

# Zahir Ebrahim Responds to Rafia Zakaria's and Amnesty International's Call for 'prosecution of Taliban leaders for war crimes'

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## Preamble

The following letter is Project Humanbeingsfirst's overly polite August 11, 2010 response to jurist doctor [Rafia Zakaria J.D.](#), General Secretary, Board of Directors Amnesty International USA, on her enacting absurdities upon absurdities in the service of empire – and against her own peoples in Pakistan and the United States.

This latest round is as the General Secretary at Amnesty International, charging the fabricated enemy for war crimes against humanity right out of [George Orwell's recipe](#) for convincing a people to continue fighting and dying in the perpetual war against the *dark murdering armies of Eurasia*, without even mentioning the Hectoring Hegemons who militarily invaded other nations and are routinely committing war crimes while [admitting it publicly!](#) Her previous round at foisting imperial absurdities upon the plebes among mankind as the empire's “[House Negro](#)” was examined in [Letter to Editor: The politics of 'Reinventing the Taliban' goes through a core-lie! April 07, 2010](#).

Can Rafia Zakaria J.D., also a candidate for Ph.D. in political science, be so *innocent of knowledge* like the rest of the tens of millions of mainstream Americans who were easily misled into “United We Stand” with their hectoring hegemons? Can she really be so *Newspeak* blind to the distemper of hegemony as a jurist and political scientist, so damn innocent in the ways of Machiavelli and her own field of study? On the path to imperial glory, did she become so averse to the pain and suffering of the 'untermenschen' in Iraq and Afghanistan that she cannot see what the United States has done to those poor defenseless nations for its *“imperial mobilization”*? Or, does she

rightly know which side her bread, accolades, appointments, and lucrative career is buttered?

The inescapable conclusion, at least for those not sitting on the fence, is that only such *uber learned peoples* shamelessly groveling for fame and fortunes at the feet of the “massa” are congenially appointed to the various prestigious Board of Directors of empire's own instruments of [social engineering](#). Like Daniel Pipes was once appointed to head the Institute for Peace by President George W. Bush. The difference though being that both the latter are among the “massa” themselves, laboriously carrying the **“white man's burden”** to the 'untermensch' as their **“la mission civilisatrice”**, to benevolently give to the barbarians a more civilized **“moderate Islam”** instead of their abhorrent **“militant Islam”** which [attacked America on 9/11](#). It is understandable that the ruling elite would engage in such *Newspeak* based on their overarching agenda to subvert their own democracy which, in the absence of **“conditions of a sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being”**, remains **“inimical to imperial mobilization”**. For immigrants from the land of the 'untermensch' to echo the hectoring hegemon's message, is akin to joining them in their mission as the **“merchants of aggression.”**

[Watch](#) the following merchants of aggression, despite their hubris and their *Newspeak*, eventually take their **“final plunge in ignominy”** in another epoch as the victors vociferously claimed the objectivity of their justice: **“they are crimes whether the United States does them or whether Germany does them”!** Changing epochs does not change the nature of the crimes of aggression which constitutes the **“supreme international crime differing only from other war crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole”**.

**If the Taliban are guilty of war crimes, then, by the very definition of war crimes, those who invaded their nation are far more guilty of a more heinous crime, one which contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole!**

But of course, no hectoring hegemon and their associate chanting the various

[Mighty Wurlitzer](#) tunes, at the peak of their hubris can ever think of themselves suffering that day of ignominy – as is amply evidenced in the following statement of the United States' own Supreme Court Justice in [1951](#), right after the victor's justice had been juridically administered with [great fanfare](#) to the vanquished at Nuremberg: ***“Nothing is more certain in modern society than the principle that there are no absolutes, that a name, a phrases, a standard has meaning only when associated with the considerations which give birth to nomenclature. To those who would paralyze our Government in the face of impending threat by encasing it in a semantic strait-jacket, we must reply that all concepts are relative.”***

Victor or victim, all in the world must know and be continually reminded of, that baboons wear no clothes even when they may steal the white man's sunglasses to look cool. Today, the baboons, white, brown, black and stripped, have stolen some clothes to pass themselves off as hominids concerned with the plight of their victims. They come to you weeping at the funeral demanding justice after having killed off your family. And they come to you as the **“peace makers”** after creating the most mayhem on earth! While the baboons may try to lie to themselves in the mirror, we know what they are. So I can at least agree with Rafia Zakaria and the Amnesty International on their profound conclusion, if not their analysis, that ***“Unless the international community takes a stand on this issue, Afghan civilians will continue to believe that they will be abandoned by the world and left to endure another regime of barbarism.”***

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**To:** Rafia Zakaria [rafia.zakaria@ gmail.com]

**Subject: Re:** Amnesty International calls for prosecution of Taliban leaders for war crimes

**From:** Project Humanbeingsfirst.org

**Date:** Wed, Aug 11, 2010 at 12:15 PM

Hello. Yes. The higher order bit of the matter further requires you go up the hierarchy of war criminals, and not only try to hold monumental criminals accountable for past crimes, but also prevent future ones:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2009/04/vanilla-or-chocolate-icing-ondevilscake.html>

I never received your response to this [an article version of emailed [Letter to Editor April 07, 2010](#)]

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

which challenged your narrative and showed it to be an absurdity!

