Total sellout of the matio BY LT GEN (RETD) JAVED NASIR

t was very heartening that lately General Pervez Musharraf had started making bold statements expounding Pakistan's strategic inter-ests but disturbingly a widening gap has started developing in what he claims as Pakistan's policy and what his teams actually achieve.

It is because the system being followed currently continues to be dictatorial rather than what is practised in any parliamentary or presidential system. None of the major issues on the agenda of the Indo-Pak talks was brought before the parliament where despite ouster of some fine politicians on the basis of being non-graduates, we still have some seasoned politicians who could analyse these issues threadbare and help our leadership in defining limits within which our teams must remain confined while arriving at any agreement with the Indian counterparts. There does not seem to be any procedure in vogue wherein the participants in the talks convey the progress to the right people while the discussions are still on to seek their guidance

In my article published in The Na-tion on June 21, 2004 under the caption of "Resolution of Kashmir the most perilous Nuclear Flash Point", I had very clearly brought out that because the Indians believe that ceasefire in Kashmir was like half the battle won which if agreed and imposed by Pakistan would allow the Indians to fence the LoC and mine 1-1/2 mile depth along it and then carry out search and destroy operations on the lines they did in Punjab where they had brutally killed 80,000 inno-cent Sikhs and their children and would now kill Muslim Kashmiri males in age groups of 10-40 to ensure that Kashmiris should never be able to muster sufficient strength to sus-tain their ongoing freedom strug-

About Siachen, I had stated that thousands of causalities the Indian forces suffered since its occupation in 1984, these had all been due to weather extremities. The cost of maintenance of 3rd Division deployed by them in Siachen and Kargil area is prohibitive and costs 10 times more than a Division deployed elsewhere as such the indian are most likely to offer its vacation as bait to Pakistan in return for acceptance of fenced LoC as the International Border. Indians would also highly propagate "giving up" claim over AJK (Azad Jammu & Kashmir) as part of their Atoot-ang. Unfortunately Musharraf's teams not only agreed to ceasefire but also did nothing to prevent Indians from fencing and mining the LoC

It appears after his empty handed return from much publicised Indian visit, Shaukat Aziz neither received any guidance from Musharraf nor any briefing from the relevant agencies to help him define the limits within which his teams negotiating with Indian counterparts should have remained confined on national security issues like reopening of Indian Consulate at Karachi and re-commissioning of Monabao-Khokhrapar Rail line uprooted by Pakistan Army in 1972. The extremely soft stance and com-

promise by the Pakistani team under the guise of flexibility on all issues, unfortunately tantamount to laying foundation for to a total sell out on Pakistan's national security interests. It appears that Mr Shaukat Aziz was not briefed that in 1992, the then Prime Minister Mr Nawaz Sharif had ordered the closure of the Indian Consulate at Karachi for good despite Indian blue eyed Foreign Secretary Mr Shaharyar's very strong pro-Indian stance.

The study on the subject had made startling revelations based on irrefutable video recorded confessional statements of the arrested criminals and terrorists who had unearthed and exposed the steel gloved hands of the RAW men in the garb of diplomatic cover in the Indian Consulate at Karachi. The RAW members had been recruiting agents, from amongst MQM, Jay Sindh and Shuders (untouchable Hindus) in the desert bordering India.

The agents were then taken to India for training in demolition and other anti-Pakistan activities. It had also emerged in the study that the strength of Indian Consulate at Karachi had multiplied four times. The entire surplus lot had been shifted from Indian Embassy at Islamabad without any knowledge or clearance of Pakistan

Foreign Office.

