrifice of millions of people of the sub-continent. And it surely confirms what an ill-conceived idea it was to partition India, reinforcing the analysis of many that it was done entirely as a long term bet on the 'Grand Chessboard' of the post World War II era!

It is, after all, only in crises that nations are formed, and also destroyed – for it wasn't just unfulfilled maternal instincts that led the erstwhile Condoleezza Rice to utter her famous quip: *'the birth pangs of the New middle East'*. She obviously learnt her lessons well from Ben Gurion who understood this better than anyone else as the greatest unfettered enabler principle for the conquest of Palestine to create *'Eretz Yisrael'* when he wrote: *"what is inconceivable in normal times is possible in revolutionary times."* Crises bring *'revolutionary times'* and make transformations possible - both good and bad. Only crises are harbingers of real change! Peace never stimulates any change whatsoever. Oppression does - and more absolutely brutal the oppression, more likely the transformation from zombie state to real freedom.

Am I wrong General sahib in my reading of the infernal history of hegemony since mankind put its footsteps on this earth? Don't you see what's transpiring on our campuses in our schools and universities - a serendipitous re-awakening of self-obsessed zombies as a direct consequence of our praetorian military state's brutality against unarmed civilians? Perhaps you also understand this historical nature of transformation all too well and are indeed secretly planting the seeds of real transformation in our society? Thus unless there is to be real change, and not mere cosmetic changing of the bottle to contain the same old wine, it is better to not provide any pressure-release valve whatsoever – the ultimate instrument of co-optation!

You cannot be so naive as not to see that all this murderous 'katputli tamasha' of 'synthetic terror' that is being enacted in our nation is merely tempestuous moves on the evolving Grand Chessboard in which we are most assuredly still the perpetual pawns. If this is obvious to an ordinary plebeian like me, it must surely already be in your expert knowledge too, with even more secretive details that remain hidden from the ordinary citizenry until they become irrelevant as faits accomplis. Then we can read all about them to our heart's content in New York Times best sellers and utter 'tsk tsk!' If we can only recognize this now with preemptive wisdom borne of rational hindsight of study of history rather than wait for a confessional exposé post fait accompli, as even a mere possibility if not certainty, that the 'synthetic terror'

being orchestrated in Pakistan is along the operational axes to foment the 'arc of crises' and it is deliberately forging chaos in our nation using our many a well known Achilles heels, than right away we know what to do! Don't you think so? I don't think I need to spell out the self-defense actions to take as you are surely more astute than I in such matters!

Furthermore, if you haven't yet read Ayesha Siddiqi's recently released best seller book, I highly recommend it. Most people who talk about it actually haven't bothered to read it – they have either read summaries, or have mainly heard about it from its notoriety and read a few press clippings. Neither is sufficient to appreciate what it has so courageously put together. However it has its own shortcomings too. It entirely ignores the concept of client-states and the obvious global agendas on the Grand Chessboard in its 'academic' reconstruction of the world order as its author perceives the world. Indeed the word 'client-state' does not occur even once in the book. Thus it misses out entirely on the 'hectoring hegemony' seeding the first-cause traumas in the nation's psyche, and instead presents all our Faustian pacts with them as mere exploitation of our ripe and fertile soil. There is a major difference between planting and harvesting the fruits, and merely chancing upon the fruit trees and appropriating its fruits – I am sure you can appreciate the nuanced difference. For unless the difference is clearly understood and appreciated, we won't know how not to plant those rotten fruit-trees and how to protect our fertile soil from them cropping up by 'sheer happenstance' as we go about transforming the soil itself.

Despite this glaring and inexplicable constraint on the book, it accurately portrays our humble and meager place in the world with respect to our domestication by our own military - "Military Inc.". It straightforwardly points out the drastic consequences of the rise of this new 'feudal class' which has indeed stunted our growth into modernity by perpetuating the antediluvian praetorian-feudalistic society's mindset, both in terms of our enslaved public's obsequious mindset that does not challenge power but rather continually sucks up to it just to survive as per the legacy of our colonial rule, as well as in our ruling elite's own self and power as god's right to usurp and plunder whatever is in sight also as per the legacy of the colonial rule. We created a new nation, but were unable to dump the 'old wine' that Lord Babbington Macaulay bottled for us all through the 19th century!

