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**From the Qur'an:**

"And who is more unjust than one who invents about Allah a lie or denies His verses? Those will attain their portion of the decree until, when Our messengers [i.e., angels] come to them to take them in death, they will say, "Where are those you used to invoke besides Allah?" They will say, "They have departed from us," and will bear witness against themselves that they were disbelievers."

[Allah] will say, "Enter among nations which had passed on before you of jinn and mankind into the Fire." Every time a nation enters, it will curse its sister until, when they have all overtaken one another therein, the last of them will say about the first of them, "Our Lord, these had misled us, so give them a double punishment of the Fire." He will say, "For each is double, but you do not know."

(Surah Al-A'raf: Verses 37 - 38)

**Selected Hadith:**

Abdullah b. Amr b. al-As (RA) reported Allah's Messenger (SAAW) as saying: When you hear the Mu'adhhdhin, repeat what he says, then invoke a blessing on me, for everyone who invokes a blessing on me will receive ten blessings from Allah; then beg from Allah al-Wasila for me, which is a rank in Paradise fitting for only one of Allah's servants, and I hope that I may be that one. If anyone who asks that I be given the Wasila, he will be assured of my intercession.

(Sahih Muslim)

## EDITORIAL

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), and peace & blessing on his noble Messengers (AS), in particular, on the last of them all the blessed Prophet Muhammad (SAAW).

President Biden's virtual Summit for Democracy on December 9-10 was part of a campaign to restore the United States' standing in the world, which took such a beating in Afghanistan. Biden hopes to secure his place at the head of the "Free World" table by coming out as a champion for human rights and democratic practices worldwide.

The virtual Summit for Democracy was, however, an epitome of contradictions. Let's delve into a few of them.

The U.S. claims to be a leader in global democracy at a time when its own already deeply flawed democracy is crumbling, as evidenced by the January 6 assault on the Capitol. On top of the systemic problem of a duopoly that keeps other political parties locked out and the obscene influence of money in politics, the U.S. electoral system is being further eroded by the increasing tendency to contest credible election results and widespread efforts to suppress voter participation. For example, 19 states have enacted 33 laws that make it more difficult for citizens to vote. A broad global ranking of countries by various measures of democracy puts the U.S. at #33, while the U.S. government-funded Freedom House ranks the United States a #61 in the world for political freedom and civil liberties, on a par with Mongolia, Panama and Romania, to name a few.

The unspoken U.S. agenda at the "summit" was to demonize and isolate China and Russia. But if we agree that democracies should be judged by how they treat their people, then why is the U.S. Congress failing to pass a bill to provide basic services like health care, child care, housing and education, which are guaranteed to most Chinese citizens for free or at minimal cost? And consider China's extraordinary success in relieving poverty. As UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said, "Every time I visit China, I am stunned by the speed of change and progress. You have created one of the most dynamic economies in the world, while helping more than 800 million people to lift themselves out of poverty – the greatest anti-poverty achievement in history." One would think that China's extraordinary domestic achievements would make the Biden administration a bit humbler about its "one-size-fits-all" concept of democracy. The Summit was transparently designed to exacerbate divisions. The Chinese and Russian ambassadors to Washington publicly accused the United States of staging the summit to stoke ideological confrontation and divide the world into hostile camps, while China held a competing International Democracy Forum with 120 countries the weekend before the U.S. summit. Inviting the government of Taiwan to the U.S. summit further eroded the 1972 Shanghai Communiqué, in which the United States acknowledged the One-China policy and agreed to cut back military installations on Taiwan. Also invited was the corrupt anti-Russian government installed by the 2014 U.S.-backed coup in Ukraine, which reportedly has half its military forces poised to invade the self-declared People's Republics of Donetsk and Luhansk in Eastern Ukraine, who declared independence in response to the 2014 coup. The U.S. and NATO have so far supported this major escalation of a civil war that already killed 14,000 people.

The U.S. and its Western allies—the self-anointed leaders of human rights—just happen to be the major suppliers of weapons and training to some of the world's most vicious dictators and oppressive regimes. Do we need to say more than naming Israel and India as its allies?