Why not show that challenge to be itself an absurdity if you think it absurd enough to not even respond?

As for Amnesty International [article appended below], I am persuaded by my study of empire and its statecraft to conclude that this organization and many others like it are merely controlled dissent, playing controlled opposition while employing genuine persons seeking justice, presumably like yourself, being made a gullible patsy. See this Open Letter and please examine it in the context of Machiavellian political science – one of creating treadmills for dissent to run on, really fast, and brilliantly get nowhere:

<http://print-humanbeingsfirst.blogspot.com/2007/12/open-letter-to-amnesty-international.html>

In fact, empiricism indicates that Amnesty International has become, or always was since its inception, merely another tune of the Mighty Wurlitzer – what that is is explained in the following article in case one is unfamiliar with the statecraft of deception [[original article](#)]:

<http://pubrecord.org/special-to-the-public-record/8151/wikileaks-and-the-mighty-wurlitzer/>

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Aug 11, 2010 at 11:45 AM, Rafia Zakaria [[rafia.zakaria@gmail.com](mailto:rafia.zakaria@gmail.com)] wrote:

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My post on our blog today

<http://blog.amnestyusa.org/middle-east/taliban-leaders-should-be-prosecuted-for-war-crimes/>

## Taliban Leaders Should Be Prosecuted for War Crimes

[Middle East](#) | Posted by: [Rafia Zakaria](#), August 11, 2010 at 1:20 PM

Sanam Gul was a widow, 35 years old and pregnant. According to news reports she was [kept in captivity for three days before being shot to death](#) in a public trial by the Afghan Taliban. The execution took place in the Qadis District of the rural Baghdis province in Western Afghanistan.

The “court” that ordered the punishment, found Sanam Gul, also known as Bibi Sanubar, **guilty of having an illicit affair**, proof of which was her pregnancy. She was sentenced to 200 lashes and then executed. The punishment was carried out by Mohammad Yousuf, the area Taliban commander amid a crowd of onlookers.

Sanam Gul's death comes soon after the chilling Aug 7 [executions of ten medical aid workers](#) who had been returning from a trip to provide free medical care to remote regions of Afghanistan.



Afghan pedestrians walk on a street in Kabul. Civilian casualties in Afghanistan rose by 31 percent in the first six months of 2010. © SHAH MARAI/AFP/Getty Images

These barbaric theatrics meant to intimidate and terrify local populations are not novel tactics for the Taliban. In the time that they controlled Afghanistan, from 1998-2001, such public floggings and executions were frequent occurrences in towns controlled by the group. In addition to such tactics of terror which misuse concepts of Islamic law to instate a reign of terror, the Taliban are also guilty of increasingly bloodthirsty killing campaigns that kill hundreds of Afghan civilians.

A U.N report released on August 10 revealed that [civilian casualties caused by the Taliban have increased nearly 31%](#) in the first six months of 2010. This means that over 3,000 Afghan civilians have died in the shootings, killings, suicide bombings that the Taliban carry out with impunity in areas which they control.

In the first half of 2010, the executions and assassinations of civilians by the Taliban and other insurgent groups increased by over 95% to 183 recorded deaths compared to the same time last year. The victims were usually accused of supporting the According to Staffan De Mistura, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the U.N “Afghan children and women are increasingly bearing the brunt of this conflict; they are being killed and injured in their communities in greater numbers than ever before”.

In the ten years since the beginning of the Afghan war, and in the years before when the Taliban controlled huge chunks of the country, the world has watched while they have wrested all sense of security from Afghan civilians. One of the biggest chasms in the worldwide response to the human rights abuses carried out by the Taliban has been the inability to coalesce around a unifying concept of international justice that would hold non-state groups like the Taliban accountable. Historic reliance on the nation state model has meant an initial hesitation to apply the mechanisms of shaming to non state groups which kill the innocent and use religious concepts to terrorize entire populations.

**It is this view that perceives only nation states to be human rights abusers that must change drastically for groups like the Taliban to be held accountable for their brutality.**

The lack of an existing system of justice in Afghanistan means that unless international mechanisms of justice get actively involved in the situation, Afghan civilians will remain helpless before the bloodthirsty campaign of the Taliban. Because of this [Amnesty International is calling for the investigation of Taliban crimes so that they may be prosecuted for war crimes.](#)

The initiation of a prosecution of Taliban leaders that so brutally executed Sanam Gul and have so cruelly taken the lives of thousands of other Afghan civilians must be held accountable. Such accountability is crucial to insure that these same war criminals are not promoted to positions of power in any post-conflict set up. Given that the United States, Afghanistan and other members of NATO are currently engaging in such [discussions](#), it is imperative that the human rights abuses carried out by Taliban leaders against civilians be an integral part of their agenda.

Unless the international community takes a stand on this issue, Afghan civilians will continue to believe that they will be abandoned by the world and left to endure another regime of barbarism.

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