We may have indeed "*descended from the tree-tops, but we have yet to lose our tail*" - as the octogenarian icon of wit Cowasjee sahib recently put it! I have read this remarkable book of Ayesha twice - as it is dense reading - and based on the evidence of empirical reality around me when 'Alice' is wide awake, I know that it depicts portions of reality rather accurately. You can't possibly deny this with a straight face, at least to me. You must at least face up to the obvious fact that our military is indeed a major 'Inc.' today controlling a non-trivial chunk of our economy in our own bizarre construction of "military-feudal-industrial" complex!

The complete reality however, as you surely know much better than me, is actually much worse - only the author could not find the chutzpah to document it considering it was written under the auspices of former US Senator Lee Hamilton, who is also the same guy who oversaw the officially-fictitious 911 Commission Report that lay the blame for 911 on 19 'evil

jihadis"! No mention of the possibility of 'Controlled Demolition' of the towers as a masterful covert-ops upon the American nation in total contradiction to the copious visible evidence already publicly available! We all know why a watchdog may not bark - it is fed by the same owners who come to rob! And similarly, there is also no mention of how promotions in the upper echelons of our military are subtly, if not overtly, approved in Washington with an imperceptible nod to ensure that only those ideologically sympathetic to the Western interests climb up the military ladder in senior positions. And for this selection, they are allowed to have their way with the nation so long as the master's interests are upheld. There is no other explanation of why, as documented in Ayesha's book, the General is worth 500 million rupees and the West continues to do business with the obviously corrupt men! Despite the book's severe limitations of not providing a completed picture of the 'why' and 'how' things are the way they are, the courageous author did draw a good picture and her attempt to beard the lion in its own den is based mainly on the cite-able evidence available to her as evidenced by the copious footnotes in the book. Unlike in the Pink Panther Hollywood detective movies, the latter day robber barons rarely leave their calling cards behind, which even when they exist, almost always remain 'classified' or verbal. Given the lack of access to many confidential and still 'top secret' archives, her book, compiled largely from freely and publicly available information that would not be deemed controversial, conjectural, and entirely speculative, is indeed remarkable, and you too must indeed feel proud of such a courageous Pakistani.

IV

Having comprehensively deconstructed the reality when 'Alice' is both wide awake, and also when she is sitting at the *'unbirthday party'* in her phantasmal state, it is now your turn General sahib to answer some really tough questions as I lead you to re-imagine Pakistan's defenses with me to genuinely empower her to leap-frog into modernity!

In such a hegemonistic world as I have disclosed above, where our military enterprise as well as our country along with its rapidly privatized economy has become the private largess of our Brig-Gens in the service of their Western masters and their own pockets, kindly do explain the rationale of further rebuilding our defense establishment - for what purpose?

When we don't have clean drinking water or useful quality education or essential services or quality healthcare et. al. for our own overburdened barely surviving majority citizenry and the army, navy and air-force live comfortably ensconced in their own elite enclaves?

When corruption is given official legal sanction and time-tested politicians re-primed for further loot and plunder of the public-commons as never before seen anywhere else on the planet in the modernity of nation-states?

When language is given new meaning and familiar words mean the opposite of what their dictionary meanings might suggest? When Orwellian euphemisms are dexterously used to control the mass public's rather plebeian minds with egregious impunity and such

shamelessness as never before witnessed or accomplished in the history of civilizations?

When 'war on terror' is to fight and kill ones' own people after they are cleverly manipulated as patsies into 'synthetic terror' for the explicit purpose of creating the pretext of fighting the 'war on terror' for a 'lifetime' - the perpetual war - the 50 year war, 'World War IV'? Sometimes art is made to mimic reality as the only way to make dissent known – and watching the Star Wars movie “Revenge of the Sith” brings home that reality better than any book on current affairs. That depiction has accurately captured the bombing of Afghanistan in my view, and the entire facade of 'war on terror' because indeed, in the modernity du jour of a sole superpower nation aspiring “*full spectrum dominance*” as part of its national foreign policy, its domestic policy must follow suit as otherwise “*democracy is inimical to imperial mobilization*” and its peoples unwilling to go fight far off battles at the cost of their own blood and their own social spendings. This is the entire reality behind the fiction of “war on terror” as I have coherently reasoned in this letter. Why is Pakistan a part of this “imperial mobilization”? What's in it for our people – to kill and devastate other Muslim nations? Or any nation for that matter – as the entire Global South is up grabs!

Is this why we should help rebuild our military for real-time information warfare? Before a just judge, this would be high treason! A monumental crime against humanity!

