

## Pakistanis Prosper

Dear Editor,

I was saddened to see a photograph of people sleeping in the streets, (Dawn, Metropolitan, 11<sup>th</sup> June) somewhere in Karachi, because there was no electricity. Neighborhood after neighborhood suffers in turn with these torturous power outages. The biggest sufferers are the children and the other half of the nation, as usual, the females, as they cannot sleep in the streets.

The irony of irony is that just a few days earlier I saw a half page advertisement, (Dawn, 2<sup>nd</sup> June) with the title of 'Pakistanis prosper' sponsored by the government. As usual an exercise in self deceit and lies, which we the Pakistanis are accustomed to. Both the guardians of our country, with their shining smiles were waiving to the people. Perhaps they were saluting the public for sleeping in the streets, in exchange for allowing them to stay in power.

Each summer was worse than the previous but this time around the people of Karachi have been humiliated as never before, and that is when Pakistan has 'prospered' the most in sixty years. Why doesn't the prosperity trickle down to the common man? The truth of the matter as we all know is that the 'prosperity' per se is only meant for a fraction of the country's *real population* who are deceiving the majority with these dubious statistics. Lord have mercy on the real people of Pakistan.

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