Perhaps someone should inform Biden that the right to survive is a basic human right. The right to food is recognized in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights as part of the right to an adequate standard of living, and is enshrined in the 1966 International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. So why is the U.S. imposing brutal sanctions on countries from Venezuela to North Korea and Iran to Turkey and Pakistan that are causing inflation, scarcity, and malnutrition among children? Former UN special rapporteur Alfred de Zayas has blasted the United States for engaging in "economic warfare" and compared its illegal unilateral sanctions to medieval sieges. No country that purposely denies children the right to food and starves them to death

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can call itself a champion of democracy. Since the United States was defeated by the Taliban and withdrew its occupation forces from Afghanistan, it is acting as a very sore loser and renegeing on basic international and humanitarian commitments. The United States is denying the new government access to billions of dollars in Afghanistan's foreign currency reserves held in U.S. banks, causing a collapse in the banking system. Hundreds of thousands of public servants have not been paid. The UN is warning that millions of Afghans are at risk of starving to death this winter as the result of these coercive measures by the United States and its allies.

It is telling that the Biden administration had such a difficult time finding Middle Eastern countries to invite to the summit. The United States just spent 20 years and \$8 trillion trying to impose its brand of democracy on the Middle East and Afghanistan, so you'd think it would have a few proteges to showcase. But no. In the end, they could only agree to invite the state of Israel, an apartheid regime that enforces Jewish supremacy over all the land it occupies, legally or otherwise. Embarrassed to have no Arab states attending, the Biden administration added Iraq, whose unstable government has been racked by corruption and sectarian divisions ever since the U.S. invasion in 2003. Its brutal security forces have killed over 600 demonstrators since huge anti-government protests began in 2019. Probably the biggest shock for the U.S. was that Pakistan declined its invitation to be part of a new cold-war.

What is democratic about the U.S. gulag at Guantánamo Bay? The U.S. Government opened the Guantanamo detention center in January 2002 as a way to circumvent the rule of law as it kidnapped and jailed people without trial after the crimes of September 11, 2001. Since then, 780 men have been detained there. Very few were charged with any crime or confirmed as combatants, but still they were tortured, held for years without charges, and never tried. This gross violation of human rights continues, with most of the 39 remaining detainees never even charged with a crime. Yet this country that has locked up hundreds of innocent men with no due process for up to 20 years still claims the authority to pass judgment on the legal processes of other countries.

With the recent investigations into the March 2019 U.S. bombing in Syria that left 70 civilians dead and the drone strike that killed an Afghan family of ten in August 2021, the truth of massive civilian casualties in U.S. drone strikes and airstrikes is gradually emerging, as well as how these war crimes have perpetuated and fueled the "war on terror," instead of winning or ending it. If this was a real democracy summit, whistleblowers like Daniel Hale, Chelsea Manning and Julian Assange, who have risked so much to expose the reality of U.S. war crimes to the world, would be honored guests at the summit instead of political prisoners in the American gulag.

The United States picks and chooses countries as "democracies" on an entirely self-serving basis. But in the case of Venezuela, it went even farther and invited an imaginary U.S.-appointed "president" to the summit instead of the country's actual government. Guaidó named himself "interim president" in 2019, and launched a failed coup against the elected government of Venezuela. When all his U.S.-backed efforts to overthrow the government failed, Guaidó signed off on a mercenary invasion which failed even more spectacularly.

Amidst all the noise of propaganda, the simple truth is that people of the world have not elected or appointed the United States as the president or leader of all Earthlings. The question remains, will the United States be held accountable for its crimes against humanity or will the international community once again be too willing to continue looking the other way? We believe that the world in which "bullies" hold sway over media narratives and international legal practices, laws and organizations, the answer, unfortunately, would be a resounding no!

Signing off...

Raza ul Haq (Editor)

## Main News Headlines 01 – 15 December 2021

- Afghan Taliban distance themselves from Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan: News
- TTP Ends 'Truce' With Govt: News
- Power consumers to face bill shocks as govt raises tariff by Rs4.75 per unit: News
- Pakistan will not be part of any bloc amid US-China cold war: PM
- Governor Sarwar signs Punjab LG Ordinance 2021: News
- Ulema call lynching of Sri Lankan over blasphemy allegations inhuman act: News
- State Bank receives US\$3 billion Saudi deposit: FM Tarin
- Pakistan declines US invitation to 'Summit for Democracy': News
- China brands US democracy 'weapon of mass destruction': News
- Bus bomb kills two in Afghan capital: Taliban
- UK says West will counter 'aggressors' as G7 ministers, allies meet: News
- Sikhs cast votes for Khalistan referendum in Europe: News
- US govt wins appeal against block on Assange extradition in UK High Court: News
- 'Expand engagement with Taiwan' US seeks more support for Taiwan worldwide: News
- Biden convenes more than 100 nations for world 'democracy' summit; Kicks off first 'Summit for Democracy' with cliché opening: News
- Indian farmers end year-long mass protests against Modi reforms: News
- Olaf Scholz sworn in as Germany's new chancellor: News
- Indian defence chief among 13 dead in helicopter crash: News
- 'Pool of blood' as US drone strike hits Syria family: News

## No, saying ‘Paki’ is never ‘banter’

The indifference towards racial slurs - and the violence they entail - attests to how deeply ingrained racism is in modern Britain.