The credit for this goes to Shaharyar. 1991 was the year of RAW in Pakistan. RAW had been waiting for the opportunity which the much propagated peace talks between India and Pakistan to resolve the major issues provided to it under the garb of CBMs to reactivate the badly rusted spy network in Karachi, Sindh Balochistan. About the last mentioned I had warned in my article that it was spinning out of control RAW did not waste any time in reactivating all old contacts in Balochistan. BLA is also their baby. Reactivation of Indian Consulate at Karachi and re-commissioning of the Monabao-Khokhrapar rail links are the joint lynchpin for RAW to keep Sindh and Balochistan burn-

During the 1947 partition bulk of the Shuders migrated from Sindh to India. In 1972 a large chunk of the Sindh desert was under occupation of Indian Army. RAW brought children of Shuder refugees of 1947, in the age group of 20-30 with Indian degrees and settled them in the Sindh desert. They were given jobs and appointments in schools, dispensaries, hospitals, revenue and other departments in Tharparkar and other districts in Sindh in the desert. Bhutto govern-ment in 1972 did nothing to throw these Indian intruders back because it put the blame on the defeated Pakistan army to further defame it.

These Indian intruders became the working brain for RAW for recruitment of fresh agents for sabotage, anti-Pakistan and Shudi Movement to convert by name Muslims living in the desert to Hinduism and in return they were promised that all the debts they owed to the Hindu Banya will be written off. They are permitted to re-

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tain their names with the addition of only Ram at the end of their name. Some of these intruders have retired on turning 60 and are still living in the Sindh desert. They were neither born in Pakistan nor had any degrees or certificates from any Pakistani institution. The re-commissioning of Monabao-Khokhrapar rail link will facilitate the to and fro movement of the RAW trained Aria Samaji and Pakistani recruited agents and the 1972 settled Shuders from Rajastan between India and Pakistan. The Indian Consulate at Karachi will facilitate their Visa and financial prob-

The extremely rigid, obstinate attitude and unjustified and unreasonable defiance of the Indus Basin Treaty by Indian government during talks on the construction of Baglihar dam and false allegations on violation of ceasefire in Kashmir by Pakistan and Indian government's continued total negation of the UN Resolutions which grant the plebiscite rights to Kashmiris to decide whether to accede to India or Pakistan and instead its projection of self perceived and false stance of calling Kashmir as Atoot ang and hence non negotiable, should neither surprise nor be an eye opener for the Pakistan government.

The two main leaders in Musharraf's team are finance and income tax wizards. They have both been living on laurels of budgetary projections. Their visits to India were only a minor dent on Pakistan's budget with not even a peripheral strategic gain, a field in which both need to get briefings from the best teams. The compromise on Pakistan's vital strategic interests by them and their teams have tarnished President Musharraf's image very badly. What has been agreed in the talks by them, is contrary to what Musharraf has been expounding.

I very strongly recommend to them to go through "An Ambassador's Journal" authored by a brilliant writer JK Galbraith who is one of the most capable analysts the Americans have produced. The book is based on his experiences as US Ambassador in India during the pre and post era of the most humiliating bashing India received at the hands of the Chinese in 1962 when the Indian leadership under Nehru was at its peak. From the very marked change in the Indian leadership's pre and post war behav-iour, Mr Galbraith had prophetically concluded that, "Indian would kick if you lick and will lick if you kick

In 1962 India had moved all its formations to the north to fight the Chinese, completely denuding its border with Pakistan. We could have settled Kashmir for good by sealing it at Madhupur the only entry to it at that

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time, in just a few hours. We lost a golden opportunity because an Army Chief who had installed himself as the President followed the policy of appeasement displaying full faith in US assurance that Pakistan should not exploit India's extreme vulnerability, India would resolve the issue of Kashmir for good.

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stan was straightening of the few kinks in the ceasefire line. In 1965 when the PAF was in total control of the skies and the Pakistan Navy was ruling the seas and the Indian offensive had been blunted at all places with all its forces committed and Pakistan's reserve were still intact and if launched would have gone through like a knife in the butter and could have sealed Kashmir both at Madhupur and Akhnur but unfortunately once again the policy of appeasement by the Presi-dent let the last opportunity to settle

Kashmir slip by. In 1971 the military leadership not only lost half of Pakistan but also lost the military equation in the Subcontinent. Bhutto government accepted the changed nomenclature of ceasefire line in Kashmir as the LoC with no opposition coming from his appointee General Tikka Khan. From 1972 to 1998 for 26 years India kept treating Pakistan as an insignificant third rate state but in May 1998, the civil gov-ernment under Nawaz Sharif changed the power status completely which Indian leadership has still not fully

comprehended.

