

# Diplomatic depravity

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**T**he accusations against Pakistan's Acting High Commissioner in India Mr Jalil Abbas Jilani is part of the conspiracy hatched by the BJP government since December 13, 2001 that Islamabad is engaged in stoking Kashmiri's freedom struggle and abetting the thirteen year old militancy against Indian occupation of Jammu and Kashmir.

It is part of the bigger Indian conspiracy to exploit the 9-11 terrorist attacks of the Twin Towers in New York to corner Pakistan its declared enemy, and alienate it from the world community. Since Kashmiris rose in rebellion in early 1990, India has been engaged in vicious anti-Pakistan propaganda, and threats to subvert the freedom movement in Kashmir.

Indian year long military deployment of its entire armed forces on Pakistan's borders, threats of invasion of Azad Kashmir, ultimatums of hot pursuit, aerial bombing of alleged training camps, nuclear destruction of Pakistan, recall of its High Commissioner, harassment of Pakistani diplomatic staff in Delhi, ordering the Pakistani Acting High Commissioner out of India, and the hate campaign against the governments and Pakistani nation, are unforgiveable because these impact on the psyche and mind of the youth in both the countries.

Nurturing the young generations with hate phobia against neighbouring nations and people is a great disservice to the over one and quarter billion people of South Asia, who need to live in peace and harmony.

Hindustan Times in its editorial dated Monday February 10, 2003, supported the decision of the Delhi regime about expelling Pakistani diplomats. Titled, "In the Dumps", the paper states that, "Indian relations with Pakistan are once again at a very low ebb. As a matter of fact they have never recovered from the after effects of the terrorist attacks on the Parliament House in December 2001.

Now with the expulsions of even the Deputy High Commissioners, their mutual diplomatic presence in the two capitals has virtually fallen to an irreducible minimum. Though unfortunate in view of the extra chill created, it cannot be gainsaid that India had no option but to ask the Pakistan envoy, Jalil Abbas Jilani, to

ment in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

It was done to find an excuse for yet another crackdown on the APHC leaders, most of whom are already in sub-human Indian jails. The GOP has called upon the Indian government to end its systematic campaign of disinformation against Pakistan, and bring to an end the suppression of the Kashmiri people.

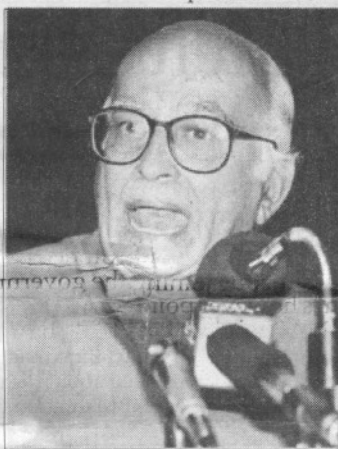
India must stop its pro-active propaganda, which continues to vitiate the two countries. India has been once again reminded of its responsibilities under the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations as well as Bilateral Code of Conduct concluded between Pakistan and India in 1992.

But Indian action against Mr Jilani and other Pakistani diplomats is part of a sinister conspiracy against Pakistan. On Monday February 10, 2003 Mr Vajpayee the Indian Prime Minister in a motivated address at an anti-terror meet in Delhi said that, "Jehadi terrorism is the principal form of global terror, and decisive and forceful action is required to crush it". His remarks clearly are to belittle the Kashmiri's freedom struggle.

India is able to influence world opinion with its vast resources. But despite of the sacrifice of eighty thousands Kashmiris for freedom from Indian occupation, the world has yet to realize that the shackled population of Kashmir must be saved from the barbarity of Indian occupation. Mr LK Advani the Deputy PM has been engaged in a most pernicious propaganda against Pakistan. His line is that, "Pakistan must be considered as a safe heaven for militants and terrorists."

The Indian media is equally aggressive and is trying to stoke BJP's provocative and aggressive designs. Hindustan Times commented, "These developments show how Pakistan's refusal to acknowledge the changing geopolitical realities is deepening its isolation. As the funding of Hurriyat Conference showed, Islamabad has not realized that the jihadi politics which it has been pursuing for over a decade has reached a dead end.