Imagine the scene. You stand outnumbered as clusters of young white men jeer at you, their faces full of menace and bad intentions. They hurl “Paki” and other slurs like a shot from a pistol indicating the start of a race. The situation descends into a cascade of violence as your innate fight or flight instincts kick in. Cold adrenaline rushes into your system to combat the very real danger you suddenly find yourself in.

Many South Asians and people of Muslim background living in Britain have encountered this scenario (or a similar one) at some point in their lives. It's never pleasant. You don't even need to be Pakistani (or Muslim) to have experienced this, as I and many others who "appear Muslim" can attest.

However, the word – and the sentiment and feelings behind it – is now so deeply ingrained in British society that it is almost impossible to escape it and the violence it accompanies.

Of course, this discussion centres around British-Pakistani cricketer Azeem Rafiq's explosive revelations in September last year about the institutional racism he faced while playing for Yorkshire County Cricket Club (YCCC). Amongst other allegations, Rafiq accused players at the YCCC of using highly offensive racial slurs directed at his Pakistani heritage. At one point he said it was so bad that he considered taking his own life.

Following an internal investigation, the cricket club released a report a year after Rafiq's statements admitting that Rafiq had suffered racism, but denied that the club was institutionally racist. This led to a series of events in which a number of senior figures resigned from the club. Rafiq himself gave emotional testimony earlier this week to parliament's Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee, describing English cricket as “institutionally racist”.

What is particularly galling about the entire affair is how it was initially downplayed by the club. To have privileged, powerful, white-dominated cricket clubs come out and shamelessly say that it was only “friendly and good-natured banter” is infuriating and insulting, to say the least.

But the word “Paki” is not used solely as a slur against Pakistanis, and it is not isolated to cricket. It is a pejorative that seeks to denigrate anyone who has what is deemed to be a Muslim appearance.

To the average mindless racist, what else would a “Paki” be but a brown person who, if a woman, may wear a hijab or, if a man, may have a beard?

In fact, targets of the slur don't even need to match this broad description. I have Indian Hindu friends who tell me that they have been attacked with the same term. I also distinctly recall having to deal with the fallout of a racially and religiously aggravated attack against my sister, who was verbally assaulted using the same language while simultaneously having her hijab pulled off her head on a busy English high street in the middle of the day.

While I am brown, my sister and I are blessed and fortunate to have a mixed heritage, and she is white with freckles. But the presence of her hijab was enough to provoke violence in broad daylight, with no condemnation from the many largely white passers-by who did nothing to aid a woman being attacked by a full-grown white man.

While these passers-by may have not have intervened in part because of the social-psychological phenomenon known as the “bystander effect”, there is still a deeper social malaise afflicting British society.

Many of these slurs, insults, and stereotypes are imperial context, originating with the partition of the British Raj in 1947. Britain, which has ruled the region in one form or another since the 18th century, oversaw the violent partition of its imperial territories into Pakistan and India. They also took in an influx of cheap labour from its former territories to rebuild after WWII.

However, very much like today, anti-migrant sentiment peaked in the 1960s after politicians espoused hard-right views. This was exemplified by Tory MP Enoch Powell's infamous “rivers of blood” speech, which strongly criticised perceived mass migration and framed the white Englishman as being a “stranger in his own country.”

This and other political stunts designed to appeal to an increasingly hostile (and overwhelmingly white) electorate led to what many remember as “Paki-bashing” – gangs of white men beating up brown men and women, destroying their businesses, and menacing them at home.

Today, despite the false assumption that societies progress in a linear fashion as time moves on, we can see reflections of Powell's vitriol. Divisive politicians such as Brexiteer-in-Chief Nigel Farage have placed giant posters depicting brown, bearded refugees marching toward the British homeland with the words “Breaking Point” emblazoned next to them in bold red letters.

We currently have a prime minister who thinks it is acceptable to recite colonial-era poems about a country he was visiting as a diplomat, and who has insulted veiled Muslim women as “bank robbers” and “letterboxes.”

This is aside from the unending deluge of Islamophobic hate in mainstream media outlets. One study, which analysed just the fourth quarter of 2018, showed almost two-thirds of articles on Muslims associated them with negative behaviour, with terrorism as the most common theme.