Yes it would be a different matter all together were we a genuinely independent nation like Iran or India or Venezuela (the only three in the developing nations of the Global South as of today - we won't include China as it's in a different league altogether being the main focus of the fomented 'check' on the Grand Chessboard), not baying and begging the West for handouts and first and foremost caring for our own peoples to the extent possible, and with their military firmly under civilian control and out of controlling and manipulating politics and economy even from inside the barracks. It would be a virtue in such a world to even be mildly patriotic. I am eagerly looking forward to such a re-imagined Pakistan and would be delighted under such new circumstance to help rebuild our national defenses in the light of the modernity of information-age for safeguarding our genuine earned independence. Doing it now would only be in the service of the status quo! A traitorous labor for pecuniary gains!

We must make choices General sahib - the stomach is attached to us by biology and we have no free will there unfortunately, but conscience is the one aspect that does demand free will. The latter under the diktats of the former is for slaves and client-states who do anything for a pecuniary gain of pelf and power; the other way around is for free men and free women! That's what makes a nation of peoples genuinely independent and free - when its peoples first demand it by showing it in their own humble choices between the stomach first, or the conscience first! Sometimes that does entail going hungry, giving up lucrative contracts and deals, suppressing the ego or even foregoing the pleasures of speaking to the divine and hearing commands through its 'ubermensch' voices, and worse - as we see the handful of lonely but courageous and unarmed men and women undergoing today at the hands of our illustrious military might once again hell bent on conquering its own peoples! Any military man or woman in uniform with a modicum of conscience and iota of self respect watching this

spectacle would die of shame! That day might yet come when the only sanctuary for them from their own peoples would be without their caps and stripes! And they would have certainly earned it! How despicable!

Why should we strengthen this system? It is suicidal and self-defeating!

A true patriot would walk away... wouldn't you agree? And the truly courageous, the real commandos, would fight back! 'We are many, they are few, they need us [and their guns] more than we need them [or their guns]!' Just our disengagement from supporting the status quo with our humble daily acts and the courageous decision not to be co-opted in any shape or form for any reason, are potent weapons enough!

Might this be called the patriotic 'jihad' of the unarmed 'elite' civilians - god forbid - lest we all get branded as 'elite terrorists'?

Yes I can surely assist you in this sort of 'military transformation' – the transformation of the "military mindset" as you put it - of first being correctly able to identify its adversaries from its friends, and its first national obligations of not conquering its own peoples.

Every Pakistani civilian extra-judicially killed by a Pakistani soldier or by the praetorian state's henchmen by any other name must garner the murderer and all those in the 'unity of command' who ordered such treasonous crime, the immediate death penalty for crimes against their own peoples. An excursion outside the national borders or issuance of a PCO or subverting of the Constitution or taking over the reins of the country, directly or indirectly, through any manipulative power-plays, being deemed the highest treason for the entire 'unity of command' structure – retroactively!

It would be an honor to help rebuild such a transformed and professional military - firmly under the civilian political command and full accountability up to the gallows through the 'unity of command' - for the high-tech information-age, and solely for the purpose of self-defense of our national borders and those of our ally nations with whom we must make mutual self-defense pact treaties in our, and our covetous resource-rich region's best interests.

I would love to craft such a professional and human military that has learnt the lessons from Nuremberg – of the entire rank and file up to the top commanding officers having the moral obligation of disobeying an immoral order – one that is against the Human Rights Convention to which most civilized nations of the world are now signatory, and then willingly facing the inevitable court martial for this moral and rational disobedience and defending oneself honorably. A military without conscience is one that belongs to 'Daarth Vaider' - the imperial storm troopers! We have no need for such a military. That is a radical transformation of the mindset – won't you agree? Better that than sitting in the docks lamely arguing "*I was only following orders*" - which cannot bring back the multitude of innocent dead, and nor can it restore the tabula rasa of nations. Perhaps such laments under the victors' justice is only useful fodder for more lame theses on the "*banality of evil*" - in every new generation!

Modernity does tend to keep up with newer more high-tech ways to be more brutal and inhuman, doesn't it? Why should we accept that - from anyone?

