

## Pakistan: Most Dangerous Nation?

Dear Editor,

Recently when I saw the Newsweek headline declaring Pakistan as the most dangerous Nation in the World, like many other Pakistanis I was flabbergasted and angry at such poor level of journalism, especially on the front cover of a world news-leader. I feel that the journalists do not have adequate knowledge about Pakistan or they have an axe to grind or both.

How can a nation be dangerous? One can understand that (geographically speaking, countries) or locations can be dangerous, like high crime rate areas in New York or any other Megalopolis, or certain parts of a country can be dangerous like some parts of the Northern districts of Pakistan where the writ of the State is little or certain areas of the urban centers like Karachi, Lahore or Peshawar where some angry crowds can pose threat to the foreign nationals and interests e.g. Americans or its allies. When the writers says 'nation'; do they also include about 70% of the Pakistani population living below poverty line who don't even know or care about the present uni-polar marginalized world beyond 9/11. They are downtrodden and too busy with survival. Or do the writers means the tiny fraction of population that lives in the metropolitan cities who are now well aware of the ulterior motives of present Neo-Colonists in this so called enlightened and civilized world.

The "Danger" part of the news is tricky. What danger and to whom? Should we read this as 'some Islamist groups posing threat to the US and its allies' interest', or our entire population has turned violent and mad. As far as our internal turbulent political history is concerned which culminated in (only) recent suicidal bloodbaths, we can only thank the American establishment and their 'new' plans for the troubled world. Taliban was created and patronized by USA to oust the USSR from Afghanistan, but for Pakistan, it brought the drugs and Gun culture and till this day we confront the resultant violence. The damage that it caused to our country was considered a collateral damage and was abandoned once the job was done. The secret of 9/11 and the invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq are open now. The 'Weapons of Mass Destruction' lies and the desperate energy needs of USA and Allies is now a well known fact. Major part of our strife, conflicts and suffering (and other countries) comes from the clandestine policy makers somewhere in Washington. Now that is danger brewing for the rest of the world. By virtue of this can we call the USA or American people dangerous? Absolutely not! It is the coterie of American establishment responsible for these dangerous designs whereas the Americans and its civil society are against these dangerous developments unfolding for the world.

My bigger concern is the motive behind such a headline. Perhaps by declaring the country dangerous the writers are following a hidden agenda or instructions, especially when even US presidential candidates are exploiting the public on our nuclear assets. Looking at the new developments and neo-colonial perspective some American redrawing world map readjusting countries sovereignty and their borders doesn't seem off the course at all. The 9/11 Recommendation Act and the new US policies dictating its "Allies" how to run their affairs, the paranoia about safeguarding Pakistani Nuclear arsenal seems like a planned move. Saddam Hussein was branded as 'dangerous' before the country was attacked and colonized. Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and a majority of world community feels that there is only one source from where all the danger emanates...and that is USA establishment. How is an atomic bomb unsafe in the hands of Pakistan or Iran but safe in the hands of Israel, who has a perpetual war with the Arabs and USA who has already exploded and massacred civilian population of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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