Not only has the recent election in the state made the Jihadis irrelevant in the Valley, the US too has lost interest in Pakistan as a



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to ask the Pakistani envoy, Jalil Abbas Jilani, to leave after he was named by the Delhi police in a FIR related to funding the Hurriyat Conference representatives by the Pakistan High Commission."

After that Pakistan ordered Mr Sudhir Vyas the Indian deputy High Commissioner to Leave Islamabad. While the Indian decision without any due enquiry smacks of depraved diplomacy and destructive politics, Pakistan was left with no choice but to order Sudhir Vyas out. Pakistan's was an unavoidable tit for tat move. On Friday February 07 Shiekh Rashid Ahmad the Minister for Information and Media Development rightly condemned this reprehensible Indian action as the worst example of "diplomatic depravity".

These are angry and strong words, but clearly India had hit the gutter in diplomatic etiquette by including the name of Mr Jilani in a fabricated FIR by the Delhi police. The Indian government would have ordered an enquiry if there was any truth to this blatant allegation concerning the payment of three hundred thousand rupees to two members of the All parties Hurriyat Conference.

In the absence of any proof, the motive of the inimical action clearly is to tarnish Pakistan image, and malign the APHC, which today is the mouthpiece of the people of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. The octogenarian, senile and neurotic BJP rulers seem to have lost their mental balance under the influence of Muslim and Pakistan hating Vishwa Prishad, Bajrang Dal, Shiv Sena and Jan Sanghi Hindu bigots.

The political mileage they hope to gain from their hate Pakistan propaganda and political campaign to malign Pakistan and the APHC is bound to boomerang. And when it does, it will be the fury of the exploited Indian masses, which will hit and destroy the BJP and other Hindu extremists who are preaching hate and violence.

On Friday the Indian High Commissioner was summoned to the Foreign Office to receive a strong protest about the Indian action against Mr Jalil Abbas Jilani and other Pakistani diplomats. Indian action was described as ridiculous and baseless.

He was conveyed the concern of the Government of Pakistan on the ongoing vilification campaign, which is part of the BJP strategy to mislead Indian public opinion to whip up anti-Pakistan hysteria for electoral gains. The representatives of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference were falsely framed to discredit the freedom move-

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lost interest in Pakistan as a frontline state after

the defeat of the Taliban in Afghanistan." The response to this provocation must be balanced. Pakistan as a frontline state of the Coalition against terrorism has been acknowledged by President George Bush, Prime Minister Tony Blair, President Jacques Chirac, President Vladimir Putin and by all western heads of states and governments.

UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has been all praise for Pakistan's role. Pakistan's leadership in the war against terrorism is the biggest thorn in India's side. It is for this reason that Indian rulers and media continue their nefarious propaganda to belittle Pakistan's achievements in the war against domestic and international terrorists.

And it is for this very reason that the Indian Prime Minister and his number two make use of every opportunity to lash at Pakistan, at the APHC and at the Kashmiri freedom fighters. Pursuing the Vajpayee, Advani line the Hindustan Times says that, "Washington is more concerned about the presence of Al-Qaeda in Pakistan. The arrest of nearly 30 Pakistanis in Italy is another of how Pakistan has become a 'platform for terrorism', as the US Ambassador in Islamabad recently said".

This Indian daily needs to know that an Italian court has set all the Pakistanis free, with the remark that it was a police mistake." Instead of continuing to encourage the Jihadis who are engaged in the Kashmir's 'freedom struggle', Pakistan should act against the terrorists and not only pretend to do so - as the first step to regain its place in the comity of nations". Vajpayee has acknowledged "regrettably" that sixty thousand lives have been lost in Kashmir.

He needs to acknowledge that the eighty thousand and not sixty thousand Kashmiris have been gunned down or tortured to death by the Indian Army of occupation. That all elections under Indian Army bayonets have been rigged. And the Mufti Saeed government brought into power by rigged elections has no legitimacy.

The real terrorist is India. Army of occupation, and Kashmiri freedom fighters are fondly called the Mujahideen by the people of Kashmir. They will continue to be valiant and brave. Kashmir, the land of the brave, shall remain free.