When we blindly copy so much from the West, what keeps us from also rationally adapting and inculcating the fundamental sources of their genuine strengths for our own self-defense and the real genuine advancement of all our peoples as human beings first? Yes you now know it too – primarily our 'client-state' colonization that is so easy to perpetually maintain, primarily due to our antiquated praetorian mindset egregiously still carrying the vestiges of the dark ages of self-righteous divine sanction to rule over the 'subjects' in the service of some higher purpose. Unfortunately, once again we have copied the malaise of the West instead of its lofty achievements: one man still deciding the fate of the entire nation with absolute monarchist powers in his hands. A lesson well learnt from the prime benefactor! Putting a lethal weapon such as a high-tech information-age enabled storm troopers in such 'ubermensch' praetorian hands is a monumental crime against humanity, regardless of which nation does it.

I hope you did not mind my frankly sharing my few inner most thoughts with you. And I further hope that I won't be sent to the gallows for it – for re-imagining our military and our nation - under any pretext or draconian laws enacted under fascism? Will you now protect my inalienable rights to think my own thoughts and to voice my own views and to be genuinely concerned for my own nation and its peoples as I outline for you the path to a genuine military transformation? Or only distinguished bemedaled Generals allowed such luxuries? Because I do feel just as patriotic as you – perhaps even more - but I have no medals on my chest! Surely no one has monopoly over patriotism, right?

And to keep everyman's patriotism in check is why we need the 'rule of law', which in the modernity du jour is based on a reasonable, workable, practical, fair, and humanitarian constitution that is ratified by the populace willing to be governed by it. Laws merely enacted by fiat and approved by a hand-picked ruling elite is hardly a 'social contract'. It is a Mafioso's contract, an 'ubermensch' emperor's contract. In antiquity, they didn't need a constitution because the monarch or caliph or tyrant – usually synonymous - was the constitution, and it didn't need public ratification because the public didn't matter, and if the rulers didn't like someone, all they had to order was '*off with the head*' and a hundred legions were ready to execute the command, moral or not. The word of the ruler was absolute law, and the 'rule of law' still prevailed, by hook or by crook.

So the statement, 'rule of law' by itself can mean anything - even rule by tyrants and demagogues and colonial powers under artfully crafted legal cover - and must be qualified as to whose law, and who sanctioned it, and who forced it upon us or who willingly affirmed it as a binding bilateral mutually acceptable 'social contract' under which the 'people' contractually (i.e. Constitutionally) empower the 'state' to manage their collective macro affairs in return for many a circumscription upon their individual selves! This is how my finite mind understands civilized existence in modernity.

If the 'state' abrogates its part of the first-principle upon which the 'social contract' is constructed, why should the civilians continue to accept their end of the bargain? Why should we, the peoples, continue to endure the beatings and tortures and disappearances and the "*shock and awe*" just for exercising our 'contractually' guaranteed and obligatory, nay, inalienable Human Rights, and our 'contractual' right as per the 'social contract' to peaceably and collectively tell our rulers we don't approve of their policies, their unjust wars, their unjust alliances, or that we don't wish to be governed by self-appointed tin-pot dictators who think they are god's indispensable gift to mankind? I leave the natural culmination of this line of logical reasoning to your own unconstrained military imagination!

Are we trying to get back to antiquity as fast as possible today by completely suppressing freedom of speech with such draconian laws like the Army Act 2007, and the abominable muzzling of the press that was still in its nascent stages and hadn't even realized its full mission before it was killed through its birth-pangs? Or are we actually trying to enter modernity by adopting the methods of antiquity, and by magic it will all happen right and we will wake up in modernity? Or is this the very face of the new emerging modernity itself under the 'new Mandarins' in which the 'one world government' rules, where there is "*one center of power, one center of force, one center of decision-making, a world of one master, one sovereign*", as the Russian President Vladimir Putin aptly put it? I hope you will agree that none of these are acceptable to the rational mind that seeks independence and freedom from hegemony of all kinds, starting from those of our own 'ubermenschen' 'praetorian guards'!

I hope that you will also agree, being the thoughtful soldier that you are, that there is no such time as a specific 'best time' to usher in such freedoms. Freedom is a continuous practice, not a reachable state and then resting on ones' laurels. The practice of freedom must remain constant, perennial, through thick and thin of the nation. What Abraham Lincoln did with the American Constitution, and pitted brother against brother to keep the Union, is a dark question mark on the emergence of America as a civilized nation along with its merciless extermination of 10 million natives to settle the land of the free. We need not copy America in its darkest of times and in its monumental crimes. Let's copy America where it suits us, when it is at its best, and copy from others what they have that suits us when they have been at their best, and adapt and transplant what is good into our own native soil by becoming wise gardeners – keeping our own valuable trees, the few that we have, and knowing both, the fundamental nature of 'the transplants', and how to cultivate the 'native soil' to make it conducive to 'the transplants'.