In an environment where such hatred is normalised, are we really surprised that white people in modern Britain think calling someone a racial slur is simply “banter”?

When the entire system, from the political elite to the mass media, is rigged to produce a hateful narrative against a racialised group - or groups - of people, then we have no option but to call out modern Britain as institutionally racist. We must do this until it accepts it has a problem and takes steps to deal with it before the next generation of “Paki-bashers” become too powerful to suppress.

**Source:** *An article by Tallha AbdulRazaq; posted by TRT World*



## Press Releases issued by Tanzeem-e-Islami

**Date: 10 December 2021**

**Lahore (PR): “The Summit for Democracy under the patronage of USA is mere chicanery.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, while commenting on the virtual Summit for Democracy 2021 being held under the auspices of USA. The Ameer said that the decision made by Pakistan to not participate in the American summit is praiseworthy. We thank Allah (SWT) that the signs of Pakistan trying to escape the clutches of USA are becoming visible now, the Ameer remarked. The fact of the matter is that the global image of USA has been ruined after the humiliating defeat in Afghanistan. Moreover, the growing economic and military power of China and the deterioration in the internal situation of USA with every passing day are providing evidence that the US is no longer the sole supreme power on earth and the US dream of the entering the next century as a supreme power of the world appears to be dissipating. The Ameer said that while the objectives of the Summit have been advertised as defending against authoritarianism, fighting corruption, and promoting respect for human rights, yet it is outrageous that USA itself and other invitees such as India and Israel are placed at the bottom of the ladder with regards to these traits. The Ameer remarked that the decision made by the US to not invite China and Russia to this Summit, yet extending invitation to Taiwan clearly shows that the US has put together this circus in order to display its ‘force’ and ‘influence’ in the world. The Ameer concluded by demanding that Pakistan must make it a fundamental principle of its foreign policy that it would take all decisions regarding matters of international affairs in light of our national interest alone and reject all kinds of external pressure while doing so.

**Date: 04 December 2021**

**Lahore (PR): “The Sialkot tragedy is an incident violating Islamic edicts and a basis of disgrace for Pakistan.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, while vehemently condemning the incident of the brutal killing and lynching of a factory manager of Sri Lankan origin by a mob of factory workers in Sialkot. The Ameer remarked that our religion sternly forbids people from taking the law into their own hands and causing corruption in the land. He said that when the criminal justice system of Pakistan has laws in place to deal with the alleged desecration and blasphemy of religion and religious values and symbols, then it is incumbent on all Pakistanis to abide by that instead of perpetrating corruption in the land. The Ameer lamented that scores of people stood at the scene of the crime making videos of the burning corpse, which is a damning indictment with regards to the moral bankruptcy of our nation as a whole. The truth of the matter is that such dreadful incidents where people take law into their own hands clearly indicate the failure of our law enforcement agencies and corrosion of our legal system, as well as demonstrate the lack of faith of the masses in the justice system. The Ameer concluded by demanding that the government must carry out a full and transparent investigation of the Sialkot tragedy and award exacting punishment to all those involved in taking the law into their own hands and causing corruption in the land.

**Date: 03 December 2021**

**Lahore (PR): “Iran and Afghanistan ought to show restraint and not become a laughing stock of the world.”**

This was said by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, **Shujauddin Shaikh**, while commenting on the recent border clashes between the forces of Iran and Afghanistan. The Ameer remarked that it is imperative for the Muslims to comprehend the fundamental reality that the enemies of Islam are already trying their utmost to create friction and cacophony among the Muslim Ummah, and if the Muslim states continue being up in arms against each other, our enemies would not waste any opportunity to harm us. The Ameer asserted that because Iran is a bigger and more stable Islamic country, therefore the responsibility in this matter rests more with Iran and Iran should support and assist the nascent government of Afghanistan in every possible manner. He said that although no Islamic country has recognized the government of the Afghan Taliban so far, yet many Islamic countries including Pakistan are providing assistance to the Afghanistan in one way or another for solving the problems of Afghanistan. If Iran does not want to help the nascent government of Afghanistan, then it ought not to take such steps which amplify the problems faced by the government of the Afghan Taliban, the Ameer remarked. The Ameer concluded by stating that the need of the hour is for the entire Muslim Ummah to provide confidence and security to the government of the Afghan Taliban so that by moulding it into a genuine Islamic state they could not only provide a workable model for the rest of the Muslim world to emulate but also defeat the nefarious designs of our enemies.