Pakistan was lucky it did not have a military leadership in control of the country otherwise to appease US, Pakistan would not have gone for the nuclear tests particularly when the US President made three personal telephone calls to Pakistan's Prime Minister, the last of these only 5 minutes is terminated by the Pakistan's Pak before the underground tests. Paki stan's present military leadership must not repeat the mistake of follow ing the policy of appeasement with India on US assurance. It never worked in the past and will not work in the future.

In 1987, India had moved the main strike force with ammunition under the cover of a highly publicised exer-cise "Brass Tacks" in Rajastan area threatening Sindh. The most impor-tant lesson the Indian drew from the evaluation of the exercise was that unless Monabao-Khokhrapar rail link was re-commissioned the prevalent infrastructure would not be able to sustain logistically even a weak auxil-iary effort. This is one of the prime reasons why Indians have offered even to finance the re-commissioning of the rail link.

Recent visit of Altaf of MQM to India makes him tailor fitted in the clothes of Mujeeb ur Rehman to lend strength and reality to RAWs master plan of Hindu Shuder dominated Sindhu Desh which will become a permanent base for all the subversive and terrorist activities in Pakistan to force it look inwards all the time.

President Musharraf enjoys a very high reputation with the US Presi-dent. Pakistan today needs some one

of his stature and qualities of decision making (even though somewhat rusted)

He is the only one who can draw a very firm line and tell India that are Indian Air Chief Swamy thinks Pake stan is a meaningless country to below why should Pakistan waste an man on absolutely meaningless and worm less talks without first resolving Kee mir the most perilous nuclear flashpoint.

He can invite Sonia Gandhi or was India and expound that there will be no ceasefire nor any talks or CBVs unless Kashmir is resolved first on the lines of UN resolutions as the start point. Kashmiris must be given the right to decide whether they want to accede to Pakistan or India

It must be made crystal clear that it Kashmir is not resolved there will be no more talks on any other issue with India. Apart from Swamy there are quite a few leaders in India who are equally ignorant about the run that the power status took in the Subon-

tinent in May 1998.

Pakistan's nuclear capability has India far behind. They are devoid of any strategic thinking and still talk of further modernisation and expansion of conventional forces instead of force ing a major reduction in them not realising that the differential in latter is already too great in favour of India which in years to come can prompt an Indian leader of 1962 calibre to exploit this superiority not realising that a trigger happy leadership replacing Musharraf in Pakistan could realish with the nuclear stockpiles which within minutes can cause total annihilation.

If Kashmir is resolved while Musharraf is still in control, he can open flood gates of agreements on all issues like, permanent no war pact no nuclear strike, mutually agreed gross reduction in conventional forces resulting in savings of billions, mutually agreed inspection of all nuclear installations, no visa restriction and free travel, open trade, no support nor any sanctity to any dissident person or organisation, no sabotage or anti-state activity in each others country, exchange of service officer in major military and nuclear institutions, exchange of visits by staff college and NDC teams, removing all restriction on numbers and occasions of Sikh Yatris visits, joint bus, train and air service, exchange of Tableeghi Jamaats, exchange of students in all universities including nuclear related institution. This list can be expanded to any extent provided Kashmir is resolved.

President Musharraf must there fore, scrap all the agreements reached in the recent talks including ceasefire in Kashmir, Let resolution of Kashmir be the start point otherwise all the doors be shut. Only Musharraf can implement the advice rendered by IK Galbraith about the Indian Congres leadership "Kick them they will how you if we continue to lick they will keep kicking". It is, therefore, compelling for Musharraf to have a team of the right people as "Think Tank" to analyse for him all the major problems facing Pakistan.