That does not however mean, as our demagogues would like the gullible among us to illogically believe, that if it took the West hundreds of years of Renaissance and much pain and suffering to acquire their political acumen and their freedoms and their democratic forms of government, that we, the 'pathetic Muslims', must also needlessly continue to suffer in the modernity du jour also for hundreds of years despite all that has been already learnt, and all that has already been invented! Only a moron, and a tyrant serving another higher master would make such fallacious arguments that we too must persist in inventing our own 'square

wheel' first! We cannot on the one hand claim that we shall be catching up and even surpassing the entire industrial and information-age revolution within a single generation with our erstwhile HEC heralding-in the 'socio-economic engine' of development with their 9 or 10 billion-dollar instant-universities imported from abroad along with instant-faculty and instant-learning so we can overnight catch up on scientific research and high-technology, not to mention how quickly the 'enlightened moderation' has been thrust into our conservative culture that expats returning from abroad even after 2 or 3 years cannot recognize their own society, and in the very same breath suggest: oh except of course for political freedoms.

Such specious red-herring laden arguments can only be made by deftly planted Trojan Horse (s) to keep the 'wretched of this earth' continually on our knees as dependent patsy client-states of the 'hectoring hegemons'!

And the best evidence that this is indeed a real smelly-stinking red-herring, and after which there can be no further argument possible, and no greater evidence presented, is our own next door neighbor India, comprising the same stock of peoples, who won their independence in a shared struggle with us within the same 24-hour period - a vibrant and thriving DEMOCRACY! People freely speaking their minds and freely choosing their governments without hindrance or fear - indeed, India is the largest genuine democracy on the entire PLANET!

I hope General sahib that you will entirely agree that we must ring in all our freedoms NOW along with the respect of the 'state' towards its own 'contractual' obligations towards the 'social contract' - its first-cause *raison d'être* for even its very existence! This is indeed the first-order primary 'transformation' that you must seek! Without our military relinquishing its full-spectrum dictatorial controls upon 'we the peoples', we are but slaves to the tempestuous whims of whosoever thinks he (or she) is the 'greatest invention since sliced bread'!

The 'modernity' that the West acquired after their Renaissance, and of which they remained proud for 400 years, itself required the freedom of thought and of its unabridged expression in unhindered public speech as the quintessential first baby-step. They were compelled to banish the 'hemlock' of antiquity and forcefully took that first baby step against the muzzling of independent thought and speech by their own 'praetorian guards' before they could eventually acquire all that fancy military know-how a few hundred years later to now beat us all over the heads with! We can't harvest the fruits without planting the trees first. While they are now attempting to reacquire their 'tail' for reasons best known only to their controllers, perhaps we will do better with the essential metamorphosis of changing the mindsets of our own multi-faceted 'praetorian guards' in order to finally lose our own 'tail' that still inexplicably dogs us despite already having had our first Renaissance over 1400 years ago!

If you are willing to spearhead this genuine military transformation for the benefit of our 170 million 'wretched of this earth' who have suffered enough from this antediluvian praetorian mindset that is our real enemy within, you can count on my help right away!

Repeal not only the Army Act 2007, but all abhorrent laws and practices that were enacted in

all previous military and dictatorial regimes including the vestiges from our colonial past, spanning the gamut of anything that is against the United Nations Agreements on Human Rights to which we are already a signatory (<http://hrweb.org/legal/undocs.html>) and the egalitarian norms of decency and morality, to construct a genuine non-Mafioso 'social contract'. Help this nation craft a genuinely progressive Constitution once and for all by taking a close look at what Venezuela has done - see this analysis: "[America and Venezuela: Constitutional Worlds Apart](http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=6594)" (<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=6594>), and do read the amazingly insightful book cited therein: "[Cracks in the Constitution](#)", to intimately comprehend how the greatest of ideas like 'Democracy' can be trivially corrupted by a co-opted or incoherent implementation! Several chapters in my book also examine many aspects related to its supposed watchdog - the 'fourth pillar' - that has entirely bastardized the present American 'democracy' to deliberately assist in crafting the out-of-control 'empire' now hell bent on '*imperial mobilization*' with its peoples easily shell-shocked into '*united we stand!*' We neither want such a 'watchdog' that only reports "*truth with responsibility*" (PTV) or only conveys "*All the News that's fit to print*" (NYT), nor such a corrupted system of 'democracy' that cycles the same vested power-interests in the White House by just changing its front faces! Not a whole lot differently than what transpires in our wretched nation, except that we don't even bother changing the faces! Let's reject both systems and craft a genuine Democracy with a capital D and without quotes – '*the worst possible system except for all others*' because it cannot be easily co-opted! **You will thus make Pakistan impregnable(!) redeeming all the past failures of the Pakistan military – an institution to be finally genuinely proud of without recourse to any Army Acts!**

An urgent and timely devolution of dictatorial powers back into a genuine fractious Democracy may be our only ticket to also safely and completely disengage our over-committed nation from the sole superpower's "imperial mobilization" and its fabricated but monumentally criminal "*War on Terror*" (please see its rational analysis and a realpolitik '**Full Spectrum Deterrence**' in my essay: [Saving Pakistan from Synthetic 'Terror Central'](#)).

Indeed, had the reins of the entire nation not been held in the absolute hands of any one man to be able to unilaterally and criminally commit 170 million peoples to become complicit in crimes against humanity, no amount of real or fictitious threats from a bar-room bouncer to '*bomb us back into stone age*' could have convinced a genuinely argumentative FDP (fractious, distributive, participative) Democracy to go along in America's ungodly con Wars!

It is no coincidence General sahib that absolute dictatorships in client-states are the 'Hectoring Hegemons' best friend, and genuine Democracy is not! The dictatorships do not come about except through the deliberate orchestration by the hegemons! Only its public disclosure has to wait until faits accomplis and the famed 'declassification process' in advanced countries! If we can just learn to appreciate that naked fact and realize that our clock is ticking rapidly with the "Re-Gathering Storm", we can immediately know how to save ourselves from becoming a mere footnote in future historians gleeful writings! "*We are made wise not by the recollections [of history], but by the responsibility for our future*"!

Let's re-imagine Pakistan together General sahib! Surely that can't be a crime or sin even in the most fascists of mindsets? And to re-imagine something, one has to negate or erase what came before. It is much like the Muslim traditional religious creed – the first part as you surely know, asserts, 'there is no god'. The rest, the good stuff - as far as Muslims are concerned - only comes afterwards. The 'Kalima' begins with the denial of the abhorrent, and ends in the affirmation of the good. To reject the abhorrent can't be a crime or sin – it is the explicit teaching of our religion and the foundation of our faith - even if those espousing the abhorrent may assert so otherwise! Thus to continually re-imagine, in every generation, and by everyone, in order to know what to negate and what to erase, what to keep and what to throw away, is our fundamental religious duty too. Thusly springs forth the freedom to imagine, and by corollary, freedom to think, and freedom to discuss. It isn't entirely a gift or invention of the Western civilization you know, although they seemed to have learned it a bit better than us.

And let's act quickly because the barbarians are already waiting at the gates of hell for an opportune pretext to strike, as the famous scion of imperialism, Zbigniew Brzezinski has so thoughtfully warned us. Reading between the lines of his prepared speech made to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in February 2007, one can easily make out that the grandmaster author of the 'Grand Chessboard', through his public warning, is bringing to fulfillment his own wishes expressed in his own blatantly chauvinist writings of a decade earlier - and that's perhaps the most appropriate ominous note of empirical realism upon which to end this humble letter of conscience to you (also see this [report on Podhoretz's latest book](#) in the NYT):

'a plausible scenario for a military collision with Iran involves Iraqi failure to meet the benchmarks, followed by accusations of Iranian responsibility for the failure, then by some provocation in Iraq or a terrorist act in the US blamed on Iran, culminating in a "defensive" US military action against Iran that plunges a lonely America into a spreading and deepening quagmire eventually ranging across Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan' (Zbigniew Brzezinski's testimony before the US Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, Feb. 1, 2007, can be viewed in its full foreboding light at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PKhD9EfO-4>).

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* The meeting is fictitious.

Some additional readings on my website in case you are interested:

[Saving Pakistan from Synthetic 'Terror Central'](#)

[The Re-Gathering Storm](#)

[Poodle-states are necessary for imperial mobilization](#)

[The Missing Link – Full Spectrum Deterrence](#)

[Islamofascism - Zionofascism - Judeofascism etc. An equitable distribution of Collateral Language!](#)

[Open Letter to Middle East Scholar Daniel Pipes regarding his stance on 'radical Islam